LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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Inquiry into the ACT *Auditor-General Act 1996*

Terms of reference

The Committee will inquire into, and report on the following matters:

(1) whether any amendments to the *Auditor-General Act 1996* (the Act) are required to take account of developments in both auditing standards and public administration in the ACT and other jurisdictions

(2) whether there should be changes to the coverage and scope of the ACT Auditor-General's audit mandate and, in particular, with the power to audit organisations that receive funds from the ACT Government

(3) whether the annual budget for the ACT Auditor-General should be set by the Legislative Assembly and not by the Executive Government[1]

(4) any amendments that could be made which would strengthen the managerial autonomy and resourcing of the ACT Auditor-General

(5) any amendments which would strengthen the role of the ACT Auditor-General as an independent officer of Parliament

(6) what amendments, if any, are required to clarify the intention of sections 22—*Proposed appropriations* and 22A—*Additional amounts for certain audits*—of the Act

(7) the recommendations of an independent performance audit of the Auditor-General to be conducted in accordance with Part 5 of the Act during 2009–10, and

(8) any other relevant matter.

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[1] for example, note the objective of the Auditor-General Amendment Bill 2009—presented 24 June 2009.