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Auditor General finds 8 audited government entities all generally have suitable policies and practices in place for engaging consultants for strategic advice

Western Australia's Auditor General, Ms Caroline Spencer, has presented an [*Engaging Consultants to Provide Strategic Advice*](#) report in Parliament today that examined selected controls of state government entities when engaging consultants for strategic advice.

This audit found that entities were generally complying with the requirement to liaise with and seek approval from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet before engaging consultants for strategic advice. However, some areas for improvement were also identified.

This narrow scope audit can be considered as a 'hygiene' audit, as it gives an indication of the health of various financial management controls.

A better practice checklist is contained within the report, and it has been designed to assist entities to run their own checks.

Ms Spencer also presented an [*Opinions on Ministerial Notifications*](#) report in Parliament today, which deals with 2 decisions by 2 Ministers not to provide information to Parliament.

You can read today's *Engaging Consultants to Provide Strategic Advice* and *Opinions on Ministerial Notifications* reports at www.audit.wa.gov.au.

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Report resources

- [*Engaging Consultants to Provide Strategic Advice*](#) - PDF version
- [*Engaging Consultants to Provide Strategic Advice*](#) - Better practice checklist
- [*Engaging Consultants to Provide Strategic Advice*](#) - summary video
- [*Opinions on Ministerial Notifications*](#) - PDF version

