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Audit New Zealand
updates

Our high performing and accountable public sector

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Coming up

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- Public sector performance and accountability
- Issues affecting the public accountability system
- How our Office is responding
- Some thoughts about our work programme

Question one

What's more damaging to trust and confidence in the public sector:

- poor performance; or
- poor behaviour?



Public sector performance and accountability



Question two

What can we do to not only stay on top of the Corruption Perceptions rankings, but to achieve a score of 100 – or close to it?



2017's top issues: #1

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NEW ZEALAND / CRIME

Former senior ministry official jailed for \$723k fraud

7:14 pm on 21 February 2017

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A woman who defrauded the Ministry of Transport of over \$700,000 has been sentenced to three and a half years in prison.

Joanne Harrison was stood down from her senior role within the ministry in April last year, when the fraud was discovered.

A Serious Fraud Office investigation found she used invoices to pay entities linked to her and defraud the Crown of \$723,000.



2017's top issues: #2

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Murray may have spent more than officially recorded - Audit NZ

6:46 pm on 30 November 2017

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The former head of the Waikato District Health Board (DHB), who resigned part-way through an investigation into his excessive travel costs, may have spent more than the official record shows, according to Audit NZ.

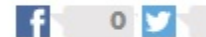


2017's top issues: #3

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Saturday, 25 March 2017

Defamation case against Little going ahead



News > National

Defamation proceedings against Labour Party leader Andrew Little by National Party donors and hoteliers Earl and Lani Hagaman will proceed.

Mr Little publicly apologised yesterday after the Auditor-general found no link between a donation made by the couple and a hotel management contract.



2017's top issues: #4

Mental health:
Effectiveness of
the planning to
discharge people
from hospital





2017's top issues: #5

 **nzherald.co.nz** 
December 18, 2017 · 

#BREAKING The school that did not pass on \$3700 in donations for Fiji flood victims has been named — along with 28 other 'irregular' spenders.



29 schools named and shamed after Government audit
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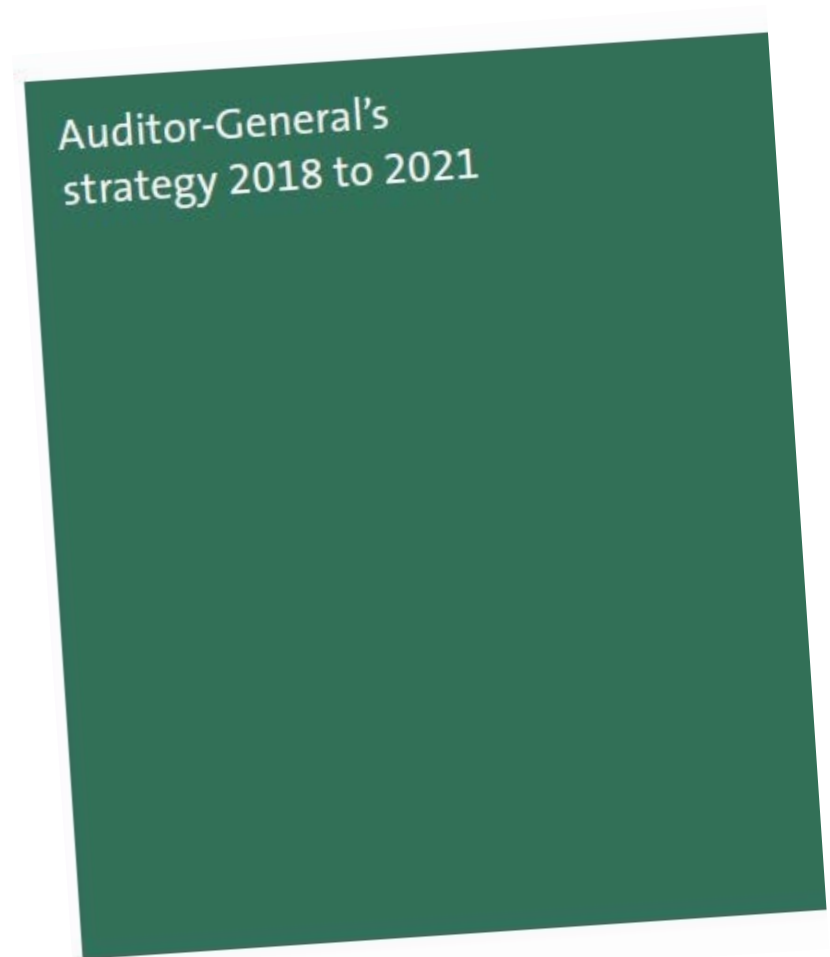
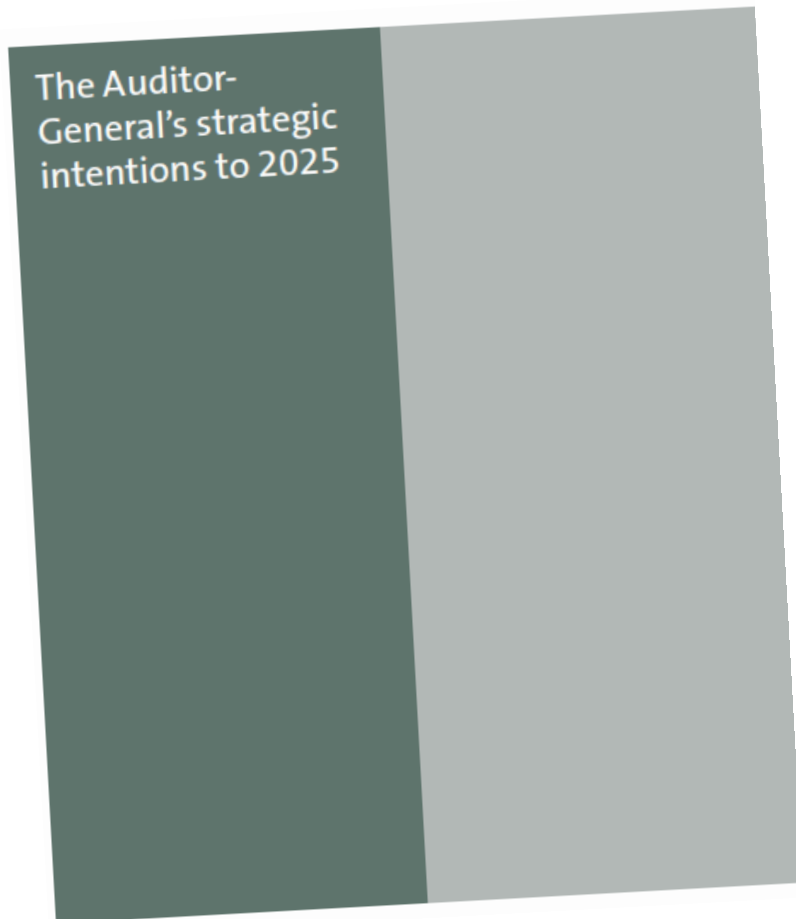
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Question three

Are you reporting – and are we auditing – the information that matters most to New Zealanders?



How we're responding



Reflections
from our audits:
Investment
and asset
management





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Border security:
Using information
to process
passengers



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Using information
to improve social
housing services



Introducing our work programme – *Water management*





Procurement



Questions for you:

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