## **INTERNAL AUDIT ASSURANCE CRITERIA**

SCORE*	ASSURANCE RATING	ASSURANCE CRITERIA
1	The system is performing particularly well to achieve business objectives.	There is a sound framework of control operating effectively to achieve business objectives.
2	The system is adequate to achieve business objectives.	The framework of control is adequate and controls are generally operating effectively.
3	Some improvement is required to ensure that business objectives are met.	The control framework is adequate but a number of controls are not operating effectively.
4	Significant improvement is needed before business objectives can be met.	Adequate controls are not in place to meet all the system objectives and controls are not being consistently applied.
5	Unacceptable level of control.	The control framework is inadequate and controls in place are not operating effectively. The system is open to abuse, significant error or loss and/or misappropriation.

• The score is used for internal purposes only (i.e. to feed into the ANA and help form the DIA's overall opinion on control in the MPS). The score column is not published to auditees.