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The role of the Auditor-General is to provide independent assurance to the Parliament of Victoria and Victorians on the financial integrity and performance of the state.

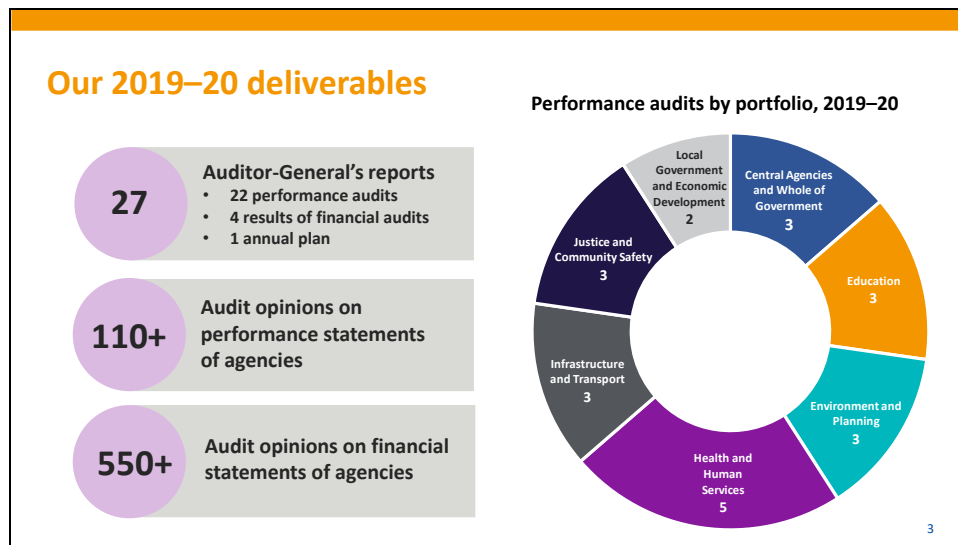
Under the *Audit Act 1994*, we must prepare and table an annual plan before the 30th of June each year that details our proposed work program for the coming financial year.



When we decide which areas to audit, we anticipate and respond to current and emerging risks and challenges in the Victorian public sector. We use a multi-faceted approach to identify, assess and prioritise potential topic areas, that informs a work program that balances predictability and responsiveness.

Our annual planning process has three substantive components:

- 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.



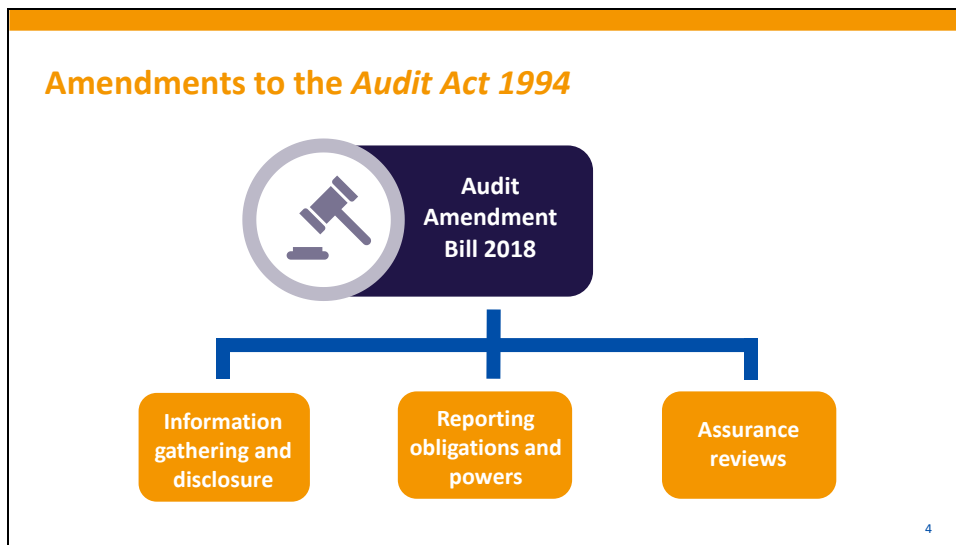
You can find the performance audits we plan to undertake over the next three years, inside the front cover of the annual plan.

In 2019–20, we aim to deliver 27 parliamentary reports comprised of performance audits, results of financial audits, and the annual plan. We will also deliver 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 of our proposed performance audits for 2019–20 across our seven sectors.

In the year ahead, we will audit a number of areas that are important to Parliament and Victorians, including:

- efficiency and economy of Victoria's public hospitals
- rehabilitating and reintegrating prisoners, and
- reducing bushfire risks.



The Audit Amendment Bill 2018 was passed in Parliament on the 28th of May 2019 and will commence on the 1st of July 2019.

The Bill modernises our information gathering and disclosure powers, and clarifies our existing reporting obligations and powers. The Bill also gives the Auditor-General new powers to conduct assurance reviews and to report to Parliament on these reviews.

Assurance reviews are more targeted, time sensitive and smaller-scale than financial or performance audits. They are cost effective and enable the Auditor-General to respond quickly and effectively to discrete and lower-risk issues brought to his attention by other integrity offices, members of Parliament, or the community.

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