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[Addressing the needs of Victorian prisoners](#)


Tabled 19 November 2003: The Department of Justice has introduced new approaches to the management of prisoners designed to reduce the rate of prisoner re-offending and the growth in prisoner numbers. This report identifies areas needing further attention if all of the benefits foreshadowed in the new approach to prisoner management, are to be achieved.

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[Report on Public Sector Agencies – Results of special reviews and 30 June 2003 financial statement audits](#)

Tabled 26 November 2003: This report draws together the results of our financial statement audits for public sector agencies with 30 June 2003 balance dates.  (1.9mb pdf)


[Report of the Auditor-General on the Finances of the State of Victoria, 2002-03](#)

Tabled 20 November 2003: This report sets out my examination of the *Annual Financial Report* for the State of Victoria for the year ended 30 June 2003.  (1mb pdf)

[Managing logging in State forests](#)

Tabled 28 October 2003: Following a review of timber resources in 2001, the Government identified that if logging in State forests is to be sustainable, current harvesting rates must be reduced by about one-third on a Statewide basis. This audit examined the Voluntary Licence Reduction Program, the Worker Assistance Program and the Contractor Assistance Program.  (600kb pdf)

[Improving literacy standards in government schools](#)

Tabled 15 October 2003: It was important that my Office examine this subject. The Government and taxpayers need to know whether the high level of resources applied to literacy are producing positive results. Parents need to know whether the work of schools is having a positive impact on their children's literacy proficiency.  (1.1mb pdf)

[Report of the Auditor-General on Parliament's information technology upgrade](#)

Tabled 16 September 2003: The objective of the audit was to evaluate the management of the Parlynet 2002 Project and to assess whether key risks associated with the Project had been appropriately managed. [□](#) (635kb pdf)

[Electronic procurement in the Victorian government](#)

Tabled 3 June 2003: The objective of the audit was to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the planning and introduction of e-procurement in government agencies.

[□](#) (300kb pdf)

[Report on Public Sector Agencies – Results of special reviews and financial statement audits for agencies with balance dates other than 30 June 2002](#)

Tabled 5 June 2003: This report contains the results of audits of the financial statements of public sector agencies with 2003 balance dates other than 30 June and the results of a number of special reviews undertaken up to the date of its preparation. [□](#) (375kb pdf)

[Report of the Auditor-General on RMIT's finances](#)

Tabled 4 June 2003: The objective of this audit was to examine RMIT's financial position and budgetary outlook and determine the adequacy of its budget management processes, including budget setting, monitoring and actions taken to address budget variances.

[□](#) (530kb pdf)

[Fire prevention and preparedness](#)

Tabled 8 May 2003: This audit focused principally on fire prevention and preparedness activities across private and public land in respect to the threat of wildfires. [□](#) (581kb pdf)

[Report on Public Sector Agencies – Results of special reviews](#)

Tabled 7 May 2003: This report contains the results of recently completed special reviews and other studies: Criminal Justice Enhancement Program, Regional Infrastructure Development Fund, Asset Confiscation Scheme, Outsourcing of Information Technology Services at Victoria Police, Status of the Federation Square Development, Administration of Study Assistance by Government Departments, Internet Security Management, State Library redevelopment. Control over Drugs and Poisons in Public Sector Agencies, Redevelopment of the Driver Licensing System [□](#) (475kb pdf)

[Performance management and reporting: Progress report and a case study](#)

Tabled 30 April 2003: The aim of this audit was to: investigate the progress made in implementing performance management and reporting; and assess the accuracy of public reporting of performance information, and comment on the relevance, appropriateness and fair presentation of published indicators, in a selected area of public sector activity. (375kb pdf)

[Parliamentary control and management of appropriations](#)

Tabled 29 April 2003: This report provides the opportunity for Parliament to re-assess how well it is placed to discharge its key role of exercising effective control over public finances and holding Executive Government to account, and identifies opportunities to strengthen the

effectiveness of such control. [□](#) (325kb pdf)

[Managing medical equipment in public hospitals](#)

Tabled 27 March 2003: This report examines the efficiency and effectiveness of the management, maintenance and replacement of major medical equipment by the public health sector in Victoria. [□](#) (460kb pdf)

[Drug education in government schools](#)

Tabled 26 March 2003: The objectives of this audit were to determine whether: Victorian government schools have well-designed school drug education strategies in place; drug education is delivered to Victorian students in a manner consistent with

Department of Education and Training policy, guidelines and local community needs;

and student educational outcomes are monitored, reported and used to inform the further

development of school drug education strategies. [□](#) (450kb pdf)

[Managing risk across the public sector](#)

Tabled 18 March 2003: This report recognises the importance of effective risk management in the Victorian public sector. Its purpose is to provide a timely assessment about risk management practices at individual agency and whole-of-government or State-sector levels, and to make observations about the adequacy of these practices. [□](#) (495kb pdf)

[Payroll management and Administration of the goods and services tax](#)

Tabled 27 March 2003: This report outlines findings associated with Payroll management and Administration of the goods and services tax in government departments and a selection of other agencies. [□](#) (372kb pdf)

[Report on Public Sector Agencies – Results of special reviews and 30 June 2002 financial statement audits](#)

Tabled 27 February 2003: This report sets out the results of financial statement audits conducted on public sector agencies pertaining to the financial year ending 30 June 2002, and the results of a number of special reviews: Cash management in schools; Implementation of RMIT University's Academic Management System; Austin and Repatriation Medical Centre redevelopment and Mercy Hospital for Women relocation project; Financial viability of hospitals; Public housing rental arrears and waiting lists; Provision of a uniform rate rebate by Glen Eira City Council; Former Delatite Shire Council – Lakeside Community Centre Project; Status of the Docklands development; Victoria Harbour Precinct; Docklands Film and Television Studio. [□](#) (1.7mb pdf)

[IT Project Management: Best practice](#)

Tabled 27 February 2003: HTML extract from Report on Public Sector Agencies, February 2003 (see above).

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