

ABSTRACT

Audit Findings, Transparency, and Audit Opinions on financial statements that indicate the accountability of a local government are expected to reduce the occurrence of acts of corruption. Related to this, there are local governments that get little audit findings, transparency, and good accountability but are still entangled in criminal acts of corruption. So, research needs to be done to see the relationship between audit findings, transparency, and accountability with the level of corruption in local governments in East Java.

This study aims to determine the audit findings, transparency, and accountability as well as the level of corruption in local governments in East Java and analyze the effect of audit findings, transparency, and accountability on the level of corruption in local governments in East Java 2015 to 2018 partially or simultaneously.

Audit findings and accountability data were obtained through the 2015-2018 Semester Examination Results (IHPS). Transparency data were obtained from each local government website in East Java. Data on the level of corruption was obtained from the KPK annual report. This study uses nonprobability sampling because samples are not randomly selected. The sample in this study was 39 local government agencies in East Java. Data processing was performed using EViews 10. This study used secondary data with descriptive statistical analysis techniques and panel data regression.

Based on the results of data processing, it can be seen that the average audit findings and transparency are maximum and the accountability in the audit opinion obtained by the regional government is an unqualified audit opinion. Meanwhile, the level of corruption in local governments is still high. The results of the evaluation of influence evaluation data show that audit findings, transparency, and accountability have simultaneous effects on the level of corruption in local governments in East Java in 2015-2018. While partially, audit findings have no effect on the level of corruption, transparency has no effect on the level of corruption, and accountability has a significant negative effect on the level of corruption in local governments in East Java in 2015-2018.

Based on the results of the study, then to reduce the occurrence of criminal acts of corruption should pay attention to other measurements such as financial performance, transparency on the website, and the results of accountability in the form of a good audit opinion even though it does not guarantee reduced acts of corruption in a Regional Government of East Java.

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