



Speech by

**Hon. PETER BEATTIE**

**MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL**

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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**Queensland Audit Office**

**Hon. P. D. BEATTIE** (Brisbane Central— ALP) (Premier) (9.37 a.m.), by leave: The Public Accounts Committee of the 48th Parliament tabled the report of its Review of the Report of the Strategic Review of the Queensland Audit Office on 23 April 1998. That review was a statutory requirement of the Financial Administration and Audit Act. The overall findings of the strategic review were favourable and indicated that the management and operational changes implemented over the past five years had led to significant improvements at the Audit Office. The strategic review was undertaken under the new legislation introduced in 1993. This complex and detailed review was not completed until July 1997. An equally complex and detailed review by the Public Accounts Committee of that report was not completed for another eight months and was delivered on 23 April this year.

The Government is required to respond to the committee report, and I use this opportunity to announce to the House that a detailed response by the Government is in the advanced stages of preparation and will be provided to the Clerk as soon as possible.

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