



## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**To the Attorney-General**

### **Matters relating to the Electronic Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements**

This auditor's report relates to the financial statements published on the website of the Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions for the year ended 30 June 2007. The Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions is responsible for the integrity of the website.

This auditor's report refers only to the primary statements, schedules and notes named below. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the audited financial statements.

If users of this report are concerned with the inherent risks arising from electronic data communications they are advised to refer to the hard copy of the audited financial statements in the Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions' annual report.

### **Scope**

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions for the year ended 30 June 2007, which comprise: a statement by the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Finance Officer; income statement; balance sheet; statement of changes in equity; cash flow statement; schedules of commitments, contingencies and administered items; a summary of significant accounting policies; and other explanatory notes.

### ***The Responsibility of the Chief Executive for the Financial Statements***

The Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions, as Chief Executive, is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the Finance Minister's Orders made under the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* and the Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations). This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on my audit. My audit has been conducted in accordance with the Australian National Audit Office Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions' preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions' internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

***Independence***

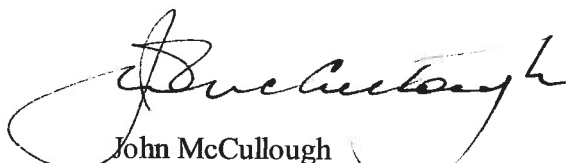
In conducting the audit, I have followed the independence requirements of the Australian National Audit Office, which incorporate the ethical requirements of the Australian accounting profession.

**Auditor's Opinion**

In my opinion, the financial statements of the Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions:

- (a) have been prepared in accordance with the Finance Minister's Orders made under the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*, and the Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations); and
- (b) give a true and fair view of the matters required by the Finance Minister's Orders including the Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions' financial position as at 30 June 2007 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended.

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