

THEMATIC COMPILATION OF RELEVANT INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY AUSTRALIA

ARTICLE 9

Management of Public Finances

AUSTRALIA (FOURTEENTH MEETING)

Response to request for information in relation to strengthening the role of Supreme Audit Institutions in the prevention and fight against corruption:

The G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group (ACWG) is preparing a Compendium of Good Practices in Enhancing the role of Auditing in Tackling Corruption, under India's 2023 G20 Presidency. We suggest the UNODC liaise with India, and include input from the incoming Compendium in the UNODC's work on audit institutions. This would ensure that multilateral institutions are working collaboratively and benefiting from each other's work on similar issues.

We are happy to provide Australia's responses to the ACWG Compendium of Good Practices once it is prepared in lieu of responding to this survey, and suggest other G20 countries could be interested in this approach. We also suggest the UNODC extend the time for all States Parties to respond to this survey, to reduce the resourcing constraints on all States noting there are a number of requests for information currently active, and to enable the UNODC to draw on the work of other anti-corruption fora.

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The Australian Government Department of Finance has developed a number of training and support tools to help officials understand their responsibilities within the Commonwealth Resource Management Framework and how to use or manage public resources under the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*. These include e-learning modules, training videos, guidance and standard contract terms.

Yes. The annual federal budget is prepared by the Australian Government Cabinet and adopted by Parliament of Australia. The budget is presented within the framework set by the *Charter of Budget Honesty Act 1998*, which requires the Treasurer to publicly release periodic budget economic and fiscal outlook reports that are based on accounting standards and the government financial statistics standards developed by the International Monetary Fund. The annual budget and period budget economic and fiscal outlook reports, as well as detailed portfolio budget statements for each federal government portfolio, are published at www.budget.gov.au.

The Australian Government uses ICT and digital systems to promote transparency and accountability in the management of public resources, including through the following platforms:

- Transparency Portal (transparency.gov.au) – a repository and searchable data store of publicly available corporate information for all Commonwealth bodies. The Portal reports on the annual activity of all departments and agencies including spending on programs; staffing; remuneration; contracts; and performance metrics and provides an avenue to easily search and compare data and share information and analysis.
- Data.gov.au: Contains over 30,000 publicly available datasets and continues to grow as the central source of Australian open government data, available to business, researchers and the general public.
- AusTender: All Commonwealth agencies are required to report procurements over relevant thresholds through AusTender (www.austender.gov.au).
- GrantConnect: The Government publishes details about grant opportunities, along with grants awarded on the GrantConnect online platform.