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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Auditor-General's Department (the Department), which comprises the statement of financial position and statement of administered financial position as at 30 June 2023, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows, the statement of administered comprehensive income and the statement of administered cash flow for the year then ended, and notes to the financial report, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the Certification of the Financial Report.

In our opinion the accompanying financial report of Auditor-General's Department, is in accordance with the Public Finance and Audit 1987, including:

- (i) The financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Department as at 30 June 2023, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Treasurer's Instructions promulgated under the provisions of the Public Finance and Audit Act 1987 and the Australian Accounting Standards Simplified Disclosures
- (ii) The financial report also complies with the accounts and records of the Department.

We have obtained all of the information and explanations required from the Department.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Department in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Auditor General's responsibility for the Financial Report

The Auditor General is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the Treasurer's Instructions promulgated under the Public Finance and Audit Act 1987 and the Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures for such internal control as the Auditor-General determines necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that presents fairly and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Auditor General is responsible for assessing the Department's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting.



Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website (http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx) at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

BDO Audit Pty Ltd

Andrew Tickle Director

Adelaide, 25 August 2023

Certification of the Financial Statements

We certify that the:

- financial statements of the Auditor-General's Department:
 - are in accordance with the accounts and records of the department;
 - comply with relevant Treasurer's Instructions;
 - comply with relevant accounting standards; and
 - present a true and fair view of the financial position of the department at the end of the financial year and the result of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- internal controls employed by the Auditor-General's Department for the financial year over its financial reporting and its preparation of the financial statements have been effective.

Andrew Richardson Auditor-General

25 August 2023

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Manager, Finance

25 August 2023

Auditor-General's Department

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2023

¥		2023	2022
	Note	\$000	\$000
Expenses:			
Employee expenses	2	14,398	13,751
Supplies and services:			
Contractors		1,479	1,163
Office accommodation and service costs		835	888
Consultancies		514	469
Other supplies and services	5	1,474	1,445
Return of cash to the consolidated account	6.1		3,000
		4,302	6,965
Depreciation and amortisation		91	265
Total expenses	_	18,791	20,981
Income:		ž.	
Appropriation	6.2	18,815	18,680
Services received free of charge	7	86	80
Other income		1	1
Total income	-	18,902	18,761
Net result	_	111	(2,220)
Total comprehensive result	_	111	(2,220)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. The net result and total comprehensive result are attributable to the SA Government as owner.

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	\$000	\$000
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	8	5,239	5,580
Receivables	9	230	150
Total current assets	_	5,469	5,730
Non-current assets:			
Computing and office facilities	10	607	86
Right of use plant & equipment	10	2	13
Intangible assets	10	4	8
Total non-current assets		613	107
Total assets	_	6,082	5,837
Current liabilities:			
Payables	11	661	601
Lease liabilities		2	10
Employee benefits	3	1,994	1,992
Provision for workers compensation	4	30	24
Total current liabilities	-	2,687	2,627
Non-current liabilities:			
Payables	11	353	369
Lease liabilities	200	-	2
Employee benefits	3	3,539	3,478
Provision for workers compensation	4	91	60
Total non-current liabilities		3,983	3,909
Total liabilities	-	6,670	6,536
Net assets	-	(588)	(699
Equity:			
Retained earnings		(588)	(699
Total equity	-	(588)	(699
Commitments	12		

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. The total equity is attributable to the SA Government as owner.

Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Retained	
	earnings	Total
	\$000	\$000
Balance at 30 June 2021	1,521	1,521
Total comprehensive result for the year 2021-22	(2,220)	(2,220)
Balance at 30 June 2022	(699)	(699)
Total comprehensive result for the year 2022-23	111	111
Balance at 30 June 2023	(588)	(588)

All changes in equity are attributable to the SA Government as owner

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
	Inflows	Inflow
	(Outflows)	(Outflows)
Cash flows from operating activities:	\$000	\$000
Cash outflows:		
Employee expenses	(14,262)	(14,249)
Supplies and services	(4,699)	(4,258)
Return of cash to the consolidated account		(3,000)
Payments for Paid Parental Leave Scheme	(79)	(69)
Cash inflows:		
Other income	1	1
Goods and services tax refunds from Australian Taxation Office	408	372
Receipts for Paid Parental Leave Scheme	83	56
Appropriations	18,815	18,680
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	267	(2,467)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Cash outflows:		
Purchase of computing and office facilities	(597)	(32)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(597)	(32)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Cash outflows:		
Repayment of principal portion of lease liabilities	(11)	(21)
Repayment of borrowings		(1)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(11)	(22)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(341)	(2,521)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July	5,580	8,101
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	5,239	5,580

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to and forming part of the financial statements

1. Objectives of the Auditor-General's Department (the Department)

The Department is an administrative unit of the public service established under the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* (PFAA). It is a wholly owned and controlled entity of the Crown. Accordingly, all government-related entities are related parties of the Department.

The Department's main statutory responsibilities are to audit and examine the activities of State and Local Government agencies and to report the results to Parliament as required by the PFAA.

Controlled

The Department's sole activity is the provision of auditing services covering the various audit and examination responsibilities prescribed under the PFAA. Within this activity class there are two sub-activities:

Prescribed audits

Includes all audit and examination work for State and Local Government agencies initiated and undertaken by the Auditor-General under the PFAA. During the year the Department spent \$18.79 million (\$17.98 million) on this activity. The main component of work relates to the annual statutory audit of State public sector agencies.

Special investigations

Under the PFAA, the Parliament, Treasurer, a Minister or the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption can require the Auditor-General to undertake certain examinations and report these to Parliament. In 2022-23 and 2021-22 there were no such requests that resulted in expenditure on this activity.

Administered

We also administer certain activities on behalf of the SA Government but do not control the related income, expenses, assets or liabilities. These comprise the following two activities:

Receiving and passing on auditing fees

We charge fees for our audits as permitted by section 39 of the PFAA, but do not retain these fees. We transfer audit fees, less GST, into the SA Government's Consolidated Account as they are received.

Administering special acts

Section 24(4) of the PFAA provides that the salary and allowances of the Auditor-General, as determined by the Governor, will be paid from the SA Government's Consolidated Account. The Auditor-General's remuneration, and recoveries from the Consolidated Account for it, are reported as administered items.

2.	Employee expenses	2023	2022
	Employee benefits:	\$000	\$000
	Salaries	10,931	10,897
	Annual leave	1,025	999
	Long service leave	212	(215)
	Skills and experience retention leave	82	71
	Total employee benefits	12,250	11,752
	Employee on-costs:	à	
	Superannuation	1,378	1,282
	Payroll tax	693	662
	Total employee on-costs	2,071	1,944
	Workers compensation	. 51	11
	Other employee related expenses	26	44
	Total employee expenses	14,398	13,751

2.1	Remuneration of employees	Exe	cutive	S	taff
	The number of employees whose normal	2023	2022	2023	2022
	remuneration is equal to or greater than	Number	Number	Number	Number
	the base executive remuneration level				
	during the year are grouped within the				
	following bands:				
	\$160,001 - \$180,000	-	-	1	2
	\$180,001 - \$200,000	-	1	-	
	\$200,001 - \$220,000	2	3	-	-
	\$220,001 - \$240,000	1	1	w w	-
	\$240,001 - \$260,000	-	1	-	-
	\$260,001 - \$280,000	2	1	.4.	-
	\$340,001 - \$360,000	1	-		-
	\$420,001 - \$440,000	-	1	<u> </u>	-
	\$440,001 - \$460,000	1	-	-	<u> </u>
	Total	7	8	1	2

The table includes all employees whose normal remuneration is equal to or greater than the base executive remuneration level. Total remuneration received or receivable by these employees was \$2.14 million (\$2.36 million).

The employee remuneration figures detailed above include employee remuneration recorded in both the Department's financial statements and in its administered financial statements.

2.2 Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Department are the Auditor-General, the Deputy Auditor-General, two Assistant Auditor-General's and three Executive Directors.

Total compensation for the Department's key management personnel was \$1.98 million (\$2.02 million). This includes compensation recorded in both the Department's financial statements and in the administered financial statements.

2.3 Targeted voluntary separation packages

There were no TVSP's in 2022-23. In 2021-22 one employee received a rejuvenation scheme payment at a cost of \$47,000, met by the department.

Employee benefits liability		2023	2022
Current:		\$000	\$000
Salaries		3	8
Annual leave		1,610	1,613
Long service leave		266	262
Skills and experience retention leave	20	115	109
Total current	_	1,994	1,992
Non-current:			
Long service leave		3,539	3,478
Total non-current	_	3,539	3,478
Total employee benefits		5,533	5,470
	Current: Salaries Annual leave Long service leave Skills and experience retention leave Total current Non-current: Long service leave Total non-current	Current: Salaries Annual leave Long service leave Skills and experience retention leave Total current Non-current: Long service leave Total non-current	Current: \$000 Salaries 3 Annual leave 1,610 Long service leave 266 Skills and experience retention leave 115 Total current 1,994 Non-current: 3,539 Total non-current 3,539

Liabilities for unpaid salaries for service prior to the reporting date are measured at current pay rates.

Long-term employee benefits are measured at present value and short-term employee benefits are measured at nominal amounts.

Long service leave

The liability for long service leave is measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the end of the reporting period using the projected unit credit method. The expected timing and amount of long service leave payments is determined through whole of government actuarial calculations, which is then applied to the department's employee details.

Key assumptions include whether the characteristics of employee remuneration, terms of service with the public sector, and expectations as to when employees take long service leave, as established by the actuary, are applicable to employees of the department. These assumptions affect the expected amount to be paid that has been factored into the calculation of the liability. The discount rate used in measuring the liability is another key assumption. The discount rate is reflective of long-term Commonwealth Government bonds. The yield on long-term Commonwealth Government bonds increased from 3.50% to 4% at 30 June 2023.

The actuarial assessment by the Department of Treasury and Finance increased the salary inflation rate from 2.5% to 3.5% for long service leave.

An increase in the bond yield reduces the reported long service leave liability, however the overall liability has increased from the prior year due to annual entitlement accruals and enterprise bargaining increases.

The department's historic experience of long service leave and projections such as known approvals are used as the basis to estimate the proportion of the lability expected to be settled in the next 12 months. This amount is the current liability.

4.	Provision for workers compensation		2023	2022
	· ·		\$000	\$000
	Carrying amount at the beginning of the period		84	82
	Increase in provision		37	2
	Carrying amount at the end of the period	3 935	121	84

The workers compensation provision is based on an actuarial assessment of the outstanding liability as at 30 June 2023 provided by a consulting actuary engaged through the Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment. The provision is for the estimated cost of ongoing payments to employees as required under current legislation.

The department is responsible for the payment of workers compensation claims.

5.	Other supplies and services	2023	2022
	The state of the s	\$000	\$000
	Computing and network processing costs	932	726
	Staff recruitment, development and training	243	336
	Other expenses	167	246
	Shared Services SA charges	66	59
	Motor vehicles	32	50
	Audit fees*	17	18
	Staff travel, accommodation and allowances	17	10
	Total other supplies and services	1,474	1,445

^{*} The Governor, on recommendation of the Treasurer, in line with the PFAA, appoints the auditor of the Auditor-General's Department.

6. Payments to/from SA Government

6.1 Return of cash to the consolidated account

In 2021-22 the Department paid \$3 million to the Consolidated Account for the return of surplus cash in line with the principles of the cash alignment policy.

6.2 Appropriation

Appropriations to the Department in 2022-23 amounted to \$18.81 million (\$18.68 million).

7.	Resources received free of charge	2023	2022
	544.7	\$000	\$000
	Services received free of charge - Shared Services SA	63	58
	Services received free of charge – ICT Digital Government	23	22
	Total resources received free of charge	 86	80
	The Department is only charged for non-standard services received.		
8.	Cash and cash equivalents		
	Deposits with the Treasurer:		
	Auditor-General's Department Operating Account	3,029	3,411
	Accrual Appropriation Excess Funds	2,210	2,169
	Total cash and cash equivalents	5,239	5,580

9.	Curre					2023 \$000	2022 \$000
		oods and services tax				217	149
	Ot	ther				13	1_
		Total current receivables				230	150
10.		current assets					
	<i>10.1</i>	Classes of assets					
		Leasehold improvements – at cost				1,287	864
		Accumulated depreciation				778	810
						509	54
		Computing and office equipment – at of	cost			976	874
		Accumulated depreciation				878	863
						98	11
		Laptop computer equipment – at cost				534	797
		Accumulated depreciation				534	776
		,				-	21
		Right of use plant and equipment			1	15	56
		Accumulated depreciation				13	43
		•				2	13
		Intangible assets – Computer software	- at cost			534	534
		Accumulated amortisation				530	526
					-	4	8
					-	613	107
					-	0.0	
	10.2	Reconciliation of carrying amount	Carrying				Carrying
			amount			Depreciation/	amount
			01.07.22	Additions	Disposals	Amortisation	30.06.23
			\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
		Leasehold improvements	54	495	-	40	509
		Computing and office equipment	11	102		15	98
		Laptop computer equipment	21	-		21	-
		Right of use plant and equipment	13	=		11	2
						* 1	2

Computing and office facilities are held at fair value as required by the Accounting Policy Statements. We use cost less accumulated depreciation to determine fair value. Intangible assets are held at cost less accumulated amortisation. The threshold for capitalising items is \$10,000. There are no indications of impairment of our assets.

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Computer software

Total non-current assets

We depreciate/amortise all assets over three years except laptops which we depreciate over two years. Depreciation and amortisation is on a straight-line basis. All computing and office facilities are classified as level 3 as a key input is management's assessment of the useful life and condition.

The Department has motor vehicle leases with the South Australian Government Financing Authority (SAFA), through their agent LeasePlan Australia. Motor vehicle leases are non-cancellable, with rental payments monthly in arrears. Lease terms are three years (60,000 km). The lease rate is determined according to the type of vehicle being leased and the number of months of the lease period and are reviewed annually. No variable lease payments are provided for in the lease agreements and no options exist to renew the leases at the end of their term. The Department only has one vehicle lease, as during 2022-23 all other leases reached their full lease term.

11.	Payables	2023	2022
	Current:	\$000	\$000
	Contractual payables		
	Accrued expenses	84	61
	Creditors	58	85
	Total contractual payables	142	146
	Statutory payables		
	Employee on-costs	511	453
	Paid Parental Leave Scheme payable	5	2
	GST Payable	3	
	Total statutory payables	519	455
	Total current payables	661	. 601

Non-current:		2022 \$000
Statutory payables	n it at about	•
Employee on-costs	353	369
Total non-current	353	369
Total payables	1,014	970

Employment on-costs

Include payroll tax and superannuation contributions. Superannuation contributions are paid to the South Australian Superannuation Board, and externally managed superannuation schemes. These contributions are treated as an expense when they occur. The department does not have any liability for payments to beneficiaries as these have been assumed by the respective superannuation schemes. The superannuation liabilities reported reflect amounts to be paid to the various superannuation schemes.

As a result of an actuarial assessment performed by the Department of Treasury and Finance, the proportion of long service leave taken as leave has increased to 43% (42%), and the average factor for the calculation of employer superannuation on-costs has increased to 11.1% (10.6%). These rates are used in the employment on-cost calculation. The net financial effect of the changes in the current financial year on employment on-costs and employee benefit expense is immaterial. The impact on future periods is impracticable to estimate.

Other payables

Payables and accruals are raised for all amounts owing but unpaid. Sundry payables are normally settled within 30 days from the date of the invoice or date the invoice is first received. All payables are non-interest bearing. The carrying amount of payables approximates fair value due to their short-term nature.

12. Commitments

Contractual commitments	2023	2022
At the reporting date the Department had the following obligations:	\$000	\$000
Not later than one year	1,940	1,816
Later than one year but not later than five years	612	1,268
Total contractual commitments as lessee	2,552	3,084

Office accommodation

The Department has accommodation services provided by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) under a Memorandum of Administrative Arrangement (MoAA) issued in line with government-wide accommodation policies.

The current tenancy term is to 30 June 2024, with three years right of renewal to 30 June 2027.

Audit services

Obligations under non-cancellable contracts for audit services. These obligations have not been recognised as liabilities.

Other expenditure commitments

Obligations for other services under a contract arrangement, which have not been recognised as liabilities.

13. Basis of preparation and accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements, prepared in line with applicable Australian Accounting Standards – simplified disclosures, and Treasurer's Instructions (Accounting Policy Statements) issued under the PFAA. The Accounting Policy Statements require certain disclosures in addition to Australian Accounting Standards.

We have not early-adopted any Australian Accounting Standards or Australian interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

The Department is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes, and the financial statements are prepared based on a 12-month reporting period.

The historical cost convention is used, unless otherwise stated. This means that assets are recorded at their initial cost and liabilities are valued at the amount initially received in exchange for the obligation.

Assets that are sold, consumed or realised as part of the normal 12-month operating cycle have been classified as current.

The administered financial statements have been prepared applying the same accounting policies as for items controlled by the Auditor-General's Department.

(b) Taxation

The Department is liable for payroll tax, fringe benefits tax and goods and services tax (GST) but not income tax. Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST except:

- when the GST incurred on a purchase of goods or services is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as part of an item of expense
- receivables and payables which are stated with the amount of GST included.

Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis. However, the GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities recoverable from the ATO are classified as operating cash flows.

(c) Appropriation

We are funded by Parliamentary appropriations, paid into a special deposit account titled 'Auditor-General's Department Operating Account'. We are also appropriated for some expenses that will not require a cash payment, such as depreciation. Some appropriations are deposited into a special deposit account at the Department of Treasury and Finance titled 'Accrual Appropriation Excess Funds'. Although we control this money, its use must be separately approved by the Treasurer. We do not earn interest on either of these special deposit accounts.

The appropriation for special acts reported in the administered financial statements relates to recoveries from the SA Government for the Auditor-General's salary. Salary amounts paid which are yet to be recovered are recorded as appropriation receivable.

Other significant accounting policies are described under related notes.

14.	Financial instruments	Carryin	ig amount
		2023	2022
	Financial assets	\$000	\$000
	Cash and cash equivalents	5,239	5,580
	Receivables (amortised cost)*	13	1
	Total financial assets	5,252	5,581
	Financial liabilities at amortised cost		
	Payables	141	146
	Lease liabilities	2	12
	Total financial liabilities	143	158

Receivables amounts disclosed exclude amounts relating to statutory receivables where rights or obligations have their source in legislation such as the goods and services tax.

15. Budgetary reporting and explanations of major variances

The following provides details of the 2022-23 original budget, actual amounts and the associated variances. No explanations are provided as the variances do not exceed the greater of 10% of the original budgeted amount and 5% of original budgeted total expenses.

Statement of Comprehensive Income	Original		
	budget	Actual	Variance
Expenses:	\$000	\$000	\$000
Employee expenses	14,485	14,398	(87)
Supplies and services:			
Contractors	1,943	1,479	(464)
Office accommodation and service costs	947	835	(112)
Consultancies	164	514	350
Other supplies and services	724	1,474	750
Depreciation and amortisation	254	91	(163)
Total expenses	18,517	18,791	274

Income: Appropriations and contingency provision grant Services received free of charge Other income	Original budget \$000 18,518	Actual \$000 18,815 86 1	Variance \$000 297 86
Total income	18,519	18,902	383
Net result and total comprehensive result	2	111	109,
Investing expenditure summary: Minor capital works and equipment	251	597	346
Total annual programs	251	597	346

The budget process is not subject to audit. Budget information refers to the amounts presented to Parliament in the original budgeted financial statements in respect of the reporting period (2022-23 Budget Paper 4) and the amounts have not been adjusted to reflect revised budgets. These original budgeted amounts have been presented and classified on a basis that is consistent with line items in the financial statements.

Statement of Administered Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2023

		2023	2022
_		\$000	\$000
Expenses:		The state of the s	
Employee expenses		431	316
Audit fees paid/payable to Consolidated Account	_	16,719	16,398
Total expenses	_	17,150	16,714
Income:			
Fees for audit services		16,719	16,398
Appropriation – Special Acts	_	366	352
Total income	_	17,085	16,750
Net result		(65)	36
Total comprehensive result		(65)	36
as at 30 June	2023	ai	
		2023	2022
	Note	\$000	\$000
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	1	307	525
Receivables	A2 _	259	780
Total assets	- FK	566	1,305
Current liabilities:			
Employee benefits		477	52
Audit fees payable to Consolidated Account		195	980
Goods and services tax payable	_	171	125
Total current liabilities	_	843	1,157
Non-current liabilities:			
Employee benefits – long service leave	_		360
Total non-current liabilities	_	-	360
Total liabilities	_	843	1,517
Net assets	_	(277)	(212)
Equity:			
Retained earnings		(277)	(212)

Total equity

(277)

(212)

Statement of Administered Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2023

		2023	2022
		Inflows	Inflows
		(Outflows)	(Outflows)
Cash flows from operating activities:	Note	\$000	\$000
Cash outflows:			
Employee expenses		(366)	(352)
Amounts paid to Consolidated Account		(17,505)	(16,686)
Goods and services tax paid to Australian Taxation Office		(1,626)	(1,660)
Cash inflows:			
Fees for audit services	A2	18,919	18,553
Cash flows from SA Government:			
Appropriations – Special Acts		360	339
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		(218)	194
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(218)	194
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July		525	331
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June		307	525

Notes to and forming part of the administered financial statements

A1. Basis of preparation and accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The basis of preparation for the administered financial statements is the same as the basis outlined at note 13. The department applies the same accounting policies to the administered financial statements as for items controlled by the Auditor-General's Department.

(b) Appropriation

The appropriation for special acts relates to recoveries from the SA Government for the Auditor-General's salary. Salary amounts paid which are yet to be recovered are recorded as appropriation receivable.

A2. Audit fee receivables	2023	2022
	\$000	\$000
Fees outstanding at 1 July	741	1,256
Billings	18,392	18,038
	19,133	19,294
Receipts	18,919	18,553
Fees outstanding at 30 June	214	741
Other receivables	R Contract	
Appropriation receivable	45	39

Special Acts appropriation for the Auditor-General's salary is received one month in arrears.

A3. Budgetary reporting and explanations of major variances

The following provides details of the 2022-23 original budget, actual amounts and the associated variances. No explanations are provided as the variances do not exceed the greater of 10% of the original budgeted amount and 5% of original budgeted total expenses.

Statement of Comprehensive Income	Original		
	Budget	Actual	Variance
Expenses:	\$000	\$000	\$000
Employee expenses	365	431	66
Amounts paid/payable to Consolidated Account	17,058	16,719	(339)
Total expenses	17,423	17,150	(273)

Income:	Original Budget \$000	Actual \$000	Variance \$000
Fees for audit services	17,058	16,719	(339)
Appropriation – Special Acts	353	366	13
Total income	17,411	17,085	(326)
Net result and total comprehensive result	(12)	(65)	(53)

The budget process is not subject to audit. Budget information refers to the amounts presented to Parliament in the original budgeted financial statements in respect of the reporting period (2022-23 Budget Paper 4) and the amounts have not been adjusted to reflect revised budgets. These original budgeted amounts have been presented and classified on a basis that is consistent with line items in the financial statements.