

# **Report of the Auditor-General**

## **Report 6 of 2018**

Auditor-General's Department  
2017-18 Annual Report  
for the year ended 30 June 2018



## **Auditor-General's Department**

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Dear Premier

**Annual report on the operations of the Auditor-General's Department**

Attached is the annual report on the operations of the Auditor-General's Department for the year ended 30 June 2018, forwarded in line with the requirements of the *Public Sector Act 2009*.

This annual report summarises our performance and achievements in 2017-18 and gives an overview of what we have achieved in the three strategic priority areas of our corporate plan.

I am proud of the significant achievements that we have accomplished, including:

- developing our performance auditing capability, and increasing our performance audit reporting to Parliament
- engaged an external consultant to independently assess the quality of work undertaken in conducting two recent performance audits
- implemented the changes to the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*, to give us more flexibility in reporting and to assist us to ensure we work efficiently and effectively
- a new ICT audit methodology was implemented, and we are developing a new controls opinion methodology for implementation in 2018-19

- establishing a stakeholder engagement policy and holding our first briefing for the chairs of public sector Audit and Risk Committees.

I would like to thank my professional and dedicated Executive and staff for their commitment and hard work in 2017-18. Their responsiveness to changes I have sought over a short period of time has been personally motivating and satisfying.

I would also like to acknowledge the cooperation of all public authorities with my staff during the year. An audit is a joint effort between auditor and auditee and I am grateful that chief executives and staff throughout the public sector share this same view and willingly give their time and effort to the audit process.

I would be grateful if you would table this report at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richardson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew Richardson  
**Auditor-General**