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Tasmanian Auditor-General's 2022-23 Annual Plan of Work

The Auditor-General, Rod Whitehead, has released his Annual Plan of Work for 2022-23.

Pursuant to section 11 of the *Audit Act 2008* by 30 June each year the Auditor-General is required to prepare and present to the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts an Annual Plan that describes the audit work program for the coming financial year. This provides the Tasmanian Parliament, the Tasmanian public sector and the community with an opportunity to understand the Tasmanian Audit Office's (the Office) audit priorities for 2022-23.

Reports for 7 performance audits in progress are expected to be tabled in Parliament during 2022-23:

- Improving outcomes for senior secondary students in Tasmania
- Strategic procurement in local government
- Follow up of selected audits not covered by the Committee
- Review of digital projects and initiatives
- Private works undertaken by councils
- University of Tasmania's management of the Northern Transformation Project
- Oral Health Services.

Mr Whitehead stated 'In developing the Plan we continuously monitor issues and developments across the public sector and we consult extensively with relevant stakeholders, including the Public Accounts Committee, Head of Agencies, Mayors and General Managers of councils, and Chairs and Chief Executive Officers of Government businesses, throughout the year. In exercising my discretionary power to undertake audits, I am conscious our audit reports need to be of relevance to Parliamentarians and the community.'

Other performance audits expected to commence during 2022-23 include:

- Management of departmental office accommodation
- Effectiveness of shared services arrangements in the General Government Sector
- Supporting students with a disability
- Management of landfill

In addition to the Performance Audit Program, the Office audits the financial statements of State entities as stipulated by the *Audit Act 2008*. Reports are provided to Parliament on the results of these audits and the audit of the Treasurer's Annual Financial Report.

This complete Annual Plan of Work can be downloaded from www.audit.tas.gov.au.

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