

# ADVISORY NOTICE

## BUILDING

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## ADMINISTRATION:

### Recommencement of Auditing

This Advisory Notice provides information about the recommencement of Building Rules assessment audits.

#### DISCUSSION

Following a review of the pilot building rules assessment audit program that was recently carried out by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, the audit program has now recommenced and certifiers and building surveyors in local councils can expect to be contacted at some stage by the auditor to arrange for an audit to be undertaken.

The pilot review process included the following -

- An independent review of the audit framework and processes by the Department's Governance and Audit Unit;
- Consideration of the feedback received from persons audited during the pilot program;
- Consultation with the Crown Solicitor's Office on a number of matters pertaining to the application of Section 56B of the *Development Act 1993* (the Act); and
- Consultation with representatives from the Australian Institute of Building Surveyors' Executive Team.

An outcome of the review process is the *Minister's Guide to Auditing for Building Surveyors*, which is available on the Auditing building rules and development plan assessments webpage: <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/housing-property-and-land/building-and-development/building-and-development-applications/development-applications/audits>

The department has also conducted a number of information sessions in order to provide greater clarity of the audit process for building surveyors. The presentation for these sessions is also on this webpage.

Practitioners are also advised that additional questions have been added to the *Auditing - Frequently asked questions* factsheet (attached).

### Further information

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