

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Tenth Report — Review of selected Auditor General reports 2018–2023 — Tabling

MRS L.M. O'MALLEY (Bicton) [11.27 am]: I present for tabling the tenth report of the Public Accounts Committee titled *Review of selected Auditor General reports 2018–2023*.

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Mrs L.M. O'MALLEY: This report, *Review of selected Auditor General reports 2018–2023*, summarises the work the Public Accounts Committee has undertaken over the previous 12 months in relation to its response to reports tabled by the Auditor General of Western Australia. The Auditor General has limited capacity to ensure that the responsible agencies implement the recommendations included in her reports. The remit of the committee allows us to undertake this follow-up role, confirming what actions agencies have taken to implement the recommendations. This committee, not unlike ones before it, has adopted an approach to its Auditor General follow-up work that allows us to provide efficient oversight while carrying out our other committee work. Traditionally, our focus has been on the Auditor General's performance audits with recommendations made to specific entities. However, in this report we have included our consideration of other audit reports, and we adopted an alternative approach to consider the Auditor General's reports related to local government entities and the government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This report includes a summary of the committee's consideration of 39 Auditor General reports tabled between October 2018 and March 2023. Of these, 17 reports were considered and concluded without information being sought from the responsible agencies. This figure includes eight COVID-19-related reports. For 11 of these reports, the committee concluded its consideration after receiving information from the responsible agencies it followed up with. Short summaries of the committee's actions and the agency's responses in relation to 10 of these 11 reports are included in chapter 2. To conduct follow-up of 11 of the Auditor General's local government performance audits, the committee opted to hold a hearing with the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries to confirm its role in supporting local governments to address the sector-wide Auditor General's recommendations.

I would like to conclude by acknowledging the collaborative work of my fellow committee members: Libby Mettam, deputy chair and member for Vasse; Hugh Jones, member for Darling Range; Lara Dalton, member for Geraldton; and Kim Giddens, member for Bateman. Further, I thank the Auditor General for her commitment to improving the quality of public administration in the state. Finally, I would like to thank the secretariat, Michele Chiasson and Rachael Wilkins, for their assistance and hard work. Thank you.