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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

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2016-17 ANNUAL REPORT TABLED

The Chair of the Public Accounts Committee, Mrs Kate Worden MLA, last night tabled the Committee's 2016-17 Annual Report.

"This Annual Report outlines the work the Committee has done over the last year to make sure that government agencies spend public money efficiently and effectively", Mrs Worden said.

This Public Accounts Committee has had three focus areas for its activity since its appointment in October 2016 with the examination of the Auditor-General's reports, review of systems for the management of major projects, including the Palmerston Regional Hospital, and a referral from the Assembly on taxi licensing and subleasing.

The Committee held public and private hearings on taxi licensing and subleasing and the management of major projects. The Inquiry into Taxi Licensing and Subleasing has gained a significant level of interest with the Committee having received over 70 submissions. The Committee expects to report to the Assembly on this inquiry in the later part of this year.

The Committee has continued the work of the previous Public Accounts Committee in examining the Palmerston Regional Hospital with scrutiny of the project and departmental responses to the Auditor-General's recommendations for the management of future major projects.

"The Committee's capacity to hone in on key issues and make specific recommendations that will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of government drives positive change across the public sector" Mrs Worden said.

The Report can be found at the Department of Legislative Assembly's website www.parliament.nt.gov.au/.

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