



Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts

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Follow-Up of the Report of the Auditor-General ICT Strategy, Critical Systems and Investment (No. 4 of 2020-2021) Report

The Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts has today tabled a follow-up report examining the Tasmanian Government's progress in implementing recommendations from the Auditor-General's 2020-21 audit of ICT strategy, critical systems and investment.

The Committee found that meaningful progress has been made since the original audit. The Government has developed a whole-of-Government digital strategy - Our Digital Future - and substantially reformed ICT governance through the establishment of the Data and Digital Subcommittee of the Secretaries Board. Government ICT investment has more than tripled, rising from \$26.5 million in 2021 to \$93.8 million in the current budget, and all agencies now maintain ICT critical asset registers.

However, the Committee found that work remains to be done.

‘A comprehensive whole-of-Government picture of critical ICT assets - their age, interdependencies, risk exposure and replacement timelines - has not yet been fully achieved’, Chair Hon Ruth Forrest MLC said. ‘Work to establish a whole-of-Government critical systems register is only now being initiated, and the outcomes of the Government's digital strategy are not yet systematically measured or publicly reported.’

The Committee makes four recommendations directed at the Government that:

- progress continue on building a complete whole-of-Government understanding of key ICT assets, their age profile, risks, interdependencies and replacement timelines
- outcomes of the whole-of-Government ICT strategy be reported publicly through DPAC's annual report
- all agency ICT critical asset registers be standardised consistent with the Department of Health's approach to mapping interlinked asset dependencies
- the Data and Digital Committee continue to progress the establishment of a whole-of-Government critical systems register.

‘The investment in ICT is significant and growing. The community deserves confidence that this investment is being managed strategically, with clear accountability and transparent reporting of outcomes,’ Ms Forrest said.

The report is available on the Committee's inquiry webpage.

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