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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

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PUBLIC HEARINGS – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AEROMEDICAL SERVICES & GRANTS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Public Accounts Committee will hold public hearings with the Department of Health following up on the Auditor-General's audits of Aeromedical Services and the Grants Management System on Tuesday, 28 October 2014.

The Auditor-General's August 2013 report questioned the Department of Health's capacity to manage its \$30 million contract with CareFlight. The audit found that the Department did not have the necessary data to manage the contract, resulting in a suspected overpayment of \$185,000 and that key recommendations from 2005 had not been implemented.

At the time of the audit the Department was in the process of fixing these problems. The Committee is wanting to see how the Department has followed up on this and whether it is now managing the contract effectively.

The Committee is also seeking an update on the Department's Grants Management System, which was the subject of the Auditor-General's Report of October 2012 and the Committee's Report on Managing ICT Projects in May this year.

The original anticipated completion date of the Grants Management System was December 2011. This slipped to January 2013, then February 2014, and then June 2014.

The hearings will commence at 12 noon in the Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House, Darwin.

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