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# ANAO Update

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# ANAO Update



- May 2021 Budget outcome
- Increase in performance audits
- Expansion of performance statement audit work



# Performance Statement audits



Performance statement audits of all control entities by the 2025–26 period.

Audit Year	Number of Entities
2020–21 (current)	3
2021–22	6
2022–23	10
2023–24	14
2024–25	19
2025–26	24



# Key Learnings



- Performance statement audits
- Remote access to entities
- Record-keeping



# Key Learnings



- IT General Controls and IT Security
- Governance arrangements
- Audit Insights into regulation
- Assurance from Audit Committees



# Interim report on key financial controls of major entities (2020–21 financial year)

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and

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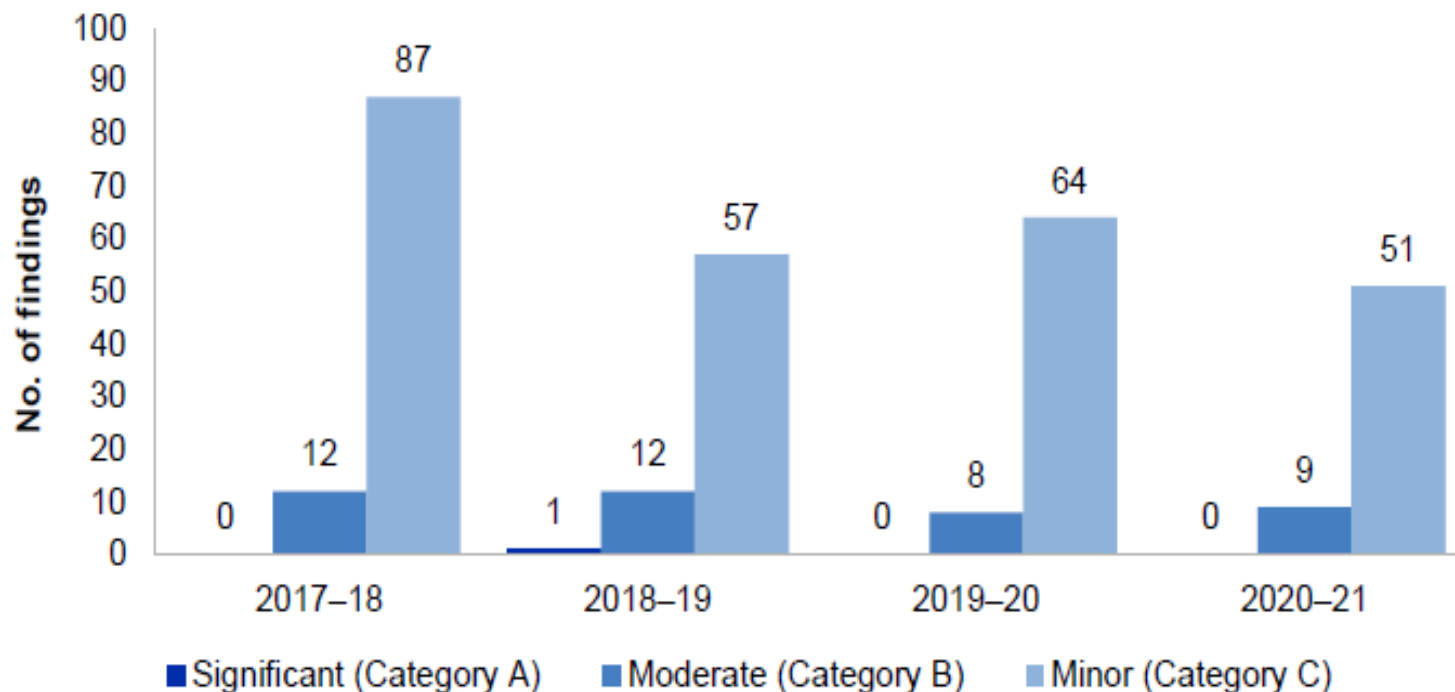
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# Aggregate audit findings for last four years



Figure 1.6: Trend in aggregate interim audit findings 2017–18 to 2020–21

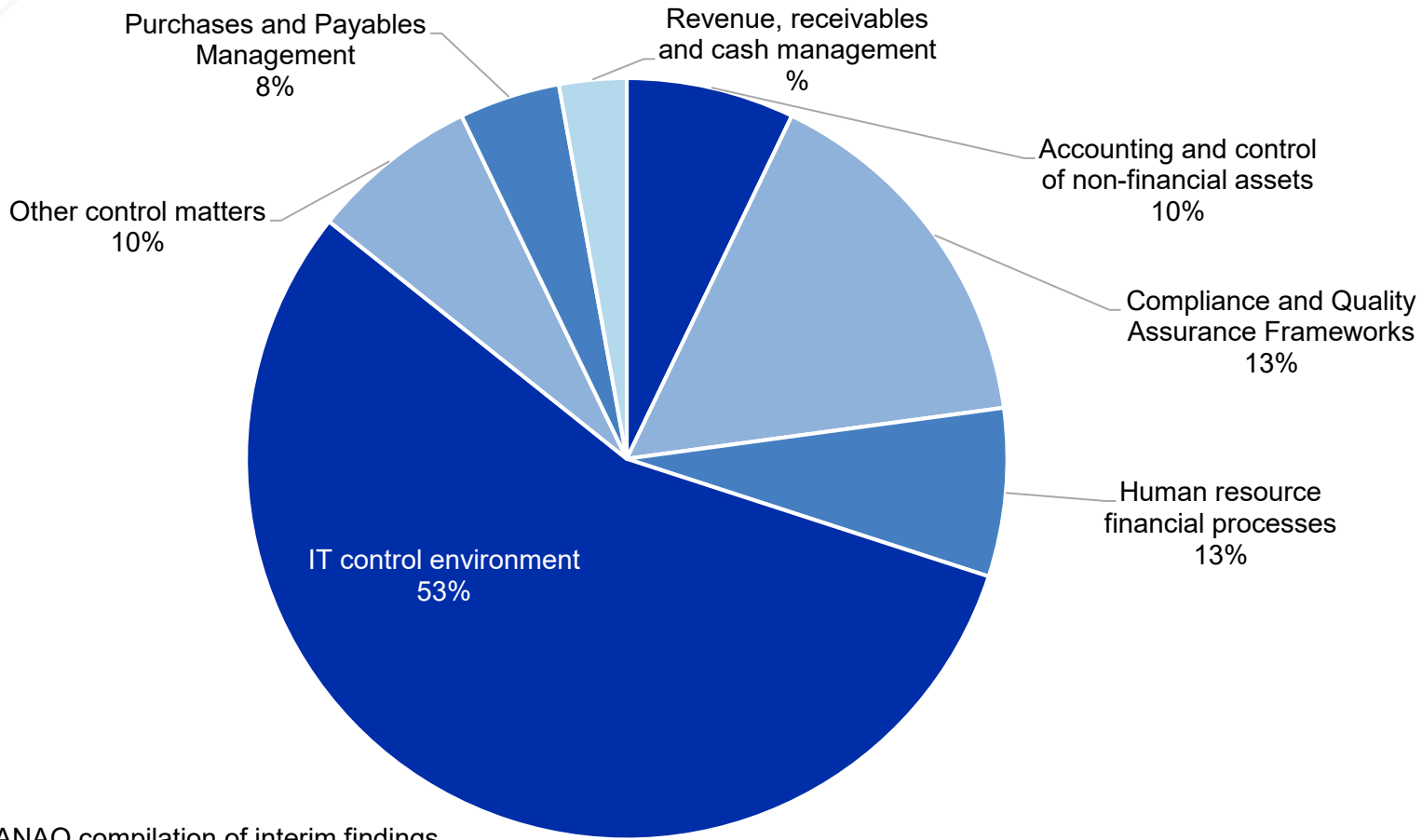


Source: ANAO data





# 2020–21 interim audit findings – by category



Source: ANAO compilation of interim findings.

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# Audit Committee Reporting Requirements



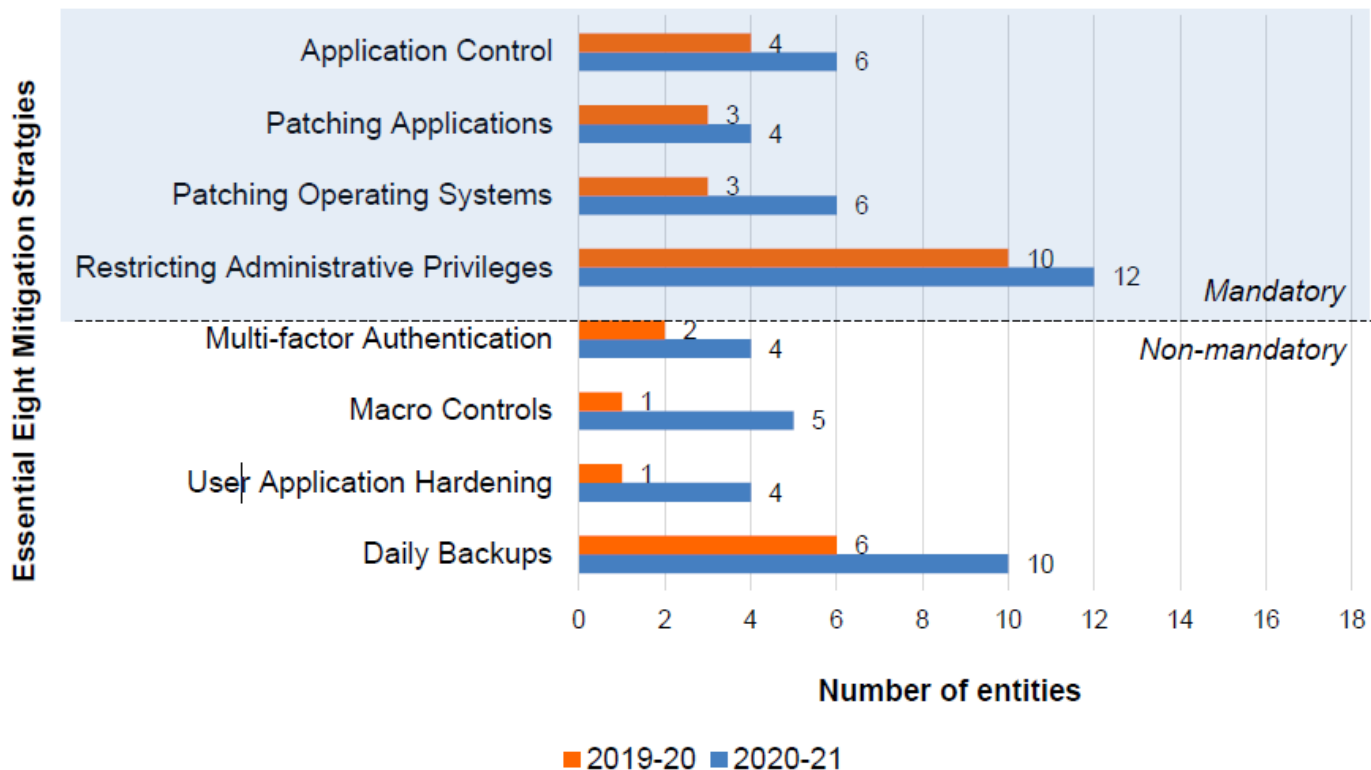
- The ANAO assessed compliance against the disclosure requirements for 182 of 187 entities subject to the PGPA Rule.
- Good performance across the board but instances of high workload – Are you getting value for money?
- Can ARC be the bridge between CFO and CIO to ensure completeness and accuracy of data



# Safeguarding financial information from cyber threats



Figure 1.5: Compliance with the PSPF Policy 10 Requirements



Source: ANAO data



# Audits of the Financial Statements for the period ended 30 June 2021



## Information that will be collected for the Year End Report:

- Number and value of audit adjustments
- Adherence to financial reporting timetable including revisions to annual report tabling deadlines
- Key Areas of audit focus
  - CFO ownership of data – not CIO. CIO extract population data – Timeliness
  - Asset Values under COVID conditions/Impairment
  - Going concern assessment
  - Judgements and key assumptions



# Key Learnings



- Remote access greatly assisted prompt finalisation of 2020 audits
- Consider in-depth analysis of root cause of repeat findings
  - Solving IT audit issues with manual solutions?
  - IT operations' performance KPIs – whatever cannot be measured cannot be improved.
- Use Governance – Clarity of expectations from your Audit Committee
  - the bridge between CFO and CIO to ensure completeness and accuracy of data?



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# Performance audit update

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# Performance Audit



1. 2020–21 and future year audits
2. Audit Insights Products
3. 2021–22 Annual Audit Work Program





# 2020–21 and future year audits



Target for number of performance audits to table:

2020–21	42
2021–22	40
2022–23	42
2023–24	45
2024–25	48



# Audit Insights Products





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## *Emergency Management — Insights from the Australian Government's COVID-19 Response*





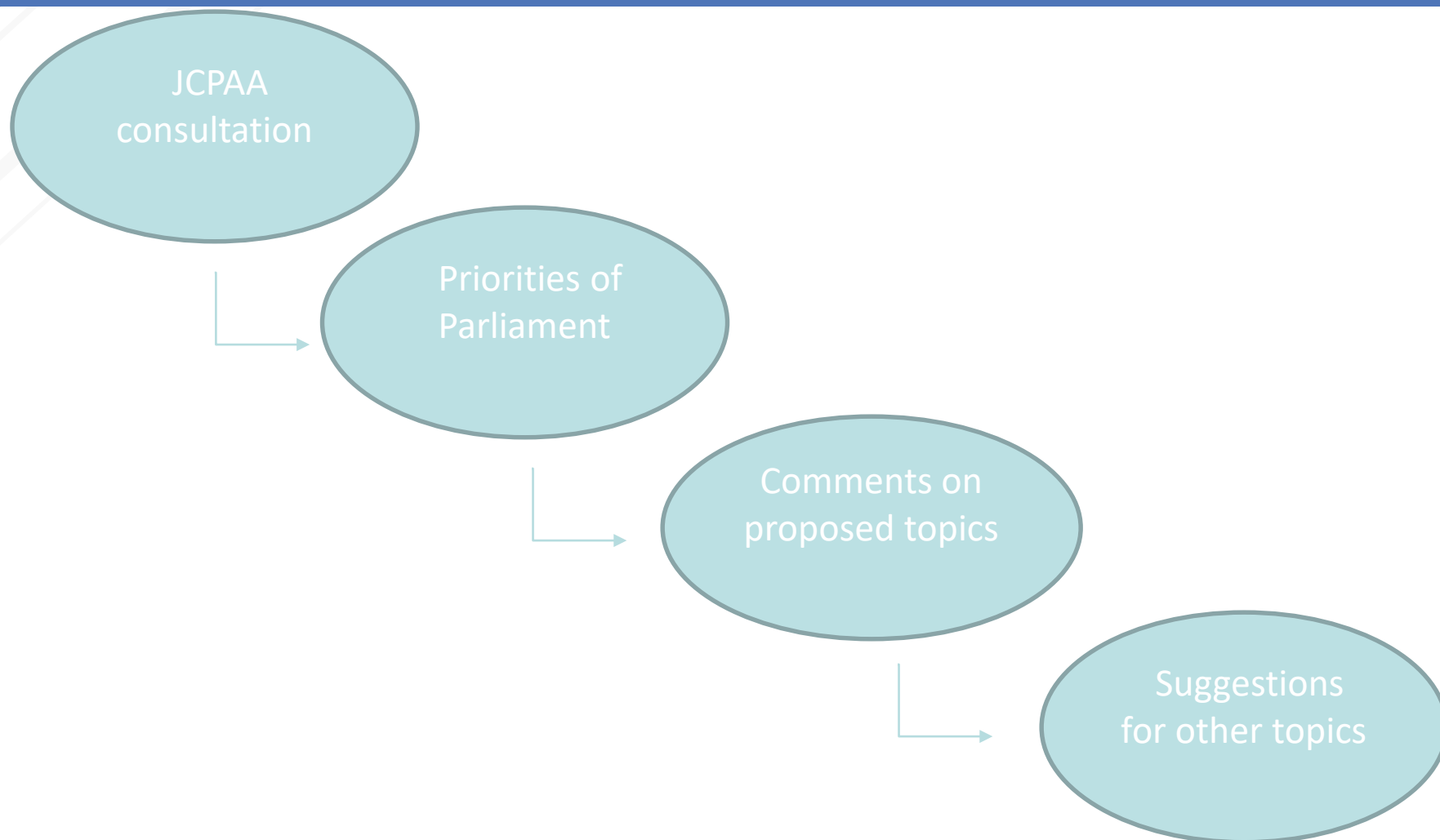
# 2021–22 Annual Audit Work Program



- Reflects the ANAO's audit strategy and planned audit coverage
- Designed to anticipate and respond to current and emerging risks and challenges
- Complements the ANAO's primary strategic planning document, the corporate plan



# 2021–22 Annual Audit Work Program





# 2021–22 Annual Audit Work Program



- Entity consultation:
  - 68% of entities requested audit delay
  - 61% noted other review underway, planned or recently done
  - 32% supported topics in other entities



# 2021–22 Annual Audit Work Program



- Public consultation:
  - Support for topics proposed by ANAO
  - Suggestions for additional topics





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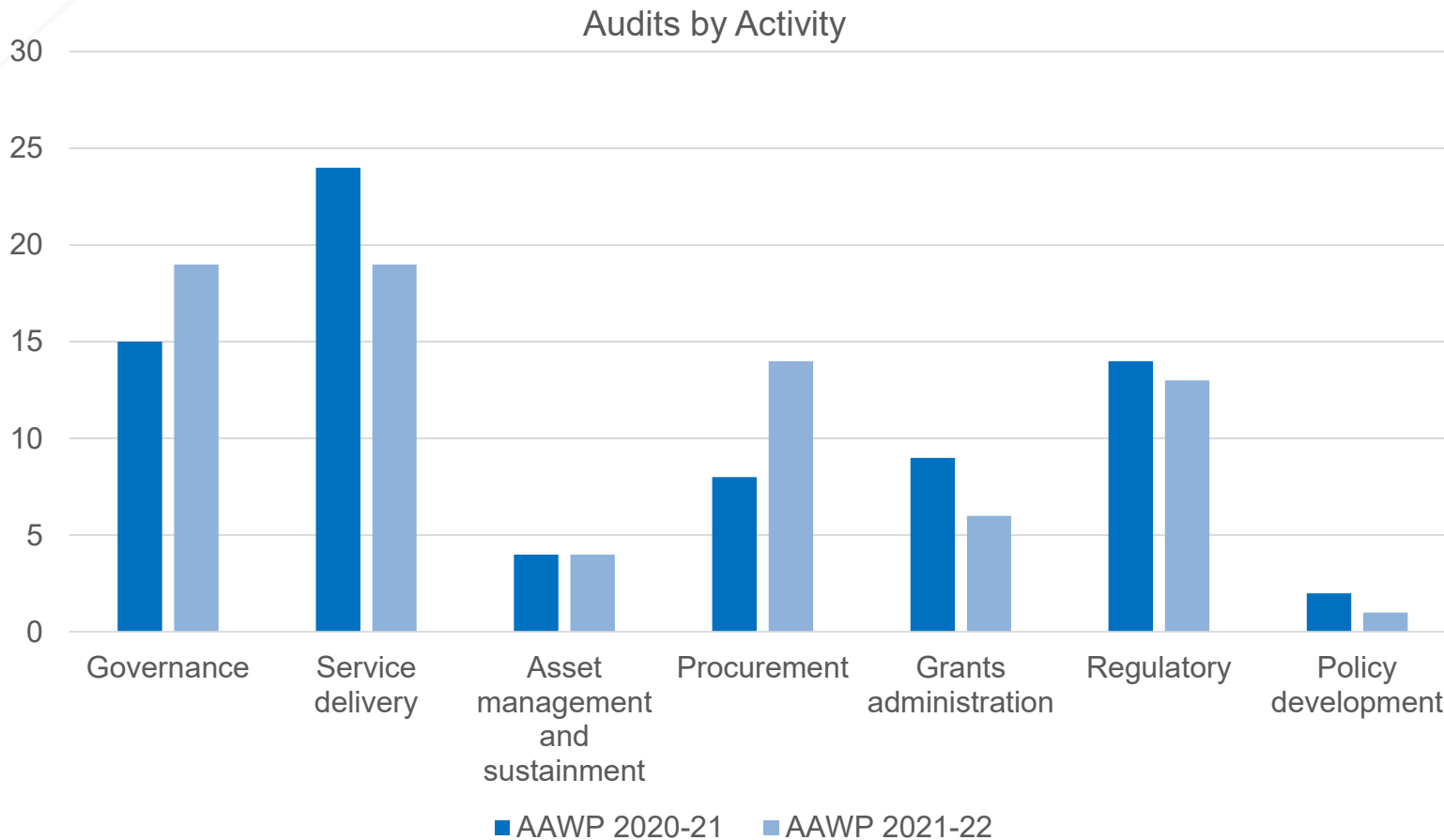


- 75–80 proposed topics
- Published in early July 2021





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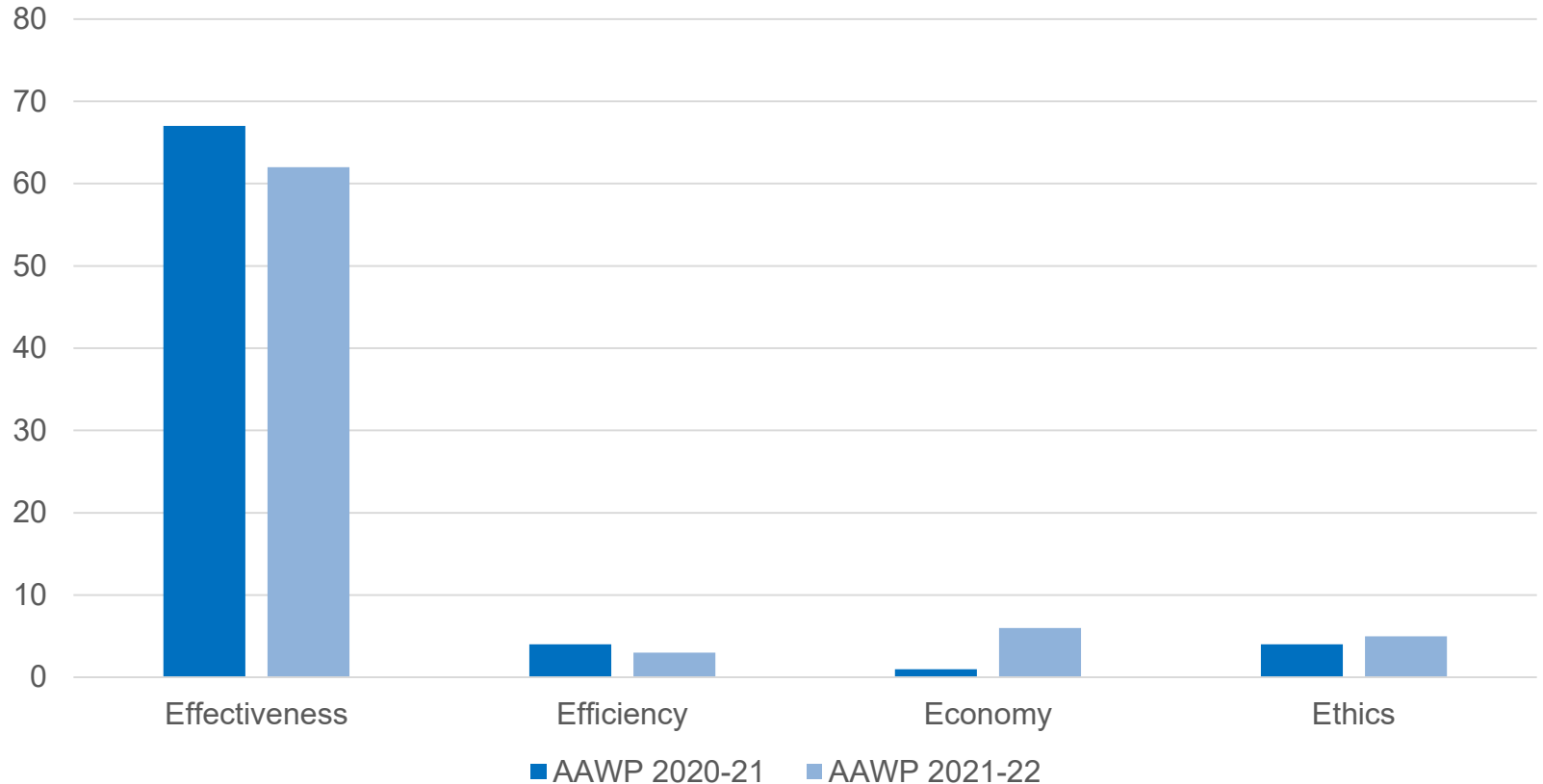




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Audits by Objective

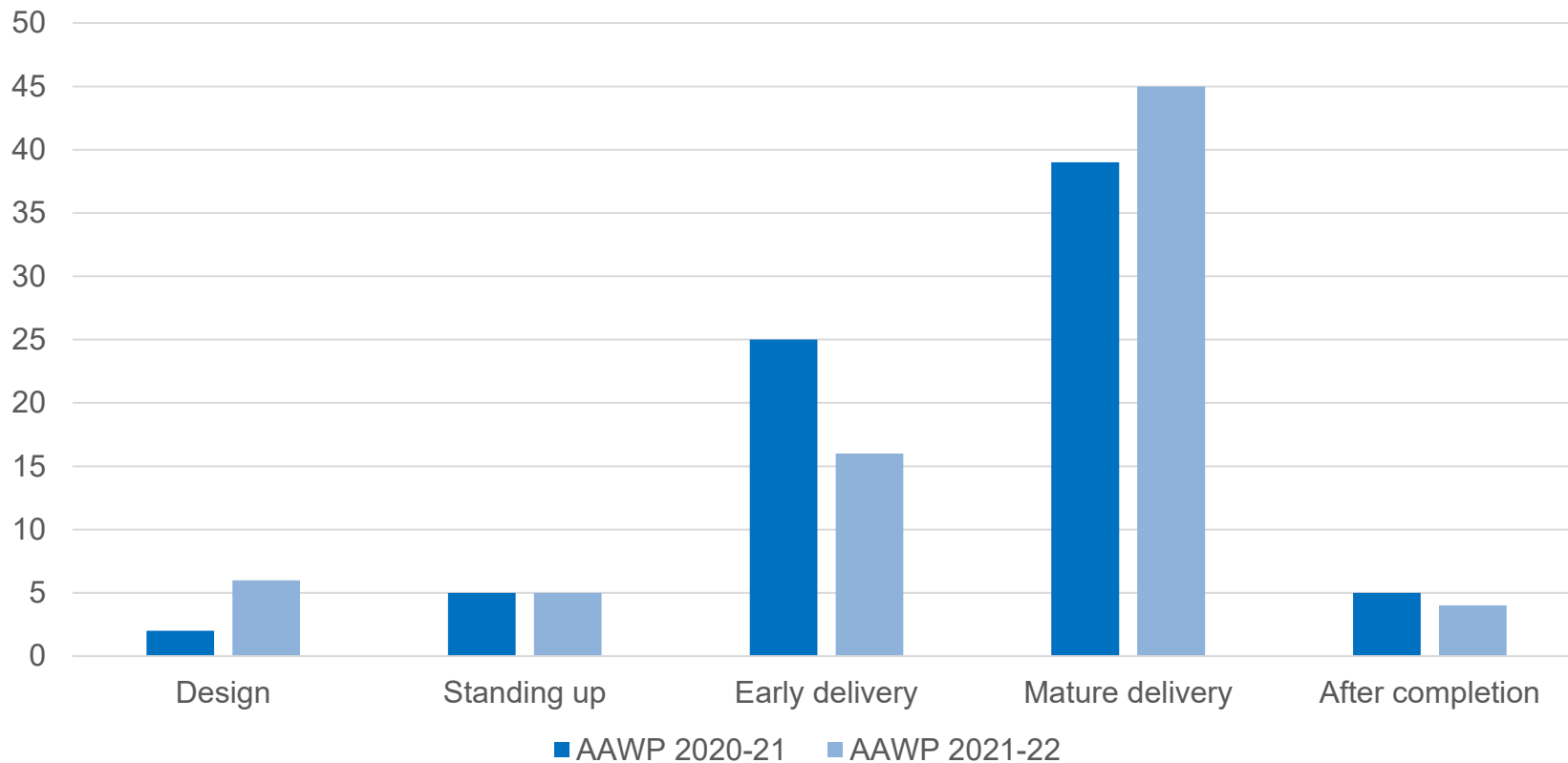




# 2021–22 Annual Audit Work Program



### Audits by Stage of Implementation





**Thank you!**

**Any questions?**