
Annual Plan 2020–2021

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The Auditor-General's role is to provide independent assurance to Parliament and Victorians about the state's financial integrity and performance.

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

Our work program includes performance audits, financial audits and assurance reviews of public sector agencies.

Our audits and assurance reviews span across seven sectors:

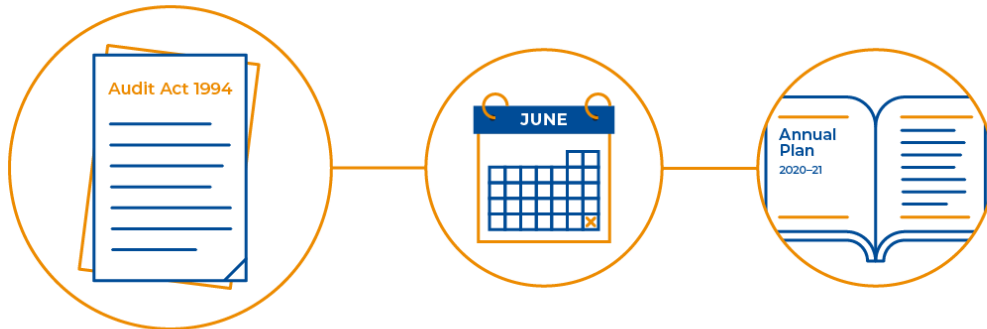
- Central agencies and whole of government
- Education
- Environment and planning
- Health and human services
- Infrastructure and transport
- Justice and community safety
- Local government and economic development.

We decide which areas to audit by anticipating and responding to current and emerging risks and challenges in the Victorian public sector.

When developing our annual plan this year, we considered the pressures that the COVID-19 pandemic has put on the public sector, particularly the Victorian health system.

In response to these pressures, we have adjusted our future work program.

In some instances, we delayed performance audits in sectors heavily impacted by COVID-19. Additionally, we have added two performance audits that specifically look at COVID 19 related matters so we can gather and share learnings from this significant event.



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

- responding to COVID-19
- integrated transport planning
- clinical governance
- the administration of Victorian courts
- biodiversity

We will also deliver 110 audit opinions on agencies' performance statements and more than 580 audit opinions on their financial reports.

In addition to our performance and financial audits, we will also complete an assurance review to assess how agencies have responded to and implemented the performance audit recommendations we made in 2018–19 and 2019–20, plus any other outstanding recommendations from previous years.

For further information, please see the annual plan on our website, www.audit.vic.gov.au.