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Auditor-General reports improvements from recommendations made in past audit reports

Mr. Whitehead said, ‘we conduct Follow-up audits to inform Parliament of the extent to which the recommendations from previous audits have been implemented. While I cannot compel State entities to implement our recommendations, it is my expectation that recommendations will be adopted or at least seriously considered by State entities’.

The intent of this Follow-up audit was to assess the degree to which State entities have implemented recommendations made in 4 past Auditor-General reports:

- Park management (the Park management report) Report 5 of 2016-17
- Use of fuel cards (the Fuel cards report) Report 11 of 2016-17
- Water and sewerage in Tasmania: Assessing the outcomes of industry reform (the TasWater report) Report 2 of 2017-18
- Use of Tasmanian Government Cards (the Tasmanian Government Cards report) Report 1 of 2018-19

All recommendations had been successfully implemented for the Park management report, the TasWater report and the Tasmanian Government Cards report.

Positive changes implemented include:

- improvements to the State’s environmental management system, including better risk management
- better drinking water systems, wastewater management compliance, asset management plans and meeting customer satisfaction targets
- improved retention of receipts for Tasmanian Government Card transactions and ensuring the cards were only used by the registered cardholder.

Half of the 10 recommendations made in the Fuel cards report had been fully implemented. Minor differences such as very small fleet sizes or different operating requirements had reduced implementation of the other 5, to rates between 60% and 78%, but none had significant issues.

In expressing his conclusion Mr. Whitehead said, ‘recommendations made in all four of the reports in the Follow-up audit had been implemented effectively and helped improve compliance, efficiency and effectiveness of the relevant State entity’s activities’.

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