

# Annual Plan 2018–19

Tabled 6 June 2018

**VAGO**

The Victorian Auditor-General's Office provides independent assurance to Parliament and the Victorian community on the financial integrity and performance of the state.

Under the *Audit Act 1994*, we are required to prepare and table an annual plan before 30 June each year that describes our proposed work program for the coming financial year.

## Developing our annual plan



We aim to produce a topical and comprehensive program of audits focused on areas where we can have most impact

Understand the environmental context

Decide on potential areas for audit focus

Communicate plans to stakeholders and incorporate feedback where appropriate

2

To maximise our value and accountability to Parliament, we aim to produce a topical and comprehensive program of audits focused on areas where we can have most impact. We use a sound and rigorous approach to identify, prioritise and select potential audit topics.

Our annual planning process includes three key stages:

- first, we seek to understand the environmental context
- second, we decide on potential areas for audit focus
- third, we communicate these plans to relevant stakeholders and incorporate their feedback where appropriate.

## Our 2018–19 deliverables



Performance audits by portfolio, 2018–19



The table inside the front cover sets out the performance audits we intend to undertake over the next three years.

Specifically for 2018–19, we will aim to deliver:

- 31 parliamentary reports
- more than 110 audit opinions on the performance statements of agencies, and
- more than 550 audit opinions on the financial statements of agencies.

This chart shows our spread across our seven sectors for 2018–19.

In the year ahead, we will cover a number of topical issues that are of utmost importance to Parliament and the Victorian community, such as:

- fraud and corruption control
- security of government buildings, and
- security of patients' hospital data.

## Link with strategic objectives

Aim to better align with our strategic plan

Longitudinal

Efficiency  
audits

Housekeeping  
audits

4

Our forward program also supports our strategic objectives. It is important that we explore our full mandate of economy, efficiency, effectiveness and compliance audits.

We have sought to rebalance our performance program in 2018–19, with targeted reviews that focus on efficiency. We have tended to focus on outcome effectiveness in recent years, and in doing so, are not realising the opportunities that present themselves by focusing on cost-effectiveness.

To address this, we have:

- added several efficiency audits to the audit program in 2018–19
- introduced a longer term perspective to our audit program—this will allow us to analyse audit results through time to identify what works, assess the adequacy of early planning and work to set initiatives up for success
- introduced audit topics that have sufficient regard to matters of good housekeeping and financial regularity that underpin service delivery.

For further information, please view the annual plan on our  
website: [www.audit.vic.gov.au](http://www.audit.vic.gov.au)

For further information, please see the annual plan on our website,  
[www.audit.vic.gov.au](http://www.audit.vic.gov.au).