

South Australia

**Statutes Amendment (Public Sector Audit)
Bill 2015**

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and the *Public Sector Act 2009*.

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The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Statutes Amendment (Public Sector Audit) Act 2015*.

5 2—Amendment provisions

In this Act, a provision under a heading referring to the amendment of a specified Act amends the Act so specified.

Part 2—Amendment of *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*

3—Amendment of long title

- 10 Long title—delete "the degree of efficiency and economy with which public resources are used" and substitute:
 - other relevant matters

4—Amendment of section 31—Audit of public accounts etc

Section 31(2)—delete subsection (2)

15 5—Amendment of section 32—Examination of publicly funded bodies and projects and local government indemnity schemes

- (1) Section 32(1)(a)—delete "and the efficiency and economy of its activities"
- (2) Section 32(1)(b)—delete "and the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the project"

- (3) Section 32(1)(c)—delete "and the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the scheme"

6—Amendment of section 33—Audit of other accounts

- (1) Section 33(2)—delete ", and may examine the efficiency and economy with which the body corporate, trustee, partner or other person carries out those functions"
- 5 (2) Section 33(4)—delete subsection (4)
- (3) Section 33(6)—delete "and examine the efficiency and economy with which it conducts its affairs"
- (4) Section 33(6)(b)—delete "and examination"
- 10 (5) Section 33(7)—delete "and examine the efficiency and economy with which it conducts its affairs"

7—Insertion of section 33A

After section 33 insert:

33A—Examination of resources issues

15 The Auditor-General may, in conducting an audit or examination under this Act, examine any other matters that should, in the opinion of the Auditor-General, be examined in connection with the audit or examination or in the public interest.

8—Amendment of section 37—Recommendations by Auditor-General

- 20 (1) Section 37(1)—delete "of the efficiency and economy with which a public authority uses its resources" and substitute:
- under this Act
- (2) Section 37(2)—delete "with a draft of a proposed report under subsection (1) in respect of that authority" and substitute:
- 25 to which a proposed report under this section relates with a draft of the proposed report

Part 3—Amendment of *Public Sector Act 2009*

9—Insertion of section 80A

After section 80 insert:

80A—Functions and resources audit

- 30 (1) The Chief Executive of an administrative unit must, as soon as practicable after the commencement of this section, undertake a review of—
- (a) the functions undertaken by the administrative unit; and
- (b) the resources necessary to properly carry out those
- 35 functions,
- in order to identify areas in which budget savings may be made.

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- (2) A report on a review under this section must be provided to the administrative unit's Minister within 6 months after the commencement of this section.
- (3) A Minister must, within 12 sitting days after receiving a report under this section, have copies of the report laid before both Houses of Parliament.
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- (4) The administrative unit's Minister and the Chief Executive of the administrative unit must ensure that any budget reductions applied to the administrative unit are applied in accordance with the findings in the report.