

The process for audited bodies to object to a proposed auditor appointment

Stage 1 - May 2012

- Director, Audit Policy and Regulation (APR) formally consults audited bodies on proposed auditor appointments.
- To support the consultation there will be an introductory event in each contract area, involving the Commission and the proposed firm.
- Audited bodies can make written representations, if they object to the proposed appointment.
- If the body does not object to the proposed appointment, the Commission's Managing Director (MD), Audit Policy will recommend the appointment to the Commission Board (Stage 4).



Stage 2 - June 2012

- MD, Audit Policy considers audited bodies' written representations
- He may either (1) accept them and ask the Director, APR to consult on an alternative proposal or (2) reject them and confirm the original proposed auditor appointment.
- Where an alternative proposal is made, Stage 2 may be repeated.
- If representations are rejected audited bodies may then make further representations.
- If the body does not continue to object to the proposed appointment, the MD, Audit Policy will recommend the appointment to the Commission Board (Stage 4).



Stage 3 - July 2012

- The Board's Appointments panel will consider any further representations and will either ask the Director, APR to consult on an alternative proposal or recommend the appointment to the Commission Board.
- Where an alternative proposal is made, Stage 3 may be repeated.



Stage 4 - July 2012

- The Commission Board will consider the recommendations for the MD, Audit Policy and the Appointments Panel and will either ask the Director, APR to consult on an alternative proposal or approve the auditor appointments.
- The Board's decision in all cases will be final, subject only to judicial review.