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ACT Auditor-General's response to the Strategic Review of the ACT Audit Office

Today, the Speaker of the ACT Legislative Assembly, Mrs Vicki Dunne, tabled a report titled '2016 Strategic Review of the ACT Auditor-General'.

Dr Maxine Cooper, the ACT Auditor-General, says 'Mr Des Pearson's conclusion that the ACT Audit Office is generally highly regarded by stakeholders and is operating efficiently and effectively in discharging its responsibilities in accordance with the *Auditor-General Act 1996* is welcomed.'

Mr Pearson stated:

It was evident from my review that the ACT Auditor-General and her staff are discharging their responsibilities diligently and conscientiously and have embraced the recommendations of previous reviews. They have also built on these reviews by commissioning complementary, targeted reviews. The cumulative effect is that the ACT Audit Office is, within the resources available, operating efficiently and effectively in delivering on the mandate provided.

Dr Cooper says 'I thank Mr Pearson for his recommendations which will enhance current practices. We have already commenced implementing some recommendations and are giving priority for all that relate directly to the ACT Audit Office to be addressed quickly.'

Progress on the implementation of recommendations will be reported in the ACT Audit Office's Annual Report.

The report on the **2016 Strategic Review of the ACT Auditor-General** is available from the ACT Audit Office's website www.audit.act.gov.au. If you need assistance accessing this report, then please phone 6207 0833.