

VHA 'One Day Forum'

VAGO

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- **Impairment of financial instruments:**
 - \$17 million in 2007/08 for Health
 - \$371 million for 2008 for Education
 - Significant, or
 - Prolonged
- **Financial instrument disclosures**

- **Cash flow statements**
- **Certification of the financial statements**
- **Accounting for EBAs**
- **Going concern assumption**
- **Annual Report check**

- **Revaluation of non-current assets:**
 - Property
 - plant and equipment – medical equipment
 - components
- **Audit of controlled entities**
- **Earlier reporting – Model Accounts**

Some common internal control issues:

- **External service providers**
- **Fraud risk/prevention**
- **Reconciliations**
- **Electronic funds transfers**
- **General journals and masterfile information**
- **Corporate cards**
- **IT security/access controls**
- **Business continuity and disaster recovery**

- **Early identification and resolution of key accounting issues**
- **Agree a detailed timetable with your auditor**
- **Make a plan, and start planning earlier (May hard close)**
- **Draft Financial statements:**
 - **Need to be final and complete, and on time**
 - **Supported by key documentation**
 - **Subjected to quality assurance review by health service**
- **DHS support, guidance and monitoring**

- **VAGO Annual Plan**
- **Human Services: Results of the 2008-09 Financial Audits – Proposed November/December 2009**
- **Some current performance audits:**
 - **Delivery of Home and Community Care**
 - **Management of concessions to pensioners and beneficiaries**
 - **Integrity and protection of data in selected IT systems**
 - **Family violence strategy**
 - **Capacity of police and emergency services to respond to people with mental health issues**
- **Most recent reports:**
 - **Royal Children's Hospital redevelopment**
 - **Access to public hospitals**
 - **Managing acute patient flows**
 - **Private practice arrangements**
 - **Royal Women's Hospital redevelopment**
 - **Patient safety in public hospitals**

Questions?

