



## **COMMITTEE ENFORCES FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) has made three significant recommendations in its latest report examining repeat recommendations from Auditor-General financial audit reports. The PAC report examined why these had still not been implemented after many years.

First and most urgently, the NSW Government Digital Security Information Policy requires amendments to ensure that agencies periodically test their disaster recovery plans for financial systems and supporting IT infrastructure.

“If a disaster was to occur, government must continue operating effectively. While agencies overall are making significant progress, there is still scope for improvement in disaster recovery plan testing”, PAC Chair Jonathan O’Dea said.

Second, the PAC recommends that the Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services negotiates a solution to an ongoing controversy involving Wentworth Park Sporting Complex Trust and Greyhound Racing NSW, over a \$6.5 million loan dating back to 1987!

The third important recommendation is to transfer health related funds from special purpose accounts to the Public Contributions Trust Fund by the end of 2013.

“We need available funds held in special purpose accounts to be transferred immediately so this money can be better used to deliver necessary health services to the people of NSW”, said Mr O’Dea.

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