



Victorian Auditor-General's Office

Strategic Plan

2007-08 to 2009-10



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Auditing in the Public Interest

Message from the Auditor-General

I commend my Office's Strategic Plan for the period 2007-08 to 2009-10. It sets out our objectives, how we intend to achieve them and our key performance indicators.

To produce this plan, we have reappraised the purpose of the Office, the environment in which we operate, our challenges and our opportunities.

Externally, we have reaffirmed our relationship with the Victorian Parliament, our primary client. We have recommitted to delivering to Parliament and its committees, audit reports and related services which will be objective, technically excellent and value-adding.

By doing this, we will fulfil our overriding purpose of providing independent assurance to Parliament on the accountability and performance of the Victorian public sector. At the same time, we will engage professionally and transparently with the entities we audit, and promote continuous improvements in their performance.

Internally, we are committed to valuing and developing our people, and engendering a culture of excellence, fairness, respect and collaboration. We seek to be recognised as a learning organisation.



DDR Pearson
Auditor-General



Key result areas

Five key result areas will help us fulfil our purpose

Reports and advice

Objective

Being authoritative and relevant

Strategies

- Increasing transparency in performance audit topic selection
- Demonstrably applying materiality and risk criteria in topic selection
- Emphasising the evidence and the application of authoritative criteria
- Reporting clearly and unequivocally

Parliament

Objective

Being highly regarded by Parliament

Strategies

- Engaging with parliamentary committees and parliamentarians to assure the relevance and appropriateness of our audits
- Strengthening relationships with the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee and other parliamentary committees

Clients

Objective

Fostering productive relationships with audit clients

Strategies

- Better informing our clients about our audit activities
- Engaging early and consistently on audit issues and findings
- Promoting continuous improvement in the Victorian public sector

People

Objective

Being an employer of choice

Strategies

- Demonstrating the relevance of the Office to the public interest
- Continuously developing our people
- Providing an attractive and stimulating work environment

Organisation

Objective

Being innovative and cost-effective

Strategies

- Continuously improving our systems, methodologies and processes
- Valuing ideas and knowledge sharing
- Aligning tasks with office-wide objectives

Indicators to measure our success in attaining our objectives by June 2010

- Feedback from our various stakeholders, including parliamentarians, the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee and client agencies
- Our performance compared with our peers
- Achievement against our Annual Plans tabled in Parliament, and our internal Business Plans
- The level of acceptance of our recommendations
- The timeliness of our audits
- Feedback from our employees



Our Purpose

Providing assurance to Parliament on the accountability and performance of the Victorian public sector

Our Values

Impartial

Independent and objective

Professional

Displaying integrity, reliability and a strong service ethic

Engaging

Client and outcome focused

Respectful

Communicating openly and transparently

Collaborative

Valuing our people and working together

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