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## Auditor-General's Good Practice Guide: **Public Sector Procurement: Turning Principles into Practice**

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A good practice guide by **Auditor-General, Des Pearson**, titled *Public Sector Procurement: Turning Principles into Practice*, was tabled in the Victorian Parliament today.

Every year, Victoria's public sector agencies spend billions of dollars on purchasing goods, services and assets. These purchases have an enormous impact on the delivery of programs and services. Given the importance of procurement, it is crucial that it is well conducted.

The good practice guide was developed to assist Victorian public sector agencies with their procurement activities. It draws on the Office's performance audit work, and articulates good practice in each of the major phases of procurement.

The guide provides an overview of the principles underpinning how procurement should be carried out, the phases of the procurement cycle, the aims of each phase and the key steps involved. It also identifies the important documentation for each procurement phase.

Mr Pearson stated that the elements of good practice articulated in the guide and applied in recent performance audits will inform future audits conducted by his Office.

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Direct link to good practice guide: [http://www.audit.vic.gov.au/reports\\_par/agp129\\_mediarelease.pdf](http://www.audit.vic.gov.au/reports_par/agp129_mediarelease.pdf)

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