Enhancing the role of audit in tackling corruption

**External indicator** Open Budget Index: 79/100

Evidence-based qualitative assessment of impact:

- Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) provides audit and assurance services across government. The Audit Work Programme for 2022-23 includes financial statement audits and 85 potential performance and assurance topics. Comprehensive details about the work programme are provided on the ANAO website.
- ANAO has been critical of some government programmes, particularly in relation to irregular procurement processes and use of public funds. Examples include the Entrepreneurs’ Programme and a car park scheme.
- The International Budget Partnership 2021 oversight score for ANAO is 83 compared to a global average score of 63.
- The ANAO also engages in capacity building across the region to strengthen countries’ management of their own audit functions.

Promoting public participation and anti-corruption education

**External indicator** World Justice Project, Open Government Score: 0.74/1

Evidence-based qualitative assessment of impact:

- **Public-private partnership** (Bribery Prevention Network) launched in October 2020 bringing together private sector, civil society, government and academia to provide free resources to help corporations implement anti-bribery programmes. Runner up in the Anti Corruption Collective Action Awards 2022.
- Following 2022 elections, a new independent National Anti-Corruption Commission is due to be established by the end of 2022. This will have wide-ranging powers to investigate corruption in federal government. This addresses a number of recent scandals and concerns from civil society that corruption in federal government is not being adequately tackled.
- An overview of Australia’s progress in relation to its Open Government Commitments and the progress in developing its 2020-22 action plan is provided.

Professional enablers of money laundering

**External indicator** FATF IO4: Moderate effectiveness

Evidence-based qualitative assessment of impact:

- The Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission has warned that accountants, lawyers and real estate agents are facilitating the laundering of billions of dollars from organised crime, particularly through the housing market.
- In March 2022, the Senate published the results of its inquiry into Australia’s AML/CTF regime. This focused on the lack of AML regulation of enablers and Australia’s non-compliance with the relevant FATF recommendations. The report recommended that the government accelerate action to bring professional services into scope of the AML/CTF regulations.

Promoting anti-corruption in the renewable energy sector

**External indicator** TBC

Evidence-based qualitative assessment of impact:

- Australia’s new government has committed to being a ‘renewable energy superpower’.
- Transparency International has highlighted the corruption risks associated with energy transitional minerals, a 2017 report from T1 Australia provided examples of corruption in the awarding of licenses to mine minerals in Western Australia.