

MEDIA RELEASE

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Auditor-General assesses event funding

Today, Auditor-General, Mr Rod Whitehead tabled a report in Parliament presenting his findings on whether Government supported events were cost effective for Tasmania and funded in accordance with applicable government policy. He concluded that total event funding for 20 events examined generated a substantial net benefit for Tasmania.

The Auditor-General noted that event funding was approved at an appropriate level. In addition, he noted that effective assessment criteria were used to assess eligibility for funding, for all but four of the funded events examined.

The report made four recommendations aimed at improving the assessment procedures for government funded events. They were:

- all documentation related to event-funding decisions be retained
- qualitative criteria in pre-funding evaluations include alignment with government policy and effective management of the event
- pre-funding evaluations include quantitative assessment, preferably cost benefit analysis, wherever reasonably possible
- exit reports for funded events be routinely compared with the information used to make funding decisions

The complete Report can be downloaded from www.audit.tas.gov.au.

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