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First public hearing for school infrastructure inquiry

On Tuesday, 10 March 2020 the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee will hold the first public hearing for its inquiry into managing school infrastructure.

The public hearing will be from 9:30 am to 3:10 pm at 55 St Andrews Place, East Melbourne.

Among those presenting will be the Victorian Auditor-General's Office, the Department of Education and Training and the Victorian Principals Association.

The inquiry follows an audit report in 2017 that examined the long-term planning and accountability mechanisms involved with Victorian school infrastructure programs.

"We are looking at whether the seven recommendations from that audit have been implemented," Committee Chair Lizzie Blandthorn said.

"We'll be exploring what responses have been made and what further actions are needed to ensure that our school infrastructure programs help deliver a strong education system in our state," she said.

Issues the Committee will be considering include the planning that is undertaken to cope with a surge in student numbers, the performance measures associated with an expanded building program, and how maintenance is impacted by an expansion in school facilities across the state.

"Our Committee has an important role ensuring that government agencies are held accountable to the Parliament," Ms Blandthorn said.

"Reviewing what actions government agencies take in response to audit reports is a vital part of that accountability process."

The schedule for the public hearing is available from the Committee's [website](#).

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