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CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW



(Chairman)

On behalf of the members of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, I am pleased to present the Committee's report of activities for the financial year 1 July 1992 to 30 June 1993. This annual report continues the practice established in 1976 of informing the Parliament of the Committee's activities and highlighting issues of public administration for discussion and review.

In the year under review the Committee presented seven reports to the Parliament. These reports covered a wide range of subjects including human resource management in the Australian Public Service, support for private sector research and development activities, and management in a number of Commonwealth organisations - including the Australian Customs Service.

The Department of Finance and the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) have continued to assist the Committee in its work. Both the Department and the ANAO have discussed issues with the Committee at private meetings, have appeared or assisted at public hearings, and have agreed to second officers to work on the Committee secretariat. During 1992-93 one officer from the Department of Finance and several officers from the ANAO were seconded to the secretariat. This support has been of great assistance to the Committee.

I would also like to express my appreciation for the work of the Committee's permanent staff and the various other areas of the Parliament, such as Hansard, the Sound and Vision Office, the attendants, and the library, who contribute to our successful operation.

In conclusion, I would like to record my thanks to Senator John Watson, the former Vice-Chairman of the Committee, to Senator Warwick Parer, the current Vice-Chairman, and to all my colleagues on the Committee, for their efforts in furthering the work of the Committee.

Les Scott, MP Chairman

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

The members of the Eighteenth Committee of the 37th Parliament are shown below. Except where otherwise indicated, members were appointed to the Committee by the Senate and the House of Representatives on 12 May 1993.

Mr Les Scott, MP (Chairman)

Les Scott was elected as the Member for Oxley at a by-election in October 1988. Prior to entering Parliament he had worked in the banking industry for 25 years. During his banking career Mr Scott also took an active role in the Australian Bank Employees Union. He was Queensland State President and Federal Vice President of the Union at the time of his election. In addition to his Chairmanship of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, he is also currently serving on the House of Representatives Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Committee and the Joint Select Committee on Certain Family Law Issues. Mr Scott has also been a Deputy Chairman of Committees since 8th May 1990.

Senator Warwick Parer (Vice-Chairman)

When he entered the Senate in 1984, Queensland Liberal Senator Warwick Parer brought with him the experience of a successful professional career in business and industry. Senator Parer has held a number of senior executive positions within the coal industry, including: Administration Manager, Utah Development Company; Chairman of Australian Coal Exporters; founder and Managing Director, Queensland Energy Management Pty. Ltd; and Director, Coal Resources of Queensland Pty. Ltd. He was Deputy Chairman of the Queensland Institute of Technology and an honorary trustee of the Committee for the Economic Development of Australia.

Senator Parer has been Coalition spokesman in the Senate for energy and resources; shipping and waterfront reform; land transport; industrial relations; employment and training. He is a former Shadow Minister for Administrative Services, Local Government and the ACT. As well as being Deputy Chairman of the Joint Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts. Senator Parer is a member of Senate Estimates Committee D.

Mr Ken Aldred, MP

Ken Aldred was first elected as Member for Deakin at the general election in March 1990, having previously been Member for Bruce from 1983-90, and before that Member for Henty from 1975-80. He is actively interested in the areas of economics, industry, defence and immigration. Mr Aldred is currently Patron of the Australia Defence Association. Until recently he was Chairman of the Opposition Immigration & Ethnic Affairs Committee, and was formerly Chairman of the Opposition Treasury & Finance Committee. He has also been Chairman of the Opposition Defence Committee. Mr Aldred joined the Public Accounts Committee in May 1990.

Senator Bronwyn Bishop

Before her election to the Senate in 1987 Senator Bishop was a solicitor and company director. She had also held several senior positions in the Liberal Party, including that of President of the New South Wales Division from 1985-87. Senator Bishop is the former Secretary of the Opposition's Business, Industry & Science Policy Committee and has served as the Shadow Minister for Public Administration, Federal Affairs and Local Government. Senator Bishop is a former member of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence & Trade, and Senate Estimates Committee A, and was Deputy Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Regulations and Ordinances. She has also served as Chairman of the Coalition's Committee on Trade, Trade Negotiations, Customs and Privatisation, as well as Secretary of the Coalition's Economic and Business Task Force. Senator Bishop is now a member of Senate Estimates Committee D. In addition to these duties, Senator Bishop has been appointed Deputy Chairman of the Pacific Democrat Union.

The Hon Bob Brown, MP

Bob Brown was first elected to the House of Representatives as Member for Hunter in 1980 and again in 1983. He was re-elected in 1984 as the Member for Charlton and has continued to hold the seat in subsequent elections. On 2 September 1988 he was appointed to the Ministry as Minister for Land Transport and Shipping Support, and was reappointed following the 1990 election as Minister for Land Transport - a position he held until the 1993 election when he decided not to stand for the Ministry. Mr Brown has served on the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Expenditure and the Joint Select Committee on the Australia Card. In addition to his membership of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, Mr Brown is currently a member of two House of Representatives Standing Committees: the Privileges Committee, and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Committee. Prior to his election to Federal Parliament.

Mr Brown was a Member the NSW Legislative Assembly. His State service included membership of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and the Select Committee Public Accounts and Financial Accounts of Statutory Authorities. Mr Brown has also had extensive Local Government Service. He was an Alderman on the Greater Cessnock city Council from 1969-80, and in that period was, on two occasions, Mayor of the Council.

Senator Barney Cooney

Senator Cooney was elected to the Senate for the State of Victoria in 1984. Before his election, Senator Cooney practised as a barrister at the Victorian Bar for 21 years, in particular in the Industrial and Common Law jurisdictions. From 1975 to 1982 Senator Cooney held the position of Vice-President on the Victorian Council for Civil Liberties. In 1984 he Chaired the State Government Committee of Inquiry into Workers' Compensation in Victoria. He currently Chairs the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, and the Senate Select Committee on Matters Arising from Pay Television Tendering Processes. Senator Cooney is also a member of the Senate Scrutiny of Bills Committee, the Joint Committee on Migration and the Joint Committee on Corporations and Securities. Senator Cooney was a member of the Public Accounts Committee from February 1985 to October 1987 and was appointed to the Eighteenth Joint Committee of Public Accounts in August 1993.

Senator Kay Denman

Senator Denman was elected to the Senate in August 1993 after the resignation of Michael Tate. After many years as a teacher, including some years in special education, Senator Denman left teaching to become Private Secretary to the Hon Michael Field, MHA, then the Premier of Tasmania. Immediately before entering the Senate she was Manager of the Community Legal Centre in Devonport. Working in many local community groups enhanced Senator Denman's interest in social justice issues, which she will pursue in her time as a Senator representing Tasmania. As well as being on the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, Senator Denman is a member of three Senate Committees - Finance and Public Administration, Community Affairs and Estimates Committee C.

Mr Eric Fitzgibbon, MP

Eric Fitzgibbon, formerly a high school teacher, was elected Member for Hunter in December 1984. An Alderman on the Cessnock City Council for 15 years, Mr Fitzgibbon was Mayor of Cessnock for three years, and served several years as a member of the Hunter Valley and Shortland County Councils. Mr Fitzgibbon was also the East Zone Chairman for the Hospital Association of New South Wales. He is Chairman of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Publications, and a member of the House and Library Committees. He is also a member of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

Mr Alan Griffin, MP

Alan Griffin was elected in March 1993 to the Victorian seat of Corinella. Prior to his election, Mr Griffin was an adviser to the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy, the Hon Simon Crean, MP. He had earlier worked as an adviser to the then Minister for Community Services, Kay Setches, MLA in the Kirner State Government. He has worked for a number of other State and Federal MPs from Victoria as well as several Trade Unions. Mr Griffin is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters and was appointed to the Eighteenth Joint Committee of Public Accounts in May 1993.

Mr Chris Haviland, MP

Chris Haviland was elected to the House of Representatives as the Member for Macarthur in March 1993. He was born in Sydney, and after completing his secondary schooling, joined the Commonwealth Public Service, working in Sydney and, for 4 years, in Perth. Employed by the Department of Health (subsequently Health, Housing and Community Services) from 1975 to 1993, Mr Haviland has carried out inspections and audits of health insurance funds, monitored computer patterns of doctors' services to identify medical fraud and overservicing, and worked as an internal auditor and an equal employment opportunity officer. Mr Haviland joined the ALP in 1979 and has served in a number of party positions. He has also been an active member of the Public Sector Union (formerly the ACOA). He has prepared submissions for JOPA inquiries and represented the union in a wide range of industrial negotiations, AIRC hearings and administrative tribunals. Mr Haviland served as an alderman on Campbelltown City Council from 1987 to 1993, and as a member of the Executive of the New South Wales Local Government Association from 1991 to 1993.

The Hon Leo McLeay, MP

Leo McLeay was elected as the Member for Grandler in 1979. He now represents the electorate of Watson. Before entering Parliament, Mr Mcleay was employed as a Telephone Technician and later was Assistant General Secretary of the New South Wales Branch of the Australian Labor Party. From 1986 until 1989 Mr McLeay was Chairman of Committees and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives. In August 1989 he was elected as Speaker of the House of Representatives, a position he held until his resignation in February 1993. During his years in Parliament, Mr McLeay has served on numerous committees, including as Chair of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Expenditure. He was Co-Convenor of the Prime Minister's Taskforce on Retirement Incomes and Joint Chairman of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on the New Parliament House. Mr McLeay is currently Government Whip in the House of Representatives, and serves on the Joint Committee of Public Accounts, and the House of Representatives Committees on Procedure, Selection and Privileges. He is also Chair of the Caucus Transport and Communications Committee.

Senator the Hon Margaret Reynolds

Senator Reynolds was a teacher and lecturer in Tasmania, Britain and Queensland before being elected to the Senate in 1983. She became Minister for Local Government in 1987 and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on the Status of Women in 1988, holding both positions until April 1990. Senator Reynolds has previously served on the Public Accounts Committee (1983-85), the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Government Operations (1984-87), the Senate Standing Committee on Education, and has chaired Senate Estimates Committees D and F. Senator Reynolds is currently Chairperson of the Senate Select Committee on Community Standards Relevant to the Supply of Services Utilising Telecommunications Technologies, of Senate Estimates Committee C, and of the Senate Privilege Committee. She also served on the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, and the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

Mr Alex Somlyay, MP

Alex Somlyay was first elected as Member for Fairfax in March 1990. Prior to entering Parliament, he worked as a public servant, consultant economist and company director. He as appointed as Senior Private Secretary to the Hon A E Adermann, who from 1975-78 was Minister for the Northern Territory, and Minister Assisting the Minister for National Resources, and later from (1978-80) Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Minister Assisting the Minister for Primary Industries. Mr Somlyay is the Parliamentary Secretary to the Leader of the Opposition and has acted as Shadow Minister for Tourism and Aviation. He is also a member the House of Representatives Standing Committees on Banking, Finance and Public Administration, and Legal and Constitutional Affairs.

Mr Bill Taylor, MP

Bill Taylor was elected at a by-election in April 1988 after three decades in the Royal Australian Navy. He was Vice-Chairman, of the Parliamentary Public Works Committee in the 36th Parliament. He is also a member of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, as well as chairing the Opposition's Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade policy committee. Mr Taylor has an extensive academic background in public policy formulation, with particular interests in defence, foreign affairs, civil aviation, rural matters and education.

Mr Mark Vaile, MP

Mark Vaile was elected to represent the seat of Lyne in the House of Representatives in 1993. Mr Vaile comes from a substantial background in private enterprise, most recently spending thirteen years in real estate as a stock and station agent in Wingham, NSW. Mr Vaile also brings with him a strong background in community service. From 1980-85, he was Chairman of the Wingham Chamber of Commerce, from 1981-1992 he was a Member of the Manning Valley Tomber Association, spending two years as chairman of the Association. He was also a Board Member of the Manning Enterprise Centre from 1991-92, and was an Alderman on Greater Taree City Council from 1985-1992, being Deputy Mayor on three occasions in this period. Mr Vaile was first appointed to the Public Accounts Committee in 1993, and was at the same time appointed to the Joint Committee overviewing the National Crime Authority. He is also currently the Secretary of the Coalition Primary Industry, Regional Development and Local Government Committee, and is a member of the Coalition Industrial Relations Committee.

Chapter 1

THE COMMITTEE

Background

- 1.1 The first Commonwealth Joint Committee of Public Accounts was established in 1913 and was re-appointed in successive Parliaments until 1932, when it was suspended as an 'economy measure'. The Committee was re-established by the Public Accounts Committee Act 1951, which sets out its powers, functions and method of operation. As such, it is one of six statutory committees of the Parliament.
- 1.2 The present Committee is the eighteenth appointed since 1952. Its purpose is to ensure the accountability of the public sector to the Parliament and it does this by scrutinising the moneys expended by, and the efficiency of, Commonwealth Government departments and agencies.

Membership

- 1.3 The Committee has 15 members, four of whom are appointed by the Senate and 11 by the House of Representatives. Both Government and Opposition members are represented on the Committee and it is accepted practice that the majority of members be from the Government Party. By tradition, the Committee's Chairman is a Government member elected by the whole Committee, while the Vice-Chairman is elected from the Opposition members. As a standing committee of the Parliament, Committee members continue to hold office (subject to certain qualifications) until the end of the Parliament by which they were appointed.
- 1.4 The Committee has always adopted a bipartisan approach to its work and is proud of the fact that since the appointment of the first Committee in 1952, its reports to the Parliament have been unanimous, with two exceptions.

Independence

- 1.5 The Public Accounts Committee Act gives the Committee the right to operate with absolute independence. This power derives principally from sections 6A(1) and 8(1)(b) of the Act which read respectively:
 - The Committee may meet at such times and at such places within Australia as the Committee, by resolution, determines or, subject to any resolution of the Committee, as the Chairman determines ...
 - ... to report to both Houses of the Parliament, with such comment as it thinks fit, any items or matters in those accounts, statements and reports, or any circumstances connected with them, to which the Committee is of the opinion that the attention of the Parliament should be directed.

Functions

- 1.6 Section 8(1) of the Public Accounts Committee Act sets out the Committee's main duties. Section 8(1)(b) of the Act, quoted above, gives the Committee the power to determine the areas of government administration it may wish to investigate. In addition, it is required to examine:
 - the accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the Commonwealth;
 - the financial affairs of Commonwealth authorities and intergovernmental bodies; and
 - all reports of the Auditor-General, including his efficiency audit reports.
- 1.7 It also reports on any alterations it thinks desirable in the form of the public accounts, the method of keeping them, or in the mode of receipt, control, issue or payment of public moneys.

1.8 Under section 25 of the *Public Service Act 1922* the Committee is responsible for approving the guidelines for departmental annual reports; other duties are assigned to the Committee by Commonwealth legislation on statutory marketing authorities.

Mode of Operation

- 1.9 The usual practice is for the Committee to determine its own work program and inquiries. Either House of Parliament may also refer any question in connection with the public accounts for inquiry and report and other duties may be assigned to the Committee by Joint Standing Orders approved by both Houses of Parliament.
- 1.10 Through the use of sectional committees (sub-committees), the Committee is able to undertake a number of inquiries concurrently. In 1992 there were five sectional committees in operation and in 1993 there were three.
- 1.11 Inquiries are generally advertised in the national press. In addition, relevant individuals and organisations are invited to make written submissions. These submissions form the basis of evidence and facilitate questioning at the Committee's public hearings. Where secret or confidential matters are being considered, the Committee's Act provides for evidence to be taken in camera. Observers from the ANAO and the Department of Finance assist the Committee at its public hearings by providing expert advice on the matters under discussion.
- 1.12 The Committee is supported by a full-time secretariat, which provides procedural, research and administrative assistance. Specialist advisers and consultants, from both the public and private sectors, provide technical advice to the Committee as the need arises. The Committee also has a policy of accepting officers on secondment from Commonwealth departments and agencies. Of particular importance is the regular secondment of officers from the ANAO and the Department of Finance, as both these organisations have a long-standing and close relationship with the Committee.

Responses to Committee Reports

1.13 The Committee has a unique system of follow-up to its reports which is known as the Finance Minute process. After the Committee has tabled a report in the Parliament, the Department of Finance co-ordinates the responses of relevant Commonwealth Departments to recommendations about administrative matters.

- 1.14 The accepted practice is that responses by departments are incorporated into a Finance Minute which is usually received by the Committee within 6 months of the relevant report being tabled. The Finance Minute is tabled in the Parliament as soon as practicable after receipt by the Committee. In addition, the Committee publishes an annual compilation of all Finance Minutes tabled in each calendar year. This annual compilation provides an opportunity for the Committee to comment on one or more of the Finance Minutes. However, the Committee is always free to take other action in advance of this. For example, a separate report dealing with a particular Finance Minute could be prepared, or the Committee may decide to re-open a particular inquiry.
- 1.15 On several occasions the Committee has considered the Finance Minute process in terms of the quality of the responses provided and the timelines of this fundamental response mechanism. The Committee recognises that the Department of Finance cannot take responsibility for the substance of responses provided by other agencies. Nevertheless, the Committee expects that, as part of its co-ordinating responsibilities, the Department of Finance would seek to ensure that the Finance Minute represents a cohesive and consistent Government response.
- 1.16 In those cases where the Committee has made recommendations of a policy nature, a Government response, separate to the Finance Minute process, is provided. This response is tabled separately from the Finance Minute, and within the time frame applying to Government responses to other parliamentary committee reports: that is, three months from the date of report tabling.

Chapter 2

REPORTS PRESENTED

- 2.1 The Committee tabled seven reports in 1992-93. They were:
 - . Report 319 Review of the Independent Auditor: Watching the Watchdog
 - . Report 320 Review of Six Performance Audits
 - . Report 321 Finance Minutes
 - Report 322 Report of Activities 1991-92
 - . Report 323 Managing People in the Australian Public Service: Dilemmas of Devolution and Diversity
 - Report 324 Commonwealth Support for Private Sector Investment in Research and Development: Volume 2 of a Report on Research and Development
 - Report 325 The Midford Paramount Case and Related
 Matters: Customs and Midford Shirts The
 Paramount Case of a Failure of Customs
- 2.2 This chapter presents an overview of each report, together with a summary of the Committee's main findings and recommendations where relevant.

Report 319 - Review of the Independent Auditor: Watching the Watchdog

2.3 In June 1991 the Committee called for submissions as part of its review of the role and work of the Independent Auditor. Under the Audit Act 1991 the Independent Auditor is appointed by the Governor-General on the advice of the Minister for Finance to undertake audits of the work of the ANAO.

- 2.4 The role of the Independent Auditor had been briefly reviewed by the Committee in its 1989 report of an inquiry into the ANAO (Report 296 The Auditor-General: Ally of the People and Parliament). Acknowledging the critical role of the ANAO the Committee believed that Parliament's evaluation of the work of the Independent Auditor was appropriate in terms of reassuring both the Parliament, Government Agencies and the public that the ANAO was preforming in accordance with the highest professional accounting standards and was being evaluated to meet such expectations.
- 2.5 The Committee received sixteen submissions from Commonwealth Government departments, private accountants and State Auditors-General. Overseas contributions came from Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. The Committee subsequently took evidence at a public hearing in Canberra on 8 May 1992.
- 2.6 Among its conclusions, the Committee considered that there should be a more formal arrangement between the Independent Auditor and the Parliament, with either an audit committee of Parliament or the Committee being consulted in the appointment of the Independent Auditor and in the formulation of relevant legislation. There should also be more formal contact between the Committee and the Independent Auditor.
- 2.7 The Committee was of the opinion that the Independent Auditor had performed a valuable role in ensuring the ANAO conducted its affairs in a financial and operationally efficient manner.

Report 320 - Review of Six Performance Audits

- 2.8 Report 320 contains the Committee's review of audit reports relating to the Attorney-General's portfolio and the Departments of Administrative Services, Defence, Social Security and Veterans' Affairs. The Committee was concerned by the Auditor-General's findings of inadequacies in administrative systems, the maintenance of records, and performance monitoring. It noted, however, that there was a high rate of acceptance by auditees of the recommendations made by the Auditor-General. The Committee identified two areas of particular concern and made recommendations relating to them, namely:
 - the development of the Department of Defence's information system for managing aircraft maintenance; and
 - the steps that departments and agencies should take before starting to develop new information technology systems.

Report 321 - Finance Minutes

2.9 Report 321 is a consolidated volume of Department of Finance Minutes received and tabled by the Committee in 1992. It contains the Finance Minutes relating to five Committee reports. These are shown in the following table:

Finance Minutes Considered in Report 321

Report Number	Report Title
305	Supplement to the Finance Minute on Report 305 - Implementation of the Offsets Program
310	Business Migration Program
313	Control of Visitor Entry
314	Eight Performance Audits
315	Social Responsibilities of Commonwealth Statutory Authorities and Government Business Enterprises

Report 322 - Report of Activities 1991-92

2.10 Report 322 is a report on the Committee's activities for the 1991-92 financial year. It presents information on reports tabled in 1991-92 and comments on inquiries current at that time.

Report 323 - Managing People in the Australian Public Service: Dilemmas of Devolution and Diversity

- 2.11 The Committee's Report 323 presents the findings of the Committee's inquiry into the efficiency and effectiveness of human resource management in the Australian Public Service (APS).
- 2.12 The Committee identified the need for this Inquiry in recognition of the extensive legislative and administrative changes which had occurred in the management of the APS in the previous decade. In particular, the Committee sought to assess the impact of the reforms associated with the abolition in 1987 of the Public Service Board as the central human resource management agency for the

APS, the creation of the Public Service Commission as its successor and the decentralisation of its functions to a number of other coordinating agencies and departments.

- 2.13 The terms of reference for the Inquiry were adopted on 9 October 1991. In January 1992, the Inquiry was advertised in the national press. Following the conduct of a very successful seminar in July 1992 a seminar co-hosted with the Royal Australian Institute of Public Administration the Committee held five public hearings at which evidence was taken from 63 witnesses. A total of 120 submissions were received, reflecting the views of a wide cross-section of the public and private sector.
- 2.14 The Report highlights the Committee's findings in relation to the impact of decentralisation and devolution on the diverse range of APS agencies. It identifies a need for reform in certain key areas of human resource management in order to restore fundamental Public Service values and ethics in a climate characterised by an increasing emphasis on achieving efficiency in purely economic terms. It also identifies strategies to broaden the narrow range of policy advice available.
- 2.15 The Committee hopes that this report, which was tabled on 17 December 1992, will contribute to informed debate about the current and future needs of efficient and effective human resource management in the Australian Public Service.

Report 324 - Commonwealth Support for Private Sector Investment in Research and Development: Volume 2 of a Report on Research and Development

2.16 The background to the Committee's Inquiry into Research and Development (R&D) was the need for Australia to combat its current account deficit by reducing imports and increasing exports of value-added and sophisticated manufactured goods. With its well-developed capacity for research, Australia should be in a good position to achieve improved performance, but this has not proved to be the case.

- 2.17 Report 324 was the second volume of the Committee's report on its Inquiry. The first volume, which was tabled in June 1992, covered some of the general issues relating to R&D and the Government's support for R&D in the public sector. The report dealt with Commonwealth support for private sector investment in R&D, with particular reference to the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of current programs.
- 2.18 The Committee identified a number of significant impediments to the successful commercialisation of R&D in Australia. They include the taxation regime, the availability of capital, the small size of Australian firms, insufficiently well-developed management and marketing skills, and inadequate recognition at the corporate level of the need for innovation as a means of developing and maintaining a commetitive position.
- 2.19 The Committee regarded as critical the indefinite continuation of the 150% taxation concession for R&D and recommended that it be extended and clarified. The Committee also supported moves to make more capital available for R&D, especially to small and medium-sized firms, through Pooled Development Funds, superannuation funds and tax exempt savings. Forming networks and strategic alliances are a further means of assisting firms access services and markets and spreading the risks to which they are exposed.
- 2.20 The Committee examined in detail individual programs aimed at supporting the additional attributes that are important for commercial success:
 - management training and the availability of advice through such schemes as the National Industry Extension Scheme;
 - establishing the credibility of products and services through programs like the National Procurement Development Program; and
 - the protection of intellectual property.
- 2.21 The Committee concluded that the range of Government programs that support R&D are appropriate, except in relation to the commercialisation of medical research. The Committee made recommendations about a number of failings common to several of the programs. It also considered the role of the Industry Research and Development Board and recommended changes to its operation that should be carried out in the context of national production and export goals set through extensive community consultation.

Report 325 - The Midford Paramount Case and Related Matters: Customs and Midford Shirts - The Paramount Case of a Failure of Customs

- 2.22 The Inquiry was referred to the Committee by the Senate in December 1990 following a number of attempts by Senate Estimates Committee A to examine the circumstances surrounding the failure of a major Crimes Act prosecution of a well known importer and manufacturer of shirts.
- 2.23 Charges in relation to an alleged misuse of quotas involving a fraud of \$4.5 million had been laid against the Directors of Midford Paramount Pty Ltd and its Tariff Adviser in June 1988. Committal proceedings commenced one year later, in June 1989, but collapsed when two principal witnesses, one from the Australian Customs Service (ACS) and the other from the Department of Industry, Technology and Commerce (DITAC), were discredited after they had departed significantly from their previously tendered sworn statements. The Court established that in a number of key areas the evidence contained in those statements was incorrect or insupportable.
- 2.24 The Magistrate subsequently awarded costs against the Commonwealth of around \$365 000. In so doing, he was highly critical of the manner in which the case had been prepared and presented.
- 2.25 In conducting its Inquiry, the Committee took evidence at 14 public hearings and five in-camera hearings between 8 August 1991 and 17 December 1992 from a total of 39 witnesses. There resulted almost 2 200 pages of transcript, 169 submissions numbering some 11 600 pages, 109 exhibits consisting of some 8 000 pages and about 3 000 pages of confidential material.
- 2.26 The Committee found that, despite the withdrawal of the charges against Midford and its Tariff Adviser and the award of costs by the Magistrate, the defendants had suffered enormous financial losses through unreimbursed legal fees and diminution in the values of their respective businesses. Specific actions by the ACS, in particular, had resulted in the latter. In effect, the defendants had been severely punished notwithstanding that they had not been convicted of any crime. The Committee's first recommendation was that the defendants in the case and others be compensated for their unrecovered material and legal costs.

- 2.27 As the Inquiry progressed the Committee discerned an emerging pattern about the investigatory methods and abilities of the NSW based Customs investigators. All too often they, along with some central office based Customs officers, misunderstood or misconstrued the evidence before them, jumped to insupportable conclusions and ignored or even deliberately suppressed evidence beneficial to or explanations provided by those individuals subject to investigation. It was also evident that at times the ACS actively sought to prevent the provision of such explanations.
- 2.28 Similarly, it was observed that ACS Senior Management exhibited an inadequate knowledge and understanding of the complexities of what was to be the largest Customs fraud case investigated to date and one of the first ACS cases to be dealt with under the Crimes Act, rather than the Customs Act.
- 2.29 In the Committee's view, the ACS neglected to implement adequate management, accountability and reporting systems and to ensure that its staff was sufficiently trained and suited to the duties they were required to carry out in the devolved operational environment adopted by that organisation. Supervision of the more technical complexities and even of the routine basic tasks conducted by those officers was also found to be absent or superficial.
- 2.30 The Committee was well aware, however, that its examination of the ACS was not wide ranging and emphasised that its comments, in the main, were based upon a review of part of only one of several Sub-programs within the ACS. Furthermore, the examination was confined primarily to the actions of Customs officers in New South Wales, and, to a lesser extent, the ACS Central Office. Consequently, the Committee recommended that consideration be given by the ANAO to conducting an Australia wide efficiency and skills audits of the Investigations Sub-program so that a wider independent perspective on the operation of the Investigations Sub-program could be obtained.
- 2.31 In addition, the Committee recommended that a formal evaluation of the training provided to ACS Investigations staff be conducted by a panel comprising representatives of various entities with which the ACS normally deals in the conduct of its investigations and prosecutions.
- 2.32 Although the primary focus of the inquiry was the actions undertaken by the ACS during the Midford case, the interactions of a number of other Commonwealth agencies involved in the prosecution were also examined. In particular, the respective roles played by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) and DITAC were investigated. To a lesser extent the Australian Government Solicitor, Attorney-General's Department, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Prime Minister and Cabinet were also involved.

- 2.33 The Committee found that witnesses from DITAC had an unclear understanding of the policy requirements in respect of quotas and that they failed to detect or correct misunderstandings of those requirements by officers responsible for the implementation of that policy within the ACS. Deficiencies were also noted in the mechanisms used by DITAC to convey the intent of the quota policy to the ACS. It was noted that misconceptions by the ACS Investigators remained uncorrected right through until raised by the defence in the conduct of the committal hearings.
- 2.34 The Committee was, in part, sympathetic to the position in which the DPP found itself, in that as prosecutor of the case, it had received sworn evidence from senior bureaucrats that purported to represent the policy requirements which were later found not to be reliable. However, the Committee felt that the case could and should have been better prepared and managed. Evidence dismissed as irrelevant at a relatively junior level within the offices of the DPP, when later tendered by the defence, highlighted discrepancies in the evidence given by key prosecution witnesses and resulted in the complete withdrawal of the proceedings.
- 2.35 In addition, it was noted that the available evidence had not been examined in its proper chronological context by the ACS or DPP and that when this was done, that material was found not to be supportive of the prosecution case. It was also established that the way in which the case had been prepared and presented added unnecessarily to the costs incurred by the defendants and taxpayers.
- 2.36 In part, the reason why the Inquiry took much longer than originally anticipated and did not extend to examination of matters other than those relating to the Midford case was that it became bogged down in the large number of highly complex and important issues that arose and the unprecedented quantities of documentary evidence received. An excessive number of inconsistencies, inaccuracies and contradictions were encountered in the evidence provided by key witnesses from government agencies. In addition, many of the answers to questions posed by the Committee appeared to be evasive. The Inquiry certainly did not prove to be an easy task for the Committee to complete.
- 2.37 The Committee made a total of 134 recommendations concerning procedures within the ACS, communications between the government departments involved in the Midford case, and the training of ACS personnel.
- 2.38 As at 30 June 1993 the Committee was waiting for both the Finance Minute in relation to the Report and the Government's response to the five recommendations in the Report of a policy nature.

Chapter 3

INQUIRIES IN PROGRESS

3.1 This chapter provides a brief description of the inquires being conducted by the Committee as at 30 June 1993. An account is given of the status of each inquiry, together with an overview of the issues being considered.

Review of Auditor-General's Reports

- 3.2 One of the statutory duties of the Committee is to examine all reports of the Auditor-General. Since the establishment in 1987 of the comprehensive system of general purpose standing committees of the House of Representatives, some of the Auditor-General's efficiency audits have been referred to the relevant standing committee for examination. Where reports have not been referred elsewhere, the Joint Committee of Public Accounts has continued its traditional scrutiny role.
- 3.3 Once an Auditor-General's report is tabled in the Parliament, the Committee's approach has been to request submissions from the departments and other government bodies examined in the report. In particular, agencies are asked to comment on the findings of the Auditor-General, describe any action taken to implement the recommendations of the Auditor-General, or, if they disagree with the Auditor-General's findings and recommendations, to explain why they take a contrary view.
- 3.4 After these submissions are received, the Auditor-General is invited to consider the submissions and report to the Committee. The Committee then assesses all the information available to it and decides whether further action is warranted. This may take the form of a public hearing, a private briefing, a request for further submissions, or the instigation of a formal inquiry.
- 3.5 As a result of the Committee's ongoing review of the Auditor-General's reports over 80 submissions consisting of some 2500 pages were received during the year. Several staff from other secretariats in the House of Representatives Committee Office assisted the Secretariat in processing these submissions and subsequent responses from the Auditor-General.

- 3.6 As a result of the review the Committee has identified several areas of concern, the most significant being:
 - qualified financial statements for a significant number of departments;
 - the operation of the program in the Department of Veterans' Affairs dealing with the payment of disability and war widows pensions;
 - the handling of the contract for the Collins Class submarines by the Department of Defence;
 - critical reports on the Department of Employment, Education and Training;
 - . data matching between records held by different departments and agencies (inquiries into aspects of this topic have been undertaken by two House of Representatives Standing Committees the Banking, Finance and Public Administration Committee, and the Legal and Constitution Affairs Committee); and
 - . the commercialisation of public service operations.
- 3.7 The Committee considered that the issues involved in the commercialisation of public sector operations were of such importance as to warrant a full inquiry (see paragraphs 3.12 to 3.16)

Inquiry into the Australian Taxation Office

3.8 In November 1991, the Committee resolved that it would conduct an inquiry into the administration of the Australian Taxation Office. The Inquiry was advertised nationally on 8-9 February 1992 and invitations to lodge written submissions were provided to all interested community and professional organisations. By 30 June 1992, the Committee had received 58 written submissions, undertaken inspections of the Taxation Office's National, Adelaide and Parramatta offices, and conducted formal public hearings in Canberra and Adelaide.

3.9 The terms of reference for the Inquiry illustrate the breadth of the subject under investigation:

To inquire into and report on the administrative procedures adopted by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) in the collection of taxation revenues pursuant to the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936-1991, with particular reference to:

- the administrative and operation structures of the ATO and the application of common standards of practice across Australia;
- . the efficiency and effectiveness of self assessment'
- . the authority and application of taxation rulings:
- the use of information technology within the ATO; and
- the resources of the ATO and their allocation.
- 3.10 The efficiency of the Australian Taxation Office in collecting taxation revenues plays a significant role in the economic stability of the australian economy and because of this, the Inquiry is one of the more important undertaken by the Committee in recent times.
- 3.11 The Committee previously examined the Taxation Office in 1987 when it inquired into a proposal to re-equip and redevelop the computer environment of the Office. The Committee's report on that inquiry, Report 287-Australian Taxation Office: Computer Re-equipment and Redevelopment, has formed a useful background for the Committee's consideration of the Taxation Office's modernisation program, which is intended to equip the Office into the 21st century.

Inquiry into the Commercialisation of Public Sector Operations

3.12 An inquiry into the commercialisation of public sector operations was advertised nationally on 26 and 30 June 1993, with the following terms of reference:

To inquire into issues raised by the provision of goods and/or services on a commercial basis by Government agencies, including:

- the efficient, effectiveness and appropriateness of corporations as a means of service delivery to the public; and
- the accountability of commercialised Government agencies and the mechanisms needed to ensure their accountability.
- 3.13 While not limiting its scope, the Inquiry will focus on three Government agencies:
 - the Department of the Arts and Administrative Services;
 - the Civil Aviation Authority; and
 - . the Federal Airports Corporation
- 3.14 The Inquiry was announced in the context of the changes over recent years from the government funding of a number of goods and services to their provision on a user-pays regime. Some services are provided by corporatised organisations that operate on an entirely, or almost entirely commercial basis (the Civil Aviation Authority and the Federal Airports Corporation are examples of such organisations). In other cases, business units have been established within departments, as in the Department of the Arts and Administrative Services.
- 3.15 In the last few years the Auditor-General has examined aspects of the commercialisation of government services and has raised several concerns in his reports to the Parliament in relation to the Australian Government Analytical Laboratories, the Defence Science and Technology Organisation, the Commonwealth Reporting Service and the external generation of funds by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation and the Australian Institute of Marine Science. The Auditor-General's most recent report draws together some of

his experiences with regard to commercialisation in the Department of the Arts and Administrative Services and forms a useful introduction to some of the topics which the Committee may consider.

- 3.16 Some of the issues that have already been brought to the Committee's attention include:
 - what forms of accountability are needed to ensure the Parliament and public are informed about the activities of commercialised Government operations;
 - the potential for conflict in relation to Government businesses operating under Corporations Law which sometimes embark on actions that the Government deems to not ne in the public interest;
 - whether the Government's commercial activities should complete for business in the private sector;
 - whether commercially oriented agencies that must return profits to the Government can be expected to behave with integrity and ethically when it may cost them money;
 - whether a Government department can provide objective advice to the Government in relation to activities in which it has business units competing with the private sector; and
 - whether commercial activities are within the constitutional.

Chapter 4

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

4.1 In addition to its inquiry workload, the Committee engaged in a number of other activities during the year. This chapter gives a brief overview of those activities.

Conferences

4.2 Throughout the year, the Chairman and other members of the Committee received numerous requests to speak on the role and work of the Committee, current inquiries and matters related to the work of the Committee. Wherever possible, these requests were accepted. Some of the speaking engagements included:

Meeting the Human Resource Management Challenge of the 90s

- 4.3 On 22 July 1992 the Chairman of the Seventeenth Committee, the Hon Gary Punch, MP gave the keynote address to a seminar co-hosted by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and the Royal Institute of Public Administration (ACT Division).
- 4.4 Mr Punch outlined the origins of the inquiry into Human Resource Management in the Australian Public Service (APS) and the climate of change and development which had been increasingly apparent since 1987. He indicated that the inquiry arose from a realisation that the future productivity of the APS will to a large degree depend on the quality and commitment of the staff of the Public Service.
- 4.5 The Chairman indicated the progress that had been made at that stage of the inquiry in the four main areas for investigation, namely:
 - recruitment and career development;
 - Corporate restructuring and rationalisation of human resources;

- professional training and development; and
- the Senior Executive Service.
- 4.6 He concluded by indicating that the inquiry would go on to examine current practices and trends in Human Resource Management in the APS and would in particular seek to determine the need for co-ordination of Human Resource Management across portfolio areas in an environment of devolved responsibility. Several members of the Committee actively participated in the conference program.

Devolution versus Centralisation - Implications for Human Resource Management in the Australian Public Service

4.7 On 4 September 1992 the then Chairman, the Hon Gary Punch, MP, addressed the tenth annual AIC conference. In his address, he commented on the Committee's Inquiry into Human Resource Management, particularly on the advantages and disadvantages of devolution versus centralisation. He saw many advantages for devolution and he supported the opportunities presented to managers by the reforms of the 1980's. Mr Punch indicated, however, that finding the right balance between devolution and centralisation was inevitably an evolving process. He informed the conference that the Committee would be reporting on its perceptions of the impacts of the reforms of the 1980's and recommending changes where considered necessary, with the ultimate goal of achieving best practice in human resource management in the APS.

Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees

- 4.8 The Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees, which was formed in 1984 to facilitate regular interaction between the Committees, held two meetings during the financial year 1992-93: a mid-term meeting in 1992 and its Eighth Biennial Conference of Public Accounts Committees in 1993.
- 4.9 The mid-term meeting, which was held in July 1992, was organised by the Public Accounts Committee of the Northern Territory but held in Canberra. All State and Territory Committees were represented at the meeting.

- 4.10 On the first day of the meeting, papers were presented by the Chairman of the Queensland Public Accounts Committee on the Queensland Committee's strategic plan and an historical perspective on the Victorian Public Accounts Committee and its future evolution. Group discussions were also held on the topics of:
 - the relationship between Auditors-General and Public Accounts Committees:
 - whether the issue of commercial confidentiality should outweigh the right of the Parliament to information dealing with matters of public interest; and
 - how the task of scrutiny is undertaken by different Public Accounts Committees.
- 4.11 On the second day of the meeting, committee secretaries met to discuss matters of mutual interest relating to the running of secretariats.
- 4.12 The Eighth Biennial Conference of Public Accounts Committees was held in Hobart in March 1993 with the theme of Return of Power to Parliament. The Conference provides a forum for members and secretariat staff of the Commonwealth, State and Territory Public Accounts Committees to exchange ideas and report on their activities of the previous two years. Representatives of the New Zealand and Papua New Guinea were also present at the Conference and provided an international perspective on the issues under discussion. The Commonwealth Auditor-General and the Auditors-General of most of the States attended the Conference for the first time in recognition of the close links between Public Accounts Committees of each jurisdiction and their Audit Offices.
- 4.13 As the Conference took place shortly after the Federal Election and before the first sittings of the Thirty-Seventh Parliament, the Joint Committee of Public Accounts of the Thirty-Sixth Parliament had ceased to exist and the new Committee had not yet been formed. Under these circumstances, representation of the Commonwealth Public Accounts Committee at the Conference was not possible. However, Senator John Watson, who was the Committee's Vice Chairman in the Thirty-Sixth Parliament, attended the meeting and presented a report on the Committee's activities during the previous year.

- 4.14 Following the keynote address on the Conference theme by Dr R A Herr, Head of Political Science at the University of Tasmania, the proceedings were divided into five sessions which dealt with:
 - Government and business in partnership;
 - the ideal Public Accounts Committee;
 - the role of the New Zealand Finance and Expenditure Committee in considering and forming tax legislation;
 - accrual accounting; and
 - 'the public interest', an address by Mr P P McGuiness.
- 4.15 The Annual General Meeting of the Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees was held during a break in Conference proceedings.

Public Sector Management - Meeting the Challenges of New Performance Demands

- 4.16 On 28 October 1992 the then Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Senator Watson, addressed an Institute for International Research conference on public sector management. The title of his address was: Lessons from Recent Experience Commonwealth.
- 4.17 Senator Watson discussed the challenges posed by increased devolution and consequent increased need for accountability. He provided examples of inquiries which had revealed lapses in the accountability chain and highlighted the Committee's Report 315 Social Responsibilities of Commonwealth Statutory Authorities and Government Business Enterprises.
- 4.18 Senator Watson stressed the need for organisations to be clear in their objectives if their performance is to be adequately measured. He also touched on the problem of information overload and duplication in regard to program performance statements and annual reports.

Writing Annual Reports

4.19 On 20 May 1993 Senator Watson presented the opening address at the Institute of Public Administration Australia Annual Report-Writing Workshop. By using a variety of examples, Senator Watson outlined the uses to which annual reports are put and the processes of scrutiny undertaken by the Parliament. After discussing concerns about the overlap with departmental program performance statements, Senator Watson concluded by emphasising that evaluation by independent bodies such as the Institute had also contributed to improvement in the standard of annual reports.

Meetings with the Auditor-General and the Secretary of the Department of Finance

- 4.20 On 8 June 1993, the Chairman of the Eighteenth Committee, Mr Les Scott, MP welcomed the Auditor-General, Mr John Taylor, AO, and senior members of his staff to a private meeting of the Committee. Mr Taylor addressed the Committee on a number of issues including:
 - . the independence of the Auditor-General and his Office;
 - the relationship between the Australian National Audit Office and the Joint Committee of Public Accounts;
 - progress with the new financial management legislation;
 - . the establishment of an Audit committee of the Parliament;
 - . possible inquiry topics for the Committee.
- 4.21 Later that day, the Chairman also welcomed Mr Steve Sedgwick, Secretary of the Department of Finance and senior members of his staff. Mr Sedgwick covered a number of topics in a presentation to the Committee, including:
 - the role and function of the Department of Finance, the Financial Management Improvement Program, the running cost system and the financial Minute process

- the new financial management legislation: and
- accrual accounting and associated reporting.
- 4.22 Following discussion of these areas of interest, further topics were raised by the Committee, including the mode of funding the operations of the Auditor-General and the setting of the Auditor-General's fees by Parliament.
- 4.23 The Committee places great value on these informal discussions and appreciates the cooperation of both the Auditor-General and the Secretary of the Department of Finance in meeting with it.

Chapter 5

ISSUES ARISING FROM THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES

5.1 This chapter highlights a number of matters which relate to the work of the Committee and which warrant special mention.

Publication of Evidence by Sectional Committees

- 5.2 The issue of publication of evidence by the Committee's Sectional Committees was presented in the Committee's Report 298 Report of Activities 1988-1989, in Report 311 Activities 1990-91, and in Report 322 Activities 1991-92.
- 5.3 The history of the issue is that since there has been some doubt about the extent to which protection is offered to persons, other than Committee members, witnesses and staff of Hansard, when publishing or otherwise using material which had been authorised for publication by a sectional committee, under sub-section 2(2) of the Parliamentary Papers Act 1908.
- 5.4 There was, and is, no question that complete protection is given when evidence is authorised by the full Committee, nor is there any doubt that Committee members, witnesses and staff of Hansard are protected, as these people are classified as participants in the proceedings of Parliament and therefore fully protected by the Parliamentary Privileges Act 1987.
- 5.5 The issue has arisen because while the Committee, under the Public Accounts Committee Act, can form sectional committees, the Act does not empower a sectional committee generally to authorise the publication of evidence. And whereas the Parliamentary Papers Act empowers a committee to authorise the publication of evidence and documents, and the publication of any evidence or document under that authority is immune from civil or criminal legal action, that Act does not apply to sub-committees.
- 5.6 As journalists reporting the proceedings of public hearings conducted by sectional committees are most affected by this anomaly, the Chairman has, since this discovery, made a statement at the commencement of each hearing cautioning the media to exercise care in reporting fairly and accurately.

- 5.7 At the same time, the Committee initiated action to rectify the problem. Agreement was sought, and received, from the Attorney-General to amend the definition of 'Committee' in the Parliamentary Papers Act so as to include subcommittees or sectional committees.
- 5.8 However, as noted in Report 307 Activities 1989-90, in a letter dated 28 December 1989 the then Attorney-General, the Hon Lionel Bowen, MP, informed the Committee that adequate protection was conferred by section 16(2)(d) of the Parliamentary Privileges Act. Notwithstanding this, the Attorney-General noted that a question was raised about the relationship between the Parliamentary Papers Act and the Parliamentary Privileges Act which ought to be clarified and he advised that the necessary legislation would be introduced as soon as practicable.
- 5.9 In June 1990, the Chairman wrote to the then Attorney-General, the Hon Michael Duffy, MP, seeking urgent advice as to the timing of this legislation. As indicated in Report 307, Mr Duffy reiterated the comments made by his predecessor. Furthermore, he referred to aspects of the relationship of the Parliamentary Privileges Act to other related legislation which it would wish to consider at the same time. He concluded by saying that his Department was considering the matter 'with a view to the preparation and introduction of any necessary legislation as soon as practicable having regard to overall priorities.'
- 5.10 The most recent advice from the Attorney-General, following a letter from the Chairman in September 1990, was that sectional committees do not have the power to publish written or oral evidence and that while progress has been made on resolving the relationship between the two Acts 'having regard to available resources and other priorities it may be some time before it can be completed'.
- 5.11 After this long history the matter was resolved at the commencement of the current Parliament when the House of Representatives passed a motion to amend its Standing Orders. The motion read:

(1) That the House: ...

(b) affirms the right of committees and subcommittees (however described) of the House and joint committee of the House and Senate to authorise the publication of (i) documents and records and (ii) transcripts of evidence prepared by the Department of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff, subject to any particular provisions in relevant legislation, resolutions or standing orders.\(^1\)

5.12 The Committee is pleased with this long awaited outcome but is concerned that, in the four years since the problem was first identified, the Attorney-General's Department was unable to provide a solution.

New financial management legislation

5.13 The Committee's Report 296 - The Auditor-General: Ally of the People and the Parliament, was tabled in April 1989. Recommendation 1 in the Report stated that:

> The Audit Act 1901 be repealed, and replaced by two new laws, a Financial Administration Act and an Audit Act.

- 5.14 In responding to the policy recommendations in Report 296, the then Minister for Finance, Senator the Hon Peter Walsh said that the Government accepted Recommendation 1 and would prepare new legislation to replace the Audit Act. However, as at 30 June 1993, some three years after Report 296 was tabled, the Bills to enact new financial management legislation had not been introduced into the Parliament.
- 5.15 The Committee is dismayed by the lack of priority given to task by the Government. In the Committee's view, the new legislation is both urgent and necessary.

House of Representatives, Votes and Proceedings, No. 2, Wednesday, 5 May 1993.

Accountability Information

5.16 On 14 August 1992 the then Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, the Hon Laurie Brereton, MP and the then Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Senator the Hon Bob McMullan, wrote to the Committee advising that consideration was being given to reforming the timing and nature of two key accountability documents: departmental annual reports and portfolio program performance statements. Apart from a general interest in such accountability documents, the Committee has a key role in the establishment of guidelines for departmental annual reports. Section 22 of the Public Service Act states that annual reports shall be in accordance with requirements from time to time presented to the Parliament by the Prime Minister, after approval by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts

5.17 At a meeting held on 13 October 1992, Mr Brereton and Senator McMullan, and the Secretary of the Department and Prime Minister and Cabinet, Dr Michael Keating, met with the then Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Senator Watson, to discuss the options being considered by the Government. The Committee appreciated the opportunity to briefed on these matters. As at 30 June 1993, the Committee had not been advised of further progress in this area. The Committee awaits an opportunity to comment on any specific proposals before a final decision is taken by the Government.

Scrutiny by House of Representatives Standing Committees

5.18 In Report 304 - Guidelines for Departmental Annual Reports, the Committee recommended that the Standing Committees of the House of representatives be assigned the ongoing role of conducting reviews of departmental operations based upon the annual reports of departments. Similar recommendations were also made by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration and the House of Representatives Procedure Committee. In making this recommendation the Public Acounts Committee considered that reviews by House of Representatives Standing Committees would place an incentive for the improvement of the reports. Such reviews would complement the well-established Senate Estimates process. There would also be an opportunity for Members to gain an insight into the operations of departments.

JCPA, Report 304 - Guidelines for Departmental Annual Reports, November 1989, AGPS, Canberra, p. 82.

5.19 House of Representatives Sessional Order 28B was subsequently amended to state that:

Annual reports of government departments and statutory authorities tabled in the House shall stand referred to the relevant committee for any inquiry the committee may wish to make.

5.20 The Committee notes that as at the 30 June 1992 few Standing Committees have sought to initiate inquiries based on annual reports or to undertake significant reviews of aspects of departmental administration.

Les Scott, MP Chairman

15 December 1993

APPENDIX A

DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

Section 8(1) of the Public Accounts Committee Act 1951 enpowers the Committee:

- (a) to examine the accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the Commonwealth including the financial statements transmitted to the Auditor-General under sub-section (4) of section 50 of the Audit Act 1901:
- (aa) to examine the financial affairs of authorities of the Commonwealth to which this Act applies and of intergovernmental bodies to which this Act applies;
- (ab) to examine all reports of the Auditor-General (including reports of the results of efficiency audits) copies of which have been laid before the Houses of the Parliament;
- (b) to report to both Houses of the Parliament, with such comment as it thinks fit, any items or matters in those accounts, statements and reports, or any circumstances connected with them, to which the Committee is of the opinion that the attention of the Parliament should be directed:
- (c) to report to both Houses of the Parliament, any alteration which the Committee thinks desirable in the form of the public accounts or in the method of keeping them, or in the mode of receipt, control, issue or payment of public moneys; and
- (d) to inquiry into any question in connexion with the public accounts which is referred to it by either House of the Parliament, and to report to that House upon that question.

and include such other duties as are assigned to the Committee by Joint Standing Orders approved by both Houses of the Parliament.

APPENDIX B

OPERATIONAL DATA

This Appendix provides information on the membership of the various Sectional Committees appointed by the Committee in 1992-93, and an indication of the inquiries conducted by the Sectional Committees in that period.

Sectional Committees of the Seventeenth Committee

First Sectional Committee A

Mr Punch (Chairman), Senator Watson, Senator Bishop, Mrs Crosio, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Scott, Mr Somlyay.

Inquiry:

Midford Paramount Case and Related Matters

Second Sectional Committee A

Mr Punch (Chairman), Senator Bishop, Mrs Crosio, Mr Fitzgibbon, Senator Giles, Mr Langmore, Senator Reynolds, Mr Scott, Mr Somlyay.

Inquiry:

Human Resource Management

Sectional Committee B

Mr Punch (Chairman), Senator Watson, Mr Aldred, Senator Bishop, Mrs Crosio, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Kerr, Mr Nehl, Mr Shack, Mr Somlyay.

Inquiry:

Australian Taxation Office

Sectional Committee C

Mr Punch (Chairman), Senator Aulich, Senator Bishop, Mr Aldred, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Kerr, Mr Langmore, Mr Scott, Mr Shack.

Inquiry:

Research and Development

Sectional Committees of the Eighteenth Parliament

Sectional Committee, Auditor-General's Reports

Mr Scott (Chairman), Senator Watson, Senator Bishop, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Griffin, Mr Haviland, Mr McLeay, Mr Somlyay, Mr Taylor, Mr Vaile.

Inquiry:

Review of Auditor-General's Reports

Sectional Committee, Taxation

Mr Scott (Chairman), Senator Watson, Senator Bishop, Mr Aldred, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Griffin, Mr Haviland, Mr McLeay, Mr Somlyay, Mr Taylor, Mr Vaile.

Inquiry:

Australian Taxation Office

Sectional Committee, Commercialisation

Mr Scott (Chairman), Senator Bishop, Mr Aldred, Mr Fitzgibbon, Mr Griffin, Mr Haviland, Mr McLeay, Mr Somlyay, Mr Taylor, Mr Vaile.

Inquiry:

Commercialisation of Public Sector Operations

APPENDIX C

SECRETARIAT STAFFING

The staff engaged in the secretariat during 1992-93 were:

Secretary:

Mr Trevor Rowe

Sectional Committee

Secretaries:

Dr John Carter Dr Sarah Hnatiuk Ms Sue Morton

Office Coordinator:

Mrs Laraine Brennan

Administrative

Officers:

Miss Yolanda Campagna Mrs Lorraine Hendy Ms Jodie Williams

Officers seconded to the secretariat during 1992-93 were:

Mr Simon Edwards Department of Finance

Mr Tony Lawrence

Australian National Audit Office

Mr Sameer Chopra

Australian National Audit Office

Ms Sue Casburn

Australian National Audit Office

Mr David Spedding

Australian National Audit Office

Ms Victoria Walker

Economic and Budget Review Committee

Legislative Assembly of Victoria

APPENDIX D

LIST OF REPORTS PRESENTED BY THE COMMITTEE

The following lists contain information relating to reports presented from the establishment of the Committee to 30 June 1993.

REPORTS PRESENTED BETWEEN 1915 AND 1931

<u>Title</u>	Date of Presentation	Parliamentary Paper No.
The Small Arms Factory, Lithgow New South Wales	27 May 1915	131 of 1914-15
The Commonwealth Naval Dockyard, Cockatoo Island, New South Wales	28 Oct 1915	224 of 1914-15
The Expenditure Incurred in Connexion with the S.Y. "Aurora" of the Shackelton Expendition, at the Commonwealth Naval Dockyard, Cockatoo Island, Sydney	10 May 1916	287 of 1914-15-16
Stationery, Printing, and Advertising Accounts of Commonwealth Departments	11 May 1916	288 of 1914-15-16
Stationery, Printing, and Advertising Accounts of Commonwealth Departments	13 Sep 1916	320 of 1914-15-16
Stores and Supplies for Commonwealth Requirements	13 Sep 1916	319 of 1914-15-16
Commonwealth Public Works Department	8 Dec 1916	350 of 1914-15-16

Title	<u>Date of</u> <u>Presentation</u>	
Manner of Submitting the Estimates, the Budget, and the Treasurer's Financial Statment	1 Mar 1917	371 of 1914-15-16-17
First General Report	27 Sep 1917	28 of 1917
Papuan Oil-Fields	17 Jan 1918	33 of 1917-18
Expenditure in Connexion with Establishing Naval Bases	13 Jun 1918	91 of 1917-18
Expenditure on Premises in the Capital Cities Owned and Rented by the Commonwealth for Office Accommodation	19 Nov 1918	113 of 1917-18
Commonwealth Finance:	12 Dec 1918	120 of 1917-18
(a) Credit Balances;(b) Method of Departmental Payments		
Commonwealth Railways	8 Oct 1919	180 of 1917-18-19
Second General Report	13 May 1920	30 of 1920
Commonwealth Shipbuilding	17 Nov 1920	75 of 1920
The Purchase of Saw-mills and Timber Areas in Queensland	26 Nov 1920	82 of 1920
Transactions of the War Service Homes Commissioner with Mr J T Caldwell	6 Apr 1921	83 of 1920-21
The Purchase of Saw-Mills and Timber Areas	20 May 1921	113 of 1920-21
War Service Homes Commission (New South Wales)	6 Jul 1921	121 of 1920-21
War Service Homes Commission (Tasmania)	27 Oct 1921	149 of 1920-21

<u>Title</u>	Date of Presentation	Parliamentary Paper No.
War Service Homes Commission (Western Australia)	4 Nov 1921	151 of 1920-21
War Service Homes Commission (Queensland)	5 Dec 1921	164 of 1920-21
War Service Homes Commission (Victoria)	29 Jun 1922	11 of 1922
War Service Homes (South Australia)	30 Jun 1922	12 of 1922
War Service Homes Commission	27 Jul 1922	32 of 1922
Sugar	15 Sep 1922	48 of 1922
Sugar	13 Oct 1922	68 of 1922
Third General Report	13 Jun 1923	5 of 1923
Expenditure Upon Air Services	4 Jul 1923	19 of 1923
War Service Homes Disposals	22 Aug 1923	42 of 1923
Lithgow Housing Scheme	28 Mar 1924	59 of 1923-24
Canberra Housing	2 Apr 1924	58 of 1923-24
Expediture of Munitions Supply	9 Jul 1924	88 of 1923-24
Expenditure on the Royal Australian Naval College and the Royal Military College	20 Aug 1924	99 of 1923-24
Certain Transactions between the Co-operative Estates Limited, of Hobart, and the War Service Homes Commission	3 Oct 1924	129 of 1923-24
Expenditure on Oil Exploration, Development, Refining, Etc, in the Commonwealth and Papua	21 Aug 1925	34 of 1925
Fourth General Report	4 Mar 1926	10 of 1926

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