

Division 9: Office of the Auditor General, \$14 804 000 -

Dr S.C. Thomas, Chairman.

Mr E.S. Ripper, Treasurer.

Mr C. Murphy, Acting Auditor General.

Ms L. Shi, Finance Manager.

Mr E.S. RIPPER: As is my usual practice, I would expect that questions on policy matters will be answered by the Acting Auditor General.

Mr P.D. OMODEI: My question should probably be addressed to the Acting Auditor General. I refer to the third dot point under “Significant Issues and Trends” at page 183 which refers to shared services. Has the Office of the Auditor General run into any difficulties in undertaking its audit work because of the problems being experienced with the implementation of shared services? Can the Treasurer provide more detail on the work that the Auditor General still has to do to re-establish appropriate levels of assurance of these systems?

[12.20 pm]

Mr E.S. RIPPER: I think the Auditor General should probably answer that directly.

Mr C. Murphy: I am not aware of any particular difficulties. Each audit presents its own challenges. We are in the closing stages of that particular audit. I expect to be in a position to table it sometime in the middle or second half of June. The audit is proceeding on schedule. As I say, each audit presents its own particular challenges, but I am not aware of any specific difficulties in that audit.

The CHAIRMAN: I make the point to the Treasurer that if he disappears, the committee can no longer function. He is required to be present.

The appropriation was recommended.