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PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) is holding public hearings on the implementation of the NT Government's Asset Management System at Parliament House on 27 November 2012.

"This system is a great idea that has been poorly implemented," Mr Peter Styles MLA, PAC Chair said.

"To provide the services people need, Agencies need to get the management of these big projects right. The PAC wants to make sure the problems with the system are being fixed and the lessons from mistakes made are being learnt for the future," Mr Styles said.

The Asset Management System is intended to bring together and replace nine computer systems across the whole of the NT Government for the management and maintenance of public housing, buildings, roads and other infrastructure assets.

The PAC from the previous Assembly undertook an investigation into the Asset Management System after the Auditor-General reported in February 2011 that problems with the management of the project led to the commencement date slipping from April 2010 to April 2011, and an increase in project costs from \$16 million to \$24 million.

The commencement date continued to slip and part of the system went live in April 2012. However, the system has not run as planned and the Auditor-General described the system as 'functionally incomplete' at the June Estimates hearings.

The PAC in the previous Assembly held successive hearings with the Department of Construction and Infrastructure and reported progress in October 2011 and May 2012.

At the 27 November hearing, the PAC will hear from the Department of Infrastructure on the progress made in fixing the system and what is being done to ensure that government agencies get it right first time in future.

The PAC will also hear from the Department of Housing how the implementation of the system is affecting its operations.

The hearings will commence at 12.30 pm in the Litchfield Room, Level 3 Parliament House.

Details available from <http://www.nt.gov.au/lant/parliamentary-business/committees/public%20accounts/public-accounts.shtml>.

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