



COMMITTEE FOCUS ON PUBLIC SECTOR EFFICIENCIES

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The NSW Public Accounts Committee has begun a program of preliminary inquiries into the efficiency of state agency operations following a series of performance audits by the NSW Auditor General, Mr Peter Achterstraat.

Chair of the Committee, Mr Jonathan O'Dea MP, wants all departments to know that the Committee is very serious in supporting the Auditor General's reviews and is determined to ensure that government departments address any recommendations for more efficient or effective service provision.

"The Committee is keen to do its job well and to complement the important work done by Mr Achterstraat in ensuring sound financial management for the people of New South Wales," he said. "In following the recommendations we can help to facilitate better and more efficient processes – a responsibility that we take very seriously."

In addition, the Committee is researching topics for its own separate inquiries. Initially the Committee will focus on eight specific areas of government activity, as identified by the Auditor General, Ministers and Committee members. The areas range from energy provision to use of national parks, emergency service resources and government procurement. The Committee will meet again on 26 August 2011 to determine its inquiry program for the next six months.

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