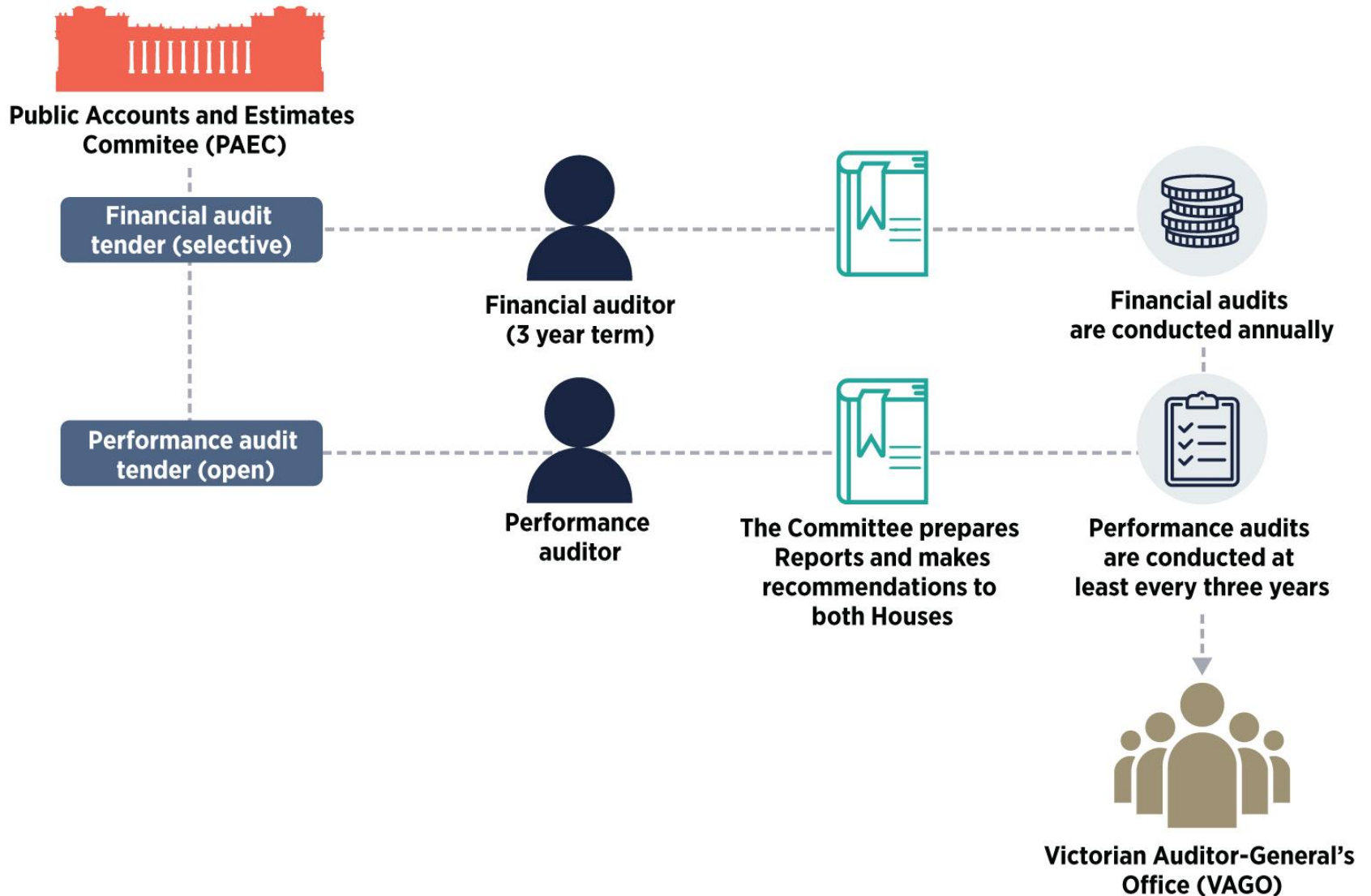




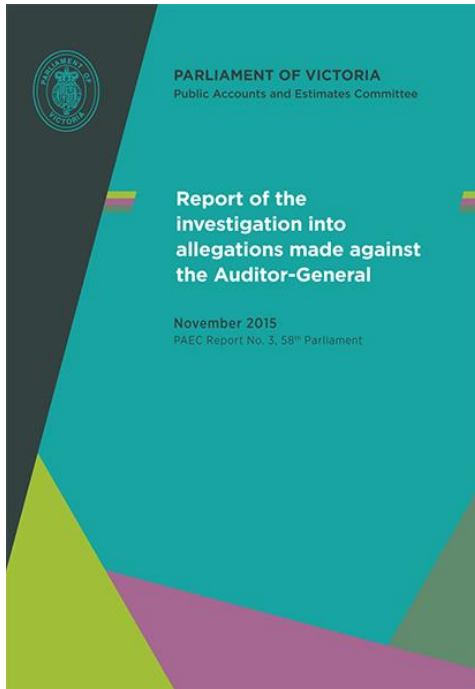
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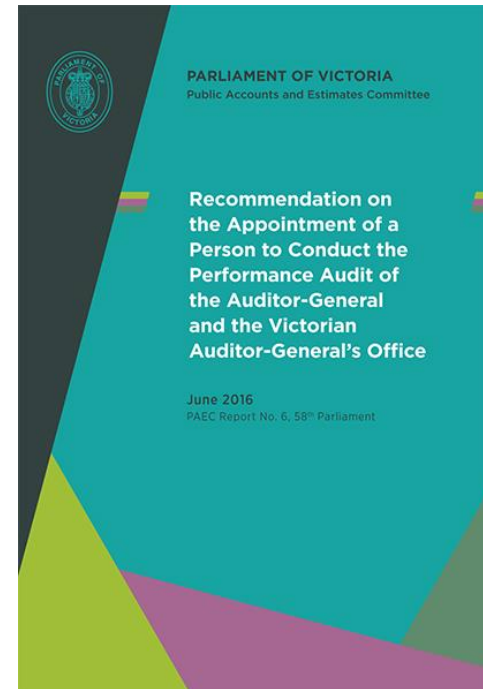


Challenges faced: parallel investigations



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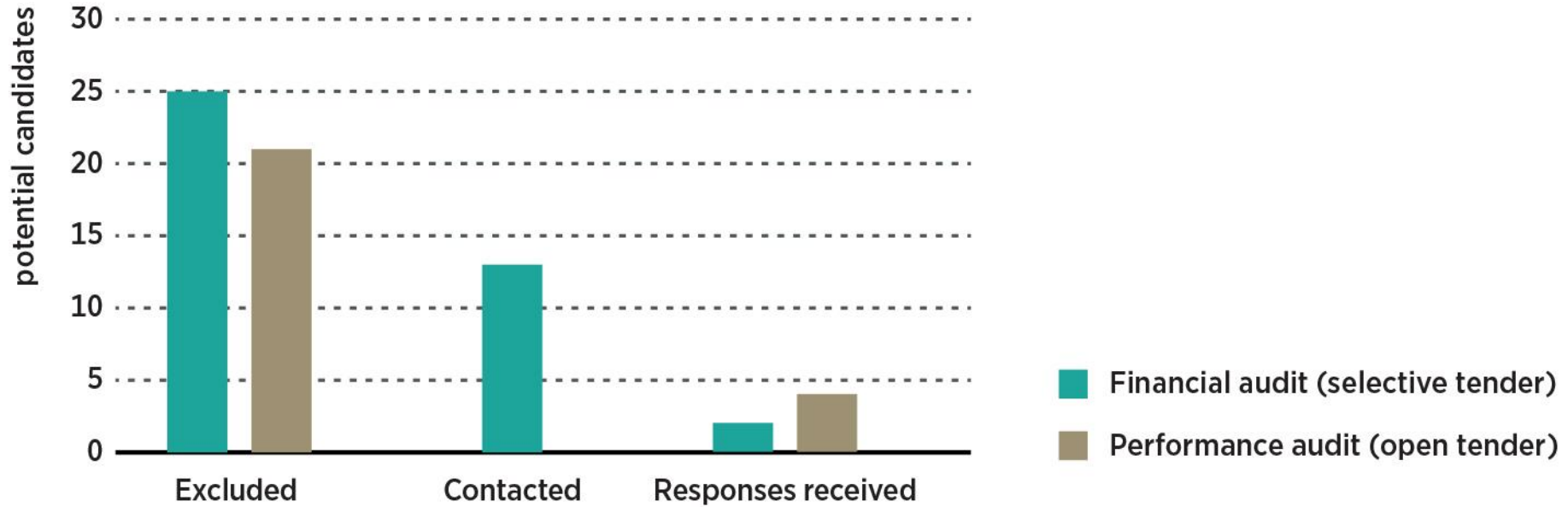
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Challenges faced: perceived and real conflicts of interest

- Exclusions to appointing a performance auditor
 - Interpretation of Section 19(2A) of the Audit Act 194 (Vic)
 - Interpretation of the Legislation Act 1984
- Legal advice received from Victorian Government Solicitor's Office

Challenges faced: limited pool of candidates



Conclusion

- What are the benefits and shortcomings associated with **separate appointments** (NSW, Victoria, Queensland) for the financial and performance audits?
- Should the **Treasurer** be consulted in making the appointment?
- Should the performance audit include a **legislative review** of the Auditor-General Act?
- Are strategic reviews meeting Parliaments' needs?
- What benefits are Auditors-General deriving from the strategic review process?