

**Submission  
No 21**

**EXAMINATION OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL'S  
PERFORMANCE AUDIT REPORTS DECEMBER 2014  
- JUNE 2015**

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**Position:** Secretary  
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**IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Name of Agency:** NSW Health

**Name of Performance Audit:** Implementing Performance Audit Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION	ACCEPTED OR REJECTED	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN	DUE DATE	STATUS (completed, on track, delayed) and COMMENT	RESPONSIBILITY (Section of agency responsible for implementation)
<p><b>We recommend that agencies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use the Audit Office’s better practice checklist to implement performance audit recommendations and in particular ensure that:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ a unit or branch is nominated to coordinate implementation</li> <li>➤ proposed actions are regularly reviewed to ensure that they remain relevant</li> <li>➤ the Audit and Risk Committee monitors performance audit recommendations</li> <li>➤ senior management makes decisions on proposed actions such as closure of recommendations</li> <li>➤ progress against performance audit recommendations is included in the agency’s annual report.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Accepted			<p><b>STATUS: COMPLETED</b></p> <p>NSW Health adheres to the checklist issued by the NSW Audit Office in the implementation of recommendations where accepted, across the NSW health system.</p> <p>The audit referenced best practice in relation to the Ministry of Health and the Agency for Clinical Innovation for incorporating recommendations made in the <i>Managing Operating Theatre Efficiency for Elective Surgery</i> performance audit into business planning under Exhibit 2 of the audit report.</p> <p>The performance audit also cited the audit on <i>Building Energy Use in NSW Public Hospitals</i> where proposed actions by the agency were determined when the agency responded to the report prior to tabling. The Audit Office encouraged all agencies to adopt this approach.</p>	Corporate Governance and Risk Management