



Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees **17th Biennial Conference**

Conference Information Pack No. 2



Perth

21 - 23 April 2024

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Key Information

Presentations

Most sessions will run for 45 minutes. Each session will include 30 minutes for presentations followed by facilitated questions and discussion.

Individual presenters have been advised of their allocated speaking time. Accompanying PowerPoint presentations are welcome, but not necessary. Audiovisual equipment will be available for those who require it.

All presentations will be uploaded to the [ACPAC website](#) following the Conference. If you do not want all, or part, of your presentation published online, please advise the secretariat via lapac@parliament.wa.gov.au.

Information for presenters

All presenters should:

- Provide the title and a short summary of their presentation
- Email a copy of their PowerPoint (if applicable)
- Provide a brief bio for facilitators to read at the start of the session

Please forward all documents to lapac@parliament.wa.gov.au by COB on **12 April 2024**.

Jurisdiction Reports

Jurisdiction Reports for ACPAC 2024 will comprise two parts:

- Prior to the Conference:
Each jurisdiction should submit a written report summarising their recent activities. Please send the report to lapac@parliament.wa.gov.au by COB on **12 April 2024**.
- During the Conference this session will include three parts:
 - Three panellists will present their jurisdiction report
 - The Clerk of the Legislative Council of WA will provide a thematic summary of the written reports
 - Facilitated discussion

Timeline

All documents/information should be submitted by COB on **12 April 2024**:

For presenters:

- Title and short summary of presentations
- Presentation PowerPoint slides
- Presenter's bio

For all jurisdictions:

- Written Jurisdiction Reports

Conference Programme

Sunday 21 April 2024	
5.30pm – 7.30pm	Welcome Reception Art Gallery of WA Rooftop Bar Perth Cultural Centre (see map)

Unless otherwise stated, all sessions will be held in the Members' Dining Room.

Monday 22 April 2024	
8.30am – 9.00am	Registration Forrest Foyer, Parliament House
9.00am – 9.20am	Welcome to Country <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ingrid Cumming Opening Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lisa O'Malley MLA – Co-Chair of the ACPAC
9.20am – 10.05am	Keynote Speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caroline Spencer – Auditor General for Western Australia <i>In the absence of angels: the role of auditors and Parliament within our system of checks and balances</i>
10.05am – 10.45am	Official Conference Photo Parliament House front steps Morning Tea Parliament House Courtyard
10.45am – 11.30am	Session 1: Sustainability reporting – Is there a role for PACs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stuart Smith MP – Chair, Finance and Expenditure Committee, NZ Lara Dalton MLA – Member, Public Accounts Committee, WA Rona Mellor PSM – Acting Auditor General, AUS
11.30am – 12.15pm	Session 2: Measuring how procurement policies shift government spending to achieve intended outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lisa O'Malley MLA – Chair, Public Accounts Committee, WA Melissa McMahon MP – Member, Cost of Living and Economics Committee, QLD Michael Harris – Auditor General, ACT
12.15pm – 1.15pm	Lunch Parliament House Courtyard

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Monday 22 April 2024	
1.15pm – 2.00pm	<p>Session 3: Gender responsive budgeting – How governments can identify and fund measures to help close the gender gap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon Dr Deborah Russell MP – Member, Finance and Expenditure Committee, NZ • Melissa McMahon MP – Member, Cost of Living and Economics Committee, QLD
2.00pm – 2.45pm	<p>Session 4: Beyond economic outcomes – Adopting a wellbeing approach to measure progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon Justin Hanson MLC – Presiding Member, Statutory Authorities Review Committee, SA • Hon Dr Deborah Russell MP – Member, Finance and Expenditure Committee, NZ
2.45pm – 3.15pm	<p>Afternoon Tea Parliament House Courtyard</p>
3.15pm – 4.00pm	<p>Session 5: Managing occasions of non-provision of information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon Ruth Forrest MLC – Independent Member for Murchison, TAS • Sandra Labuschagne – Deputy Auditor General, WA • Brendan Worrall – Auditor General, QLD
4.00pm – 4.45pm	<p>Session 6: The state of State finances – Experiences with qualified audit opinions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Greaves – Auditor General, VIC • Caroline Spencer – Auditor General, WA • Bola Oyetunji – Auditor General, NSW
6.30pm – 10.00pm	<p>Conference Dinner Drinks from 6.30pm; dinner from 7.00pm</p> <p>C Restaurant in the Sky <i>Level 33, St Martin's Centre</i> <i>44 St Georges Terrace, Perth</i></p>

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Tuesday 23 April 2024	
9.45am – 10.15am	ACPAC General Meeting Legislative Assembly Chamber
10.00am – 10.30am	Morning Tea Parliament House Courtyard
10.30am – 11.15am	Session 7: Government spending on Aboriginal programs and services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Galea MP – Member, Public Accounts and Estimates Committee, Vic • Hon Alanna Clohesy MLC – President of the Legislative Council, WA
11.15am – 12.15pm	Session 8: Jurisdiction Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon Ruth Forrest MLC – Independent Member for Murchison, Tas • Minister Tingika Elikana – Chair, Public Accounts Committee, Cook Islands • Michael Pettersson MLA – Deputy Chair, Public Accounts Committee, ACT
12.15pm – 1.15pm	Lunch Parliament House Courtyard
1.15pm – 2.15pm	Optional Tours Tours will start in the Forrest Foyer at 1.20pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art and more at Parliament House • A guided stroll through Kings Park
2.15pm – 3.00pm	Session 9: Public Accounts Committee experiences with Parliamentary Budget Offices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Connolly MP – Chair, Public Accounts and Estimates Committee, Vic • Jason Li MP – Chair, Public Accounts Committee, NSW
3.00pm – 3.15pm	Afternoon Tea Parliament House Courtyard
3.15pm – 4.15pm	Session 10: Conducting statutory reviews of audit offices – Sharing experiences and lessons learned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon Ruth Forrest MLC – Independent Member for Murchison, Tas
4.15pm – 4.30pm	Conference Conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon Peter Collier MLC – Co-Chair of the ACPAC • Hon Ruth Forrest MLC – Incoming Chair of ACPAC
4.30pm – 5.30pm	Presiding Officers' Farewell Drinks Parliament House Courtyard

About Perth

Transport

Perth is serviced by the [Transperth](#) public transport network. The CBD is a free transit zone, including for the Central Area Transit (CAT) bus service which operates frequently on five city loops.

All bus stops have QR codes that link to live bus times and service updates. CAT bus stops have a screen that indicates the number of minutes until the next service arrives. A CAT [network map and timetable](#) is available as a downloadable PDF.

A Journey Planner page is available on the Transperth website, and the Transperth app is available to download.

Things to do

The following links provide information of things to do and see in Perth:

- [Things to do in Perth – Destination Perth](#)
- [What to do and places in visit in Perth City – Destination Perth](#)
- [Events calendar for April – Destination Perth](#)
- [Local picks and top tips – Perth is OK](#)
- [Visitor information guide – Hello Perth](#)

A map of Perth CBD will be included in the Conference bag to be provided to delegates upon registration at Parliament House.

