

Auditing the Commonwealth Games in Scotland



Introduction to the Commonwealth Games

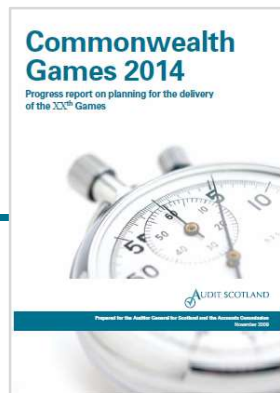
- The Commonwealth Games are an international multi-sport event held every four years for athletes from Commonwealth nations
- In 2007, Glasgow (Scotland's largest city) was selected as the host city for the Games in 2014
- The Games were held from 23 July to 3 August 2014
 - Around 6,500 athletes and officials from 71 commonwealth nations and territories took part in 17 different sports
 - 1.2 million tickets were sold across 13 venues
 - 30,000 contractors, 16,800 volunteers and 1,500 paid staff were involved in delivering the Games

Why audit the Commonwealth Games?

- The Games involved significant sums of public money – £424.5 million
- There was significant public and media interest in the Games – this was a high profile event for Scotland to host
- Scotland's ability to host such an event could impact on its international reputation
- It was important to assess the long-term benefits of the Games in terms of lasting legacy
- It was important to identify lessons for planning future major events in Scotland

The audit approach

Series of reports to cover the time period between Glasgow being awarded the Games in 2007 to post-Games



1st report:
**November
2009**



2nd report:
**March
2012**

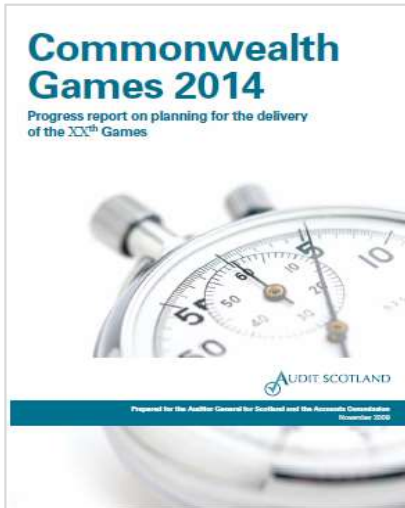


**GAMES:
23 July to
3 August 2014**



3rd report:
March 2015

1st report: Published November 2009



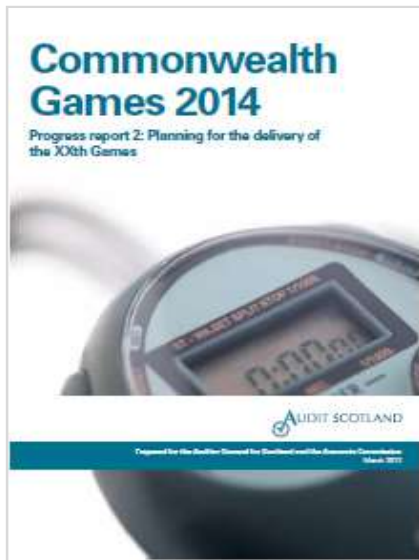
1st report:
November 2009

The first report covered governance arrangements, programme management, risk management and financial management in the planning of the Games

Main findings contained within the audit report:

- Delivery was challenging due to the fixed deadline, the scale and complexity of the event, and with so many partners involved
- Venues, the Athletes Village and Games-related transport infrastructure projects are all forecast to be delivered on time but some still present a risk and need to be closely monitored.

2nd report: Published March 2012



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The second report covered progress since the first report and also considered whether the Games were on track to be delivered on time and budget. It also included an assessment of plans to achieve a lasting legacy.

Main findings contained within the audit report

- All venues and other infrastructure projects were forecast to be ready on time for the Games and within budget. However, there were key risks in delivering some developments, including the Athletes' Village and Hampden Park in Glasgow
- There was a risk that security costs may be higher than expected as it was not clear whether the security budget was expected to cover all security costs.

3rd report: Published March 2015



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The third report covered whether the Games was delivered within budget and achieved value for money. It also considered the progress made towards achieving last legacy benefits.

Main findings contained within the audit report

- The Games were a success for Glasgow and Scotland, compared to estimates and previous Games. Around 1.2 million tickets were sold and over 4,800 athletes took part
- The Games were delivered successfully within budget. The Games cost £543 million, £32 million less than the agreed budget in November 2013

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