

Appendix C:

Review scope and method

Scope of this review

Who we examined

We examined the following agencies:

Agency	Their key responsibilities
Department of Treasury and Finance	Preparing BP4
Court Services Victoria	Delivering the major projects in our sample
Department of Education	
Department of Families, Fairness and Housing	
Department of Health	
Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions	
Department of Justice and Community Safety	
Department of Transport and Planning	
Major Transport Infrastructure Authority	
Suburban Rail Loop Authority	

Our review objective

To assess if the public sector transparently reports the performance of major projects against cost, time and scope.

What we examined

We assessed public sector agencies' reporting on major project performance.

We also surveyed agencies responsible for infrastructure projects in BP4 that have a TEI of \$100 million or more.

We excluded:

- information technology projects because the Victorian Government IT Dashboard shows them
- land and building acquisitions
- funding programs
- maintenance and upgrade programs
- road and community safety programs
- any projects that we identified as programs of smaller works under \$100 million.

Conducting this review

Assessing performance

To form our conclusion against our objective we used the used the following line of inquiry and associated evaluation criteria:

Line of inquiry	Criteria
1. Assess whether the public sector transparently report the performance of major projects against cost, time, scope and benefits?	1.1 DTF and responsible entities consistently and transparently report major project information to Parliament and the community. 1.2 Major project performance is reported against scope, time and cost.

Our methods

As part of the review we:

- engaged with DTF, Office of Projects Victoria, DTP and MTIA to design the survey
- collected and collated data on major capital projects from DTF, Office of Projects Victoria and other public sources
- surveyed 8 public sector agencies responsible for delivering 101 major projects to collect performance data for a public-facing dashboard
- required an accountable officer of each responsible agency (or their delegate) to attest to the survey data's accuracy and correctness
- tested the survey data by following up with some surveyed agencies
- reviewed the surveyed agencies' self-assessment ratings
- analysed the collected data using data analytics software and visualisation tools.

Compliance

We conducted our review in accordance with the *Audit Act 1994* and ASAE 3500 *Performance Engagements* to obtain limited assurance to provide a basis for our conclusion.

We complied with the independence and other relevant ethical requirements related to assurance engagements.

We also provided a copy of the report to the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Cost and time

The full cost of the review and preparation of this report was \$237,500.

The duration of the review was 6 months from initiation to tabling.