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Speaker
House of Assembly
Province House
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On behalf of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, I am pleased to submit the Annual Report of the Committee for the Second Session of the Sixtieth General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen MacDonald, MLA
(Halifax Needham)
Chair
Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Halifax, Nova Scotia
2008



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INTRODUCTION

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts, an all-party Committee of the House of Assembly, was struck at the beginning of the First Session of the Sixtieth General Assembly. Pursuant to Rule 60(2)(b) of the *Province of Nova Scotia Rules and Forms of Procedures of the House of Assembly*:

(b) the Public Accounts Committee is established for the purpose of reviewing the public accounts, the annual report or other report of the Auditor General and any other financial matters respecting the public funds of the Province;¹

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Public Accounts Committee currently is as follows:

Ms. Maureen MacDonald, MLA – Chair
(Halifax Needham)

Mr. Chuck Porter, MLA – Vice-Chair
(Hants West)

Mr. Pat Dunn, MLA
(Pictou Centre)

Mr. Keith Bain, MLA
(Victoria-The Lakes)

Mr. Graham Steele, MLA
(Halifax Fairview)

Mr. David A. Wilson, MLA
(Sackville-Cobequid)

Mr. Keith Colwell, MLA
(Preston)

Mr. Leo Glavine, MLA
(Kings West)

Ms. Diana Whalen, MLA
(Halifax Clayton Park)

¹ *Province of Nova Scotia Rules and Forms of Procedure of the House of Assembly, July 1999, Rule 60(2)(b)*
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MEMBERSHIP – SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND PROCEDURES

Ms. Maureen MacDonald, MLA – Chair
(Halifax Needham)

Mr. Chuck Porter, MLA – Vice-Chair
(Hants West)

Mr. Keith Colwell, MLA
(Preston)

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

During the Second Session of the Sixtieth General Assembly, the Committee underwent the following membership changes:

Mr. Alfie MacLeod, MLA – Cape Breton West was replaced by:
Mr. Pat Dunn, MLA – Pictou Centre

Mr. Stephen McNeil, MLA – Annapolis was replaced by:
Mr. Leo Glavine, MLA – Kings West

PROCEDURES AND OPERATIONS

The Public Accounts Committee traditionally meets once a week. These meetings are held every Wednesday morning in either the Legislative Chamber in Province House or in the Legislative Committees Office. During the Second Session of the Sixtieth General Assembly, the Committee met on the following dates:

October 31, 2007	February 6, 2008	April 23, 2008
November 7, 2007	February 27, 2008	April 30, 2008
November 14, 2007	March 5, 2008	May 21, 2008
November 28, 2007	March 26, 2008	June 11, 2008
January 16, 2008	April 2, 2008	
January 23, 2008	April 16, 2008	

The Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedures met on the following dates:

October 3, 2007	December 5, 2007	March 26, 2008
November 6, 2007	January 9, 2008	May 7, 2008
November 14, 2007	January 16, 2008	
November 21, 2007	March 5, 2008	

NOTICES

Notices of the Public Accounts Committee meetings are sent to all members of the Committee, staff of the caucus offices, the Legislative staff and the House of Assembly Press Gallery. The notices are also posted in Province House and are on the Committees' web-site at the following address:

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/committees/schedpa.html>

VERBATIM TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts of all Public Accounts Committee public hearings are available from the Legislative Library in Province House, the Legislative Committees Office or on-line at the Public Accounts Committee's web page at the following address:

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/pa/>

RESEARCH MATERIAL

All research material for the Public Accounts Committee is compiled by the Legislative Library and arranged and distributed to the members by the Committee clerk. A copy of this material is also made available to the witnesses appearing before the Committee, the Legislative Library in Province House and to Hansard Reporting Services.

ANNUAL REPORTS

All reports from the Public Accounts Committee are compiled and written by the Committee's clerk. The draft is then sent to the individual Committee members for consideration. Upon completion of the review and approval of the report, the Chair tables the Report with the Clerk of the House.

Distribution of the report is as follows: to the Speaker/Clerk of the House, all members of the Legislature, all witnesses who appeared before the Committee, the Legislative Library of Nova Scotia and in all other provinces and territories, the caucus offices and the media. This report is also available to the general public upon request through the Legislative Committees Office or on-line at the Committee's web page at the following address:

http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/COMMITTEES/pa_pubs.html

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The Standing Committee on Public Accounts wishes to extend its gratitude to witnesses for their time and cooperation; Ms. Charlene Rice, former Clerk of the Public Accounts Committee and the staff of the Legislative Committees Office. Others whose assistance has been invaluable to the Committee are: Mr. Robert Kinsman, Editor of Hansard Reporting Services, and Hansard staff; Mr. James MacInnes, Coordinator/Director of Legislative Television and Broadcast Services, and staff; and Ms. Margaret Murphy, Legislative Librarian, and staff.

WITNESSES

- Wednesday, October 31, 2007 **Nova Scotia Association of Health Organizations (NSAHO)**
Pension Plan
Department of Environment and Labour
Ms. Nancy MacNeill Smith, Superintendent of Pensions
- Wednesday, November 7, 2007 **Resource Recovery Fund Board**
Mr. William Ring, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Richard Ramsay, Chair
- Wednesday, November 14, 2007 **Atlantic Lottery Corporation (ALC)**
Ms. Michelle Carinci, President and CEO
Mr. Patrick Daigle, Vice President of Finance
Mr. Larry Doherty, Vice President of Risk Management
and Assurance
Mr. Mike Randall, Vice President of Social Responsibility
and Communications
- Wednesday, November 28, 2007 **Nominee Program**
Office of Immigration
Ms. Rosalind Penfound, Deputy Minister
Ms. Elizabeth Mills, Executive Director
Ms. Frances Wolfe, Senior Nominee Officer
Ms. Carmelle d'Entremont, Director of Programs
- Nova Scotia Economic Development
Ms. Carole Lee Reinhardt, Corporate Strategist
- Department of Justice
Mr. John Traves, QC, Director of Legal Services
- Wednesday, January 16, 2008 **Department of Health - Wait Times**
Ms. Cheryl Doiron, Deputy Minister
Ms. Brenda Payne, Executive Director – Acute and Tertiary
Care
Mr. Keith Menzies, Executive Director – Continuing Care
Ms. Linda Smith, Executive Director – Mental Health,
Addictions and Children's Services
Ms. Sandra Cascadden, Chief Information Officer

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

Provincial Nominee Program

Department of Economic Development

Mr. Paul Taylor, Deputy Minister

Mr. Chris Bryant, Director – Decision Support

Ms. Carole Lee Reinhardt, Corporate Strategist

Mr. Ron L'Esperance, Former Deputy Minister

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

Department of Justice and Public Prosecution Service

Department of Justice

Ms. Marian Tyson, Deputy Minister

Mr. Clarence Guest, Executive Director – Finance and
Administrative Division

Mr. Robert Purcell, Director – Policy Planning and
Research

Mr. Fred Honsberger, Executive Director – Correctional
Services

Ms. Valerie Pottie Bunge, Senior Policy Analyst

Public Prosecution Service

Mr. Martin Herschorn, QC, Director of Public Prosecutions

Mr. Adrian C. Reid, QC, Deputy Director of Public
Prosecutions

Mr. Paul McNeil, Director of Business Affairs

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

**Public Forum – Nominees under the Office of
Immigration Nominee Program**

Nominees/Witnesses

Vahid Kermanshah

Afshar Ghasemi

Alireza Aghajan

Farzin Farrashzadeh

Ian Russell

Annemarie Schep-Stigter

Leo Karunanayake and Maureen Perera

Jaime Guerrero

John Huang

Elvin Reyes

Astareh Kiani

Dr. Michael Chang

Ken Friedman - on behalf of NAABEX (Nominees Adversely
Affected by Exclusion of Residency Program)

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Committee Business

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Health Human Resources

Department of Health

Ms. Cheryl Doiron, Deputy Minister

Ms. Cheryl Burgess, Executive Director – Health Human Resources

Mr. Ian Bower, Director – Physician Services

Ms. Donna Denney, Nursing Policy Advisor

Ms. Donna Dill, Director – Continuing Care Monitoring and Evaluation

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

February 2008 Report of the Auditor General

Office of the Auditor General

Mr. Jacques Lapointe, Auditor General

Mr. Terry Spicer, Assistant Auditor General

Ms. Evangeline Colman-Sadd, Assistant Auditor General

Ms. Ann McDonald, Assistant Auditor General

Mr. Ronald Edmonds, Principal – IT Audit

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

E-Waste Program and Air Quality Monitoring

Department of Environment

Ms. Nancy Vanstone, Deputy Minister

Mr. Kim MacNeil, Executive Director – Environmental and Natural Areas Management

Mr. Andrew Murphy, Manager – Air Quality

Mr. Johnny McPherson, Airshed Planner

Mr. Bob Kenney, Solid Waste Resource Analyst

Ms. Kathy Palko, Solid Waste Policy Analyst

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

Correctional Services/Facilities

Department of Justice

Ms. Marian Tyson, Deputy Minister

Mr. Fred Honsberger, Executive Director – Correctional Services

Mr. Sean Kelly, Director – Correctional Services

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

Communicable Disease Prevention and Control

Department of Health Promotion and Protection

Mr. Duff Montgomerie, Deputy Minister

Dr. Robert Strang, Chief Public Health Officer

Dr. Shelly Sarwal, Medical Officer of Health

Ms. Elaine Holmes, Director – Communicable Disease Prevention and Control

Ms. Sue McKeage, Director – Communications

Wednesday, April 30, 2008 **Trade Centre Limited**
Mr. Frederick MacGillivray, President and Chief Executive Officer
Hon. Stewart McInnes, Chairman – Trade Centre Limited Board of Directors
Mr. Don Larlee, Vice President – Finance
Ms. Colette Curran, Vice President – Human Resources and Payroll
Ms. Nina Kressler, Vice President – Sales and Marketing
Mr. Scott Ferguson, Executive Vice President

Wednesday, May 21, 2008 **Seniors Pharmacare Program/Prescription Drug Coverage**
Department of Health
Ms. Cheryl Doiron, Deputy Minister
Ms. Emily Somers – Director of Pharmaceutical Services

Wednesday, June 11, 2008 **Nominee Audit Report – Phase I**
Office of the Auditor General
Mr. Jacques Lapointe, Auditor General
Ms. Evangeline Colman-Sadd, Assistant Auditor General

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND PROCEDURES

Wednesday, October 3, 2007 Organizational Meeting

Wednesday, December 5, 2007 Office of Immigration – Nominee Program Documentation

Wednesday, January 9, 2008 Office of Immigration – Nominee Program Documentation
Agenda Setting

Wednesday, January 16, 2008 Office of Immigration – Nominee Program Documentation
Additional Witnesses

Wednesday, March 5, 2008 Office of Immigration – Nominee Program Documentation
Additional Witnesses

Wednesday, March 26, 2008 Office of Immigration – Nominee Program Documentation
Additional Witnesses

Wednesday, May 7, 2008 Agenda Setting
Office of Immigration – Nominee Program Documentation

PUBLIC

HEARINGS

**NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS
(NSAHO) PENSION PLAN**

Wednesday, October 31, 2007

WITNESS

Department of Environment and Labour

Ms. Nancy MacNeill Smith, Superintendent of Pensions

BACKGROUND

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts wanted to meet with the Superintendent of Pensions to discuss issues involving the Nova Scotia Association of Health Organizations (NSAHO) Pension Plan, namely, the employers' use of partial contribution holidays to cover a growing portion of their contributions.

REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTATION

Job descriptions for the Superintendent of Pensions and all staff in her office

A list defining roles and responsibilities of all staff

MOTIONS

THAT the Public Accounts Committee adopt the list of witnesses arising from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedures meeting held on October 3, 2007, with the provision that the focus for the meeting with the Provincial Office of Immigration on November 21, 2007, be amended to be the Provincial Nominee Program.

Moved by: Mr. Chuck Porter, MLA
Amended by: Mr. Keith Colwell, MLA
Motion as Amended: Carried

THAT the Public Accounts Committee further investigate the Provincial Nominee Program of the Office of Immigration beyond the meeting scheduled for November 21, 2007, and that the matter be referred to the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedures for a recommendation on the date, time and format of future meetings and the identity of witnesses.

Moved by: Mr. Graham Steele, MLA
Motion: Carried

THAT the Public Accounts Committee direct its Chair to write to the Office of Immigration to require the production of all documents relevant to the Provincial Nominee Program, including but not limited to all documents listed in the list of documents filed by the Province on September 28, 2007, in the Nova Scotia Supreme Court.

Moved by: Mr. Graham Steele, MLA
Motion: Carried

THAT the Public Accounts Committee request the Auditor General to perform an audit of the Provincial Nominee Program.

Moved by: Mr. Graham Steele, MLA

AMENDMENT:

THAT the Public Accounts Committee request the Auditor General to perform an audit of the Provincial Nominee Program, with particular attention to the Trust Account.

Moved by: Ms. Diana Whalen, MLA
Motion as Amended: Carried

THAT the Public Accounts Committee request Atlantic Lottery Corporation to provide all documentation not received to date, as requested formally in the meeting held on January 25, 2006.

Moved by: Mr. Keith Colwell, MLA
Motion: Carried

TRANSCRIPT

Further reference to this meeting can be found in the transcript which is available on-line at http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/pa/pa_2007oct31.htm

RESOURCE RECOVERY FUND BOARD

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

WITNESSES

Resource Recovery Fund Board

Mr. William Ring, Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Richard Ramsay, Chairman

BACKGROUND

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts wanted to meet with the Resource Recovery Fund Board (RRFB) to discuss issues involving the evaluation of the Request for Proposals for Tire Burning as well as Enviro Depot issues.

MOTIONS

THAT the Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts write to Executive Council requesting an Order-in-Council to have the Resource Recovery Fund Board included within the scope of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Moved by: Mr. Graham Steele, MLA
Motion: Carried

THAT the Public Accounts Committee direct its Chair to write to the Treasury and Policy Board asking whether a directive has been issued to Crown Corporations to create annual reports which can be used for marketing purposes and, if so, when the directive was issued, by whom and what it said.

Moved by: Mr. Graham Steele, MLA
Motion: Referred to Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedures

TRANSCRIPT

Further reference to this meeting can be found in the transcript which is available on-line at http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/pa/pa_2007nov07.htm

ATLANTIC LOTTERY CORPORATION (ALC)

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

WITNESSES

Atlantic Lottery Corporation

Ms. Michelle Carinci, President and CEO

Mr. Patrick Daigle, Vice President of Finance

Mr. Larry Doherty, Vice President of Risk Management and Assurance

Mr. Mike Randall, Vice President of Social Responsibility and Communications

BACKGROUND

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts wanted to meet with the Atlantic Lottery Corporation (ALC) to discuss security issues and recent retailer lottery wins, as well as ALC's failure to follow the public tendering process in awarding the iBingo Contract to Boss Media, a Swedish company.

REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTATION

Documentation from ALC to the Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation advising of the number of retailer wins (incident reports)

Current and previous Bristol Group Reports - Public Opinion Polling System

Documentation indicating the number of suppliers that are members of the World Lottery Association, as well as the number of Canadian businesses that are members of the World Lottery Association

All Travel Expense Claims for staff associated with the iBingo Contract

MOTION

THAT the Public Accounts Committee accept the recommendations of the Subcommittee meeting held on November 14, 2007, with respect to postponing the November 21, 2007 meeting with the Nova Scotia Office of Immigration to November 27, 2007 due to the large amount of documentation received. The Subcommittee will meet on November 21, 2007 with officials from the Office of Immigration to discuss issues regarding their request to deal with certain documentation In Camera.

Moved by: Mr. Keith Colwell, MLA
Motion: Carried

TRANSCRIPT

Further reference to this meeting can be found in the transcript which is available on-line at http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/pa/pa_2007nov14.htm

NOMINEE PROGRAM

Wednesday, November 28, 2007

WITNESSES

Office of Immigration

Ms. Rosalind Penfound, Deputy Minister
Ms. Elizabeth Mills, Executive Director
Ms. Frances Wolfe, Senior Nominee Officer
Ms. Carmelle d'Entremont, Director of Programs

Nova Scotia Economic Development

Ms. Carole Lee Reinhardt, Corporate Strategist

Department of Justice

Mr. John Traves, QC, Director of Legal Services

BACKGROUND

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts wanted to meet with the Nova Scotia Office of Immigration with respect to the Nominee Program.

REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTATION

The Public Accounts Committee requested a list of documents not being provided to the Committee (as previously discussed at the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedures meetings held on November 14 and 21, 2007) by Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at 9:00 AM. The Office of Immigration stated they will only be able to provide a list of what documents had been reviewed to date.

TRANSCRIPT

Further reference to this meeting can be found in the transcript which is available on-line at http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/pa/pa_2007nov28.htm

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
RE: WAIT TIMES**

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

WITNESSES

Department of Health

Ms. Cheryl Doiron, Deputy Minister

Ms. Brenda Payne, Executive Director – Acute and Tertiary Care

Mr. Keith Menzies, Executive Director – Continuing Care

Ms. Linda Smith, Executive Director – Mental Health, Addictions, and Children's Services

Ms. Sandra Cascadden, Chief Information Officer

BACKGROUND

Department of Health Wait Times was a topic arising from the December 2006 Auditor General's Report. The issue the Auditor General's Office was concentrating on was the Review of Systems to Collect Wait Time Information.

TRANSCRIPT

Further reference to this meeting can be found in the transcript which is available on-line at http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/pa/pa_2008jan16.htm

PROVINCIAL NOMINEE PROGRAM

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

WITNESSES

Department of Economic Development

Mr. Paul Taylor, Deputy Minister

Mr. Chris Bryant, Director – Decision Support

Ms. Carole Lee Reinhardt, Corporate Strategist

Mr. Ron L'Esperance, Former Deputy Minister

BACKGROUND

The Public Accounts Committee wanted to hear from the Department of Economic Development and to discuss the economic stream of the Provincial Nominee Program.

MOTIONS

THAT the Public Accounts Committee affirms that the information obtained by the Committee during its In Camera Session today will remain confidential and will not be released to the public.

Moved by: Mr. Graham Steele, MLA
Motion: Carried

THAT where a void mentorship has occurred, the Public Accounts Committee declare their support for a full refund of the monies paid to the mentor companies, less the salary received by the nominees.

Moved by: Ms. Diana Whalen, MLA
Motion: Defeated

THAT the Public Accounts Committee approve the Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedures dated January 16, 2008.

Moved by: Mr. Chuck Porter, MLA
Motion: Carried

THAT prior to the Public Accounts Committee releasing documentation with respect to the Nominee Program, the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedures will be given an opportunity to examine the documents and advise the Clerk on what personal or private proprietary business information contained in these documents should be removed.

Moved by: Mr. Keith Colwell, MLA
Motion: Carried

THAT in light of confidential Cabinet documents becoming available through a member (who is to be commended for obtaining these documents), the Public Accounts Committee requests that the Office of Immigration release to the Committee all documents they have indicated as being confidential documents for the Subcommittee to review and determine whether indeed the documents are in fact confidential.

Moved by: Mr. Keith Colwell, MLA
Motion: Referred to Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedures

TRANSCRIPT

Further reference to this meeting can be found in the transcript which is available on-line at http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/pa/pa_2008jan23.htm

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE and PUBLIC PROSECUTION SERVICE

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

WITNESSES

Department of Justice

Ms. Marian Tyson, Deputy Minister

Mr. Clarence Guest, Executive Director – Finance and Administrative Division

Mr. Robert Purcell, Director – Policy Planning and Research

Mr. Fred Honsberger, Executive Director – Correctional Services

Ms. Valerie Pottie Bunge, Senior Policy Analyst

Public Prosecution Service

Mr. Martin Herschorn, QC, Director of Public Prosecutions

Mr. Adrian C. Reid, QC, Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions

Mr. Paul McNeil, Director of Business Affairs

BACKGROUND

The Committee wanted to hear from the Department of Justice and the Public Prosecution Service involving the Crime Prevention Strategy and related issues.

REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTATION

Information on the number of staff within the Department of Justice, Victim Services, that receive sensitivity training to assist them when contacting and talking to families who are victims of crime.

Information on what the requirements are for people who work in the Department of Justice – are they prepared for the nature of the work that they are doing and what they have to be involved with?

Surveys or feedback on level of satisfaction with the service that's available.

With respect to counselling, is there a process for people who simply can't cost share and can the cost be waived?

MOTIONS

THAT the Public Accounts Committee directs its Chair to request from the Minister of Immigration an unedited copy of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner's recent report concerning a possible conflict of interest within the Office of Immigration; such information contained in the report will remain confidential to protect the privacy of the individual names in the report and the Public Accounts Committee and its members will not publicly release the report.

Motion by: Mr. Graham Steele, MLA
Amended by: Mr. Chuck Porter, MLA
Motion as Amended: Carried

THAT the Minister of Immigration be asked to provide relevant information about the nominees and business mentors who are registered to appear at the February 13, 2008, public forum.

Motion by: Mr. Chuck Porter, MLA
Motion: Defeated

TRANSCRIPT

Further reference to this meeting can be found in the transcript which is available on-line at http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/pa/pa_2008feb06.htm

PUBLIC FORUM
NOMINEES UNDER THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION
NOMINEE PROGRAM

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

NOMINEES/WITNESSES

Vahid Kermanshah
Afshar Ghasemi
Alireza Aghajan
Farzin Farrashzadeh
Ian Russell
Annemarie Schep-Stigter
Leo Karunanayake and Maureen Perera
Jaime Guerrero
John Huang
Elvin Reyes
Astareh Kiani
Dr. Michael Chang
Ken Friedman on behalf of NAABEX (Nominees Adversely Affected by Exclusion of Residency Program)

BACKGROUND

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts wanted to meet with nominees who had registered with the Office of Immigration's Nominee Program to hear their experiences with the program.

TRANSCRIPT

Further reference to this meeting can be found in the transcript which is available on-line at http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/pa/pa_2008feb13.htm

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

POINT OF ORDER

With respect to the Department of Immigration Nominee Program, the Chair stated that she had asked Gordon Hebb, Chief Legal Counsel, to review the Point of Order raised by Mr. Porter during the Public Accounts Committee meeting of November 28, 2007, respecting the authority of the Subcommittee to release documents and provide her with legal advice regarding the Point of Order. As a result of this legal advice, she upheld the Point of Order.

Process for release of documents will be that the Subcommittee, at the request of the Public Accounts Committee, will review documents, report back to the Public Accounts Committee and it will be the Public Accounts Committee that will make the final decision regarding the release of documents and will approve the criteria that will guide the Subcommittee in their deliberations.

TRANSCRIPT

Further reference to this meeting can be found in the transcript which is available on-line at http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/pa/pa_2008feb27.htm

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
RE: HEALTH HUMAN RESOURCES**

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

WITNESSES

Department of Health

Ms. Cheryl Doiron, Deputy Minister

Ms. Cheryl Burgess, Executive Director – Health Human Resources

Mr. Ian Bower, Director – Physician Services

Ms. Donna Denney, Nursing Policy Advisor

Ms. Donna Dill, Director – Continuing Care Monitoring and Evaluation

BACKGROUND

The Committee wanted to meet with the Department of Health (DOH) to discuss issues surrounding Health Human Resources.

REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTATION

Further to a question from Keith Colwell, MLA, regarding what prosthetic services are currently being provided at the Nova Scotia Rehabilitation Centre, the Deputy Minister of Health will investigate this issue and provide a report to the Committee.

TRANSCRIPT

Further reference to this meeting can be found in the transcript which is available on-line at http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/pa/pa_2008mar05.htm

FEBRUARY 2008 REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

WITNESSES

Office of the Auditor General

Mr. Jacques Lapointe, Auditor General
Mr. Terry Spicer, Assistant Auditor General
Ms. Evangeline Colman-Sadd, Assistant Auditor General
Ms. Ann McDonald, Assistant Auditor General
Mr. Ronald Edmonds, Principal – IT Audit

BACKGROUND

The Auditor General and his staff provided Committee members with a further overview of the February 2008 Report. This report covers the period January to December 2007 and January 2008.

REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTATION

With respect to the audit of the Environmental Monitoring and Compliance Division of the Department of Environment, the Auditor General's Office will provide information to the Committee on how complaints are recorded and tracked in each of the four regions of the province.

MOTIONS

THAT the Committee adopt the March 5, 2008, Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedures with the following amendments:

Department of Economic Development re: Nova Scotia Broadband Initiative be removed from the list of topics and forwarded to a future Subcommittee meeting for further discussion.

Department of Energy re: Tidal Power be removed from the list and forwarded to the Standing Committee on Economic Development for consideration.

Moved by: Mr. Keith Colwell, MLA
Motion: Carried

TRANSCRIPT

Further reference to this meeting can be found in the transcript which is available on-line at http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/pa/pa_2008mar26.htm

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT
RE: E-WASTE REGULATIONS AND AIR QUALITY MONITORING**

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

WITNESSES

Department of Environment

Ms. Nancy Vanstone, Deputy Minister

Mr. Kim MacNeil, Executive Director – Environmental and Natural Areas Management

Mr. Andrew Murphy, Manager – Air Quality

Mr. Johnny McPherson, Airshed Planner

Mr. Bob Kenney, Solid Waste Resource Analyst

Ms. Kathy Palko, Solid Waste Policy Analyst

BACKGROUND

The Committee wanted to meet with the Department of Environment to discuss issues involving the E-Waste Program as well as issues related to Air Quality Monitoring.

REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTATION

A list of E-Waste drop-off sites and locations across the province

Information on what fire precautions are in place at the drop-off sites and consolidation Centre

Information regarding the amount of extra income the Province is receiving on the HST that will be collected on the recycling fees for E-Waste

Cost of trucking tires to the storage facilities as well as the cost to store the tires in the facilities each month

Information on whether the depots in Nova Scotia collect the same percentage of profits as depots in other jurisdictions that have a similar program

Audit Report and Annual Report prepared by Resource Recovery Fund Board (RRFB) regarding the evaluation of the E-Waste Program

TRANSCRIPT

Further reference to this meeting can be found in the transcript which is available on-line at http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/pa/pa_2008apr02.htm

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
RE: CORRECTIONAL SERVICES/FACILITIES**

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

WITNESSES

Department of Justice

Ms. Marian Tyson, Deputy Minister

Mr. Fred Honsberger, Executive Director – Correctional Services

Mr. Sean Kelly, Director – Correctional Services

BACKGROUND

The Committee wanted to meet with the Department of Justice to discuss operations of the Correctional Services Division.

REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTATION

Number of staff that will be hired to deal with inmate overcapacity levels in correctional facilities and the number of times that extra staff has had to be brought in to deal with the overcapacity levels

Copy of internal review report regarding mistaken release of a prisoner at the Cape Breton facility back in January 2008

Tendering process information for the awarding of the GPS Monitoring Pilot Project contract (first and second tenders). Is the cost significantly higher on the new one?

MOTION

Reintroduced Motion passed at the February 27, 2008 in-camera meeting with the Auditor General:

THAT in light of the Public Accounts Committee meeting with the Auditor General, that once per year, the Public Accounts Committee request from the departments with outstanding recommendations from Auditor General's Reports, the progress status of these recommendations.

Moved by: Ms. Diana Whalen, MLA
Motion: Carried

TRANSCRIPT

Further reference to this meeting can be found in the transcript which is available on-line at http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/pa/pa_2008apr16.htm

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROMOTION AND PROTECTION
RE: COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTATION and CONTROL**

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

WITNESSES

Department of Health Promotion and Protection

Mr. Duff Montgomerie, Deputy Minister

Dr. Robert Strang, Chief Public Health Officer

Dr. Shelly Sarwal, Medical Officer of Health

Ms. Elaine Holmes, Director – Communicable Disease Prevention and Control

Ms. Sue McKeage, Director – Communications

BACKGROUND

The Committee wanted to meet with the Department of Health Promotion and Protection with respect to the February 2008 Report of the Auditor General's chapter on Communicable Disease Prevention and Control.

MOTION

THAT the Public Accounts Committee affirm its desire to receive the Report of the Conflict of Commissioner and that it authorizes its Chair to issue a subpoena to the Minister of Immigration and the Deputy Minister of Immigration to produce the document to the Committee without delay.

Moved by: Mr. Graham Steele, MLA
Motion: Referred to the Next PAC Meeting

TRANSCRIPT

Further reference to this meeting can be found in the transcript which is available on-line at http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/pa/pa_2008apr23.htm

TRADE CENTRE LIMITED

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

WITNESSES

Trade Centre Limited

Mr. Frederick MacGillivray, President and Chief Executive Officer
Hon. Stewart McInnes, Chairman – Trade Centre Limited Board of Directors
Mr. Don Larlee, Vice President – Finance
Ms. Colette Curran, Vice President – Human Resources and Payroll
Ms. Nina Kressler, Vice President – Sales and Marketing
Mr. Scott Ferguson, Executive Vice President

BACKGROUND

The Committee wanted to meet with the President and Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Trade Centre Limited to discuss issues arising from the Board's financial statements.

REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTATION

A copy of the KPMG Report with regard to the Supplemental Pension Arrangement

A document that shows the supplementary pension has been approved by Cabinet

With regard to the President and CEO's contract, a document that shows Cabinet approval each time there was a significant change in the contract with the exception of the ordinary 3 per cent annual increments

Cabinet Order with respect to the International Ice Hockey Federation agreement for the 2008 International Ice Hockey Championship

Updated Governance Procedures for the Trade Centre Limited

TRANSCRIPT

Further reference to this meeting can be found in the transcript which is available on-line at http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/pa/pa_2008apr30.htm

SENIORS' PHARMACARE PROGRAM / PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

WITNESSES

Department of Health

Ms. Cheryl Doiron, Deputy Minister

Ms. Emily Somers, Director of Pharmaceutical Services

BACKGROUND

The Committee wanted to meet with the Department of Health with respect to the Seniors' Pharmacare and Prescription Drug Coverage.

REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTATION

Seniors who are in receipt of the Guaranteed Income Supplement, that paid the full premium for Seniors' Pharmacare, have since received refunds. What was the total amount refunded and how many seniors have been in receipt of that refund?

How many seniors do you estimate don't have drug coverage in the Province?

With respect to the Seniors' Pharmacare Program, how many drugs were added to the formulary in 2007-08 and how many were removed?

TRANSCRIPT

Further reference to this meeting can be found in the transcript which is available on-line at http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/pa/pa_2008may21.htm

**OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL
RE: NOMINEE AUDIT REPORT – PHASE I**

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

WITNESSES

Office of the Auditor General

Mr. Jacques Lapointe, Auditor General

Ms. Evangeline Colman-Sadd, Assistant Auditor General

BACKGROUND

The Committee moved a motion during a meeting on October 31, 2007 requesting that the Auditor General perform an audit of the Provincial Nominee Program. As a result, the Auditor General tabled the first phase the Report entitled “*Office of Immigration Economic Stream of the Nova Scotia Nominee Program – Special Report of the Auditor General to the Nova Scotia House of Assembly*”.

MOTIONS

THAT the Public Accounts Committee direct its Chair to draft, sign and serve subpoenas for the production of documents on the units of government identified in today’s Auditor General Report as having withheld documents from the Auditor General and that the Public Accounts Committee further direct its Chair to report to the House of Assembly, immediately at its next sitting, any non-compliance with these subpoenas.

Moved by: Mr. Graham Steele, MLA

AMENDMENT:

That the Auditor General receive the information, all information, that has been requested by the Auditor General to do his work properly and that, indeed, the information be provided to the Committee as well, as this motion indicates.

Moved by: Mr. Keith Colwell, MLA
Motion as Amended: Carried

THAT the Public Accounts Committee direct its Chair to invite the Premier of Nova Scotia to appear before the Public Accounts Committee at the earliest opportunity, preferably before the end of June 2008, to explain and answer questions concerning his government’s position on disclosure of documents to the Auditor General.

Moved by: Mr. Graham Steele, MLA
Motion: Defeated

TRANSCRIPT

Further reference to this meeting can be found in the transcript which is available on-line at http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/pa/pa_2008jun11.htm

SUBCOMMITTEE

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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

ATTENDANCE

Ms. Maureen MacDonald, MLA, Chair
Mr. Chuck Porter, MLA, Vice Chair
Mr. Keith Colwell, MLA
Mr. Jacques Lapointe, Auditor General

BACKGROUND

The Subcommittee met to discuss witnesses for upcoming meetings of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Subcommittee put forward the following list of witnesses for approval to the Public Accounts Committee:

Atlantic Lottery Corporation (Gaming Security and Process for Awarding Tenders)

Superintendent of Pensions re: NSAHO Pension Plan

Provincial Office of Immigration re: Skill Shortages, Rural Outreach Activities, and other matters pertaining to their activities

Resource Recovery Fund Board - Review of RFP Evaluation for Tire Burning and Related Issues

Department of Health - Wait Times

Department of Justice re: Funding for the Public Prosecution Service

TRANSCRIPT

Further reference to this meeting can be found in the transcript which is available on-line at http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/pa/pa_2007oct03.htm

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND PROCEDURES
OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION – NOMINEE PROGRAM
DOCUMENTATION and FUTURE MEETING DATES/WITNESSES

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

ATTENDANCE

Ms. Maureen MacDonald, MLA, Chair
Mr. Keith Colwell, MLA
Ms. Evangeline Colman-Sadd, Assistant Auditor General
Mr. Gordon Hebb, QC, Chief Legislative Counsel

BACKGROUND

The primary focus of this meeting was to discuss how the Subcommittee was planning to deal with the vast amount of documentation received, as well as documentation withheld, from the Office of Immigration on the Provincial Nominee Program. Future meeting dates/witnesses would also be discussed.

MOTION

THAT this meeting be held publicly, not In-Camera.

Moved by: Mr. Keith Colwell, MLA
Motion: Carried

TRANSCRIPT

Further reference to this meeting can be found in the transcript which is available on-line at http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/pa/pa_2007dec05.htm

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND PROCEDURES

OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION – NOMINEE PROGRAM DOCUMENTATION and AGENDA SETTING

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

ATTENDANCE

Ms. Maureen MacDonald, MLA, Chair
Mr. Chuck Porter, MLA, Vice Chair
Mr. Keith Colwell, MLA
Ms. Evangeline Colman-Sadd, Assistant Auditor General
Mr. Gordon Hebb, QC, Chief Legislative Counsel

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss how the vast amount of documentation received from the Office of Immigration on the Nominee Program is to be managed. Future meeting dates/witnesses respecting the Nominee Program, as well as new topics/witnesses for future Public Accounts Committee meetings were also discussed.

It was agreed that the following three witnesses/topics would be scheduled for the Public Accounts Committee meetings:

Department of Justice and the Public Prosecution Service re: Funding for the Public Prosecution Service

Department of Environment and Labour re: E-Waste Regulations (Protected Areas, Environmental Home Assessment Program, Water Strategy, Air Quality Monitoring, Competitive and Compliance Initiative)

Nova Scotia Association of Health Organizations and Department of Health re: Essential Services Legislation and Health Human Resources

TRANSCRIPT

Further reference to this meeting can be found in the transcript which is available on-line at http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/pa/pa_2008jan09.htm

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND PROCEDURES
OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION – NOMINEE PROGRAM
DOCUMENTATION / ADDITIONAL WITNESSES

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

ATTENDANCE

Ms. Maureen MacDonald, MLA, Chair
Mr. Chuck Porter, MLA, Vice Chair
Mr. Keith Colwell, MLA
Mr. Jacques Lapointe, Auditor General
Mr. Gordon Hebb, QC, Chief Legislative Counsel

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this meeting was to follow up on discussions regarding management and release of the documentation received from the Office of Immigration on the Nominee Program, as well as additional witnesses/topics for future meetings.

The Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedures Report dated January 9, 2008 was discussed and the following changes were made to the list of witnesses/topics:

Department of Environment and Labour – Topics for discussion to only include E-Waste Regulations and Air Quality Monitoring.

Nova Scotia Association of Health Organizations (NSAHO) and the Department of Health re: Essential Services Legislation and Health Human Resources. It was agreed to only invite the Department of Health regarding the topic of Health Human Resources. The NSAHO is not a government entity and it is not the role of the Public Accounts Committee to examine entities of a non-government nature; however, the Committee will recommend that the NSAHO appear as a witness before the Human Resources Committee to discuss health human resource issues. As well, since there is currently a bill being dealt with in the House with respect to Essential Services Legislation, it was felt the Public Accounts Committee does not have the authority or mandate to deal with this issue at this time. Since this witness/topic was originally an item on the Liberal Caucus list, it was agreed that they may provide the Clerk with another witness or topic.

TRANSCRIPT

Further reference to this meeting can be found in the transcript which is available on-line at http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/pa/pa_2008jin16.htm

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND PROCEDURES
OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION – NOMINEE PROGRAM
DOCUMENTATION / ADDITIONAL WITNESSES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

ATTENDANCE

Ms. Maureen MacDonald, MLA, Chair
Mr. Mr. Keith Bain, MLA – Replaced Mr. Chuck Porter, MLA
Mr. Keith Colwell, MLA
Ms. Evangeline Colman-Sadd, Assistant Auditor General
Mr. Gordon Hebb, QC, Chief Legislative Counsel

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this meeting was to follow up on discussions regarding management and release of the documentation received from the Office of Immigration on the Nominee Program, as well as to discuss additional witnesses/topics for future meetings.

The Subcommittee put forward the following list of witnesses/topics in a Report of the Subcommittee to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

Department of Environment and Labour re: E-Waste Regulations and Air Quality Monitoring (January 16, 2008, Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedures approved at the January 23, 2008, meeting of the Public Accounts Committee)

Department of Justice re: Correctional Facilities

Department of Economic Development and Trade Centre Limited Board of Directors re: issues arising from the Board's financial statements

Department of Economic Development re: Nova Scotia Broadband Initiative

Department of Health Promotion and Protection re: February 2008 Report of the Auditor General on Communicable Disease Prevention and Control

Department of Energy re: Tidal Power

The issue of scheduling Subcommittee meetings was discussed and it was agreed that the Subcommittee will meet on the first Wednesday of each month following the Public Accounts Committee meeting from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM. This issue will be included in the Report of the Subcommittee for approval by the Standing Committee on Public Accounts at its next meeting.

TRANSCRIPT

Further reference to this meeting can be found in the transcript which is available on-line at http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/pa/pa_2008mch05.htm

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND PROCEDURES
OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION – NOMINEE PROGRAM
DOCUMENTATION / ADDITIONAL WITNESSES

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

ATTENDANCE

Ms. Maureen MacDonald, MLA, Chair
Mr. Chuck Porter, MLA, Vice Chair
Mr. Keith Colwell, MLA
Ms. Evangeline Colman-Sadd, Assistant Auditor General
Mr. Gordon Hebb, QC, Chief Legislative Counsel

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the management of the documentation received from the Office of Immigration on the Nominee Program, as well as to discuss additional witnesses regarding the Nominee Program.

MOTION

THAT the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedures recommend to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts that the Office of Immigration be scheduled to meet regarding the Nominee Program as soon as the Subcommittee has had an opportunity to look at the documentation and to report back to the Public Accounts Committee on the documentation.

Moved by: Ms. Maureen MacDonald, MLA
Motion: Defeated

TRANSCRIPT

Further reference to this meeting can be found in the transcript which is available on-line at http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/pa/pa_2008mch26.htm

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND PROCEDURES

AGENDA SETTING and OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION – NOMINEE PROGRAM DOCUMENTATION

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

ATTENDANCE

Ms. Maureen MacDonald, MLA, Chair
Mr. Chuck Porter, MLA, Vice Chair
Mr. Keith Colwell, MLA
Ms. Evangeline Colman-Sadd, Assistant Auditor General
Mr. Gordon Hebb, QC, Chief Legislative Counsel

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the witnesses and topics for upcoming meetings, as well as discussion regarding the documents with respect to the Nominee Program.

The Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedures put forward the following witnesses and topics for approval of the Public Accounts Committee:

Department of Health re: Seniors' Pharmacare/Prescription Drug Coverage

Department of Finance re: Additional Appropriations/Financial Reporting

South Shore Regional School Board re: 2008 Auditor General's Report

Office of the Auditor General Re: Nominee Audit Report – Phase I

The Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedures agreed to meet up until the June 11, 2008 Auditor General meeting and to reconvene in the Fall.

With respect to the Nominee Program documentation, the Subcommittee will ask that the Standing Committee on Public Accounts approve the recommendation to release the documents discussed during this meeting.

TRANSCRIPT

Further reference to this meeting can be found in the transcript which is available on-line at http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/pa/pa_2008may07.htm

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All of which is respectfully submitted to the
House of Assembly this 19 day of November, 2008

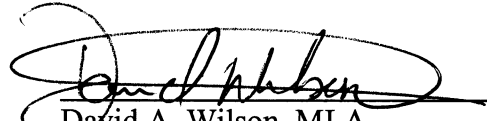


Maureen MacDonald, MLA
Chair


I concur


Pat Dunn, MLA

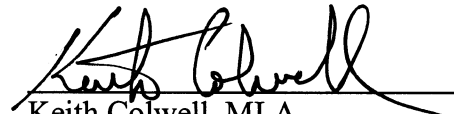
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David A. Wilson, MLA

I concur


Chuck Porter, MLA (Vice-Chairman)

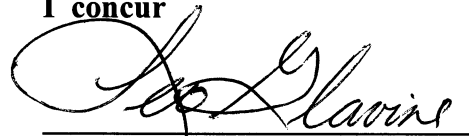
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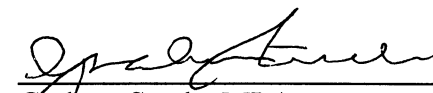
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Keith Bain, MLA

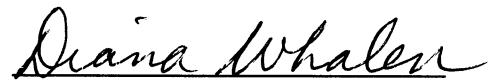
I concur


Leo Glavin, MLA

I concur


Graham Steele, MLA

I concur


Diana Whalen, MLA

APPENDICES

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The following is a list of documents and information requested and received by the Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

Department of Environment and Labour – Nova Scotia Association of Health Organizations (NSAHO) Pension Plan – October 31, 2007

- Job descriptions for the Superintendent of Pensions and all staff in her office
- A list defining roles and responsibilities of all staff

Atlantic Lottery Corporation – November 14, 2007

- Documentation from ALC to the Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation advising of the number of retailer wins (incident reports)
- Current and previous Bristol Group Reports - Public Opinion Polling System
- Documentation indicating the number of suppliers that are members of the World Lottery Association, as well as the number of Canadian businesses that are members of the World Lottery Association
- All Travel Expense Claims for staff associated with the iBingo Contract

Office of Immigration / Nova Scotia Economic Development – Nominee Program – November 28, 2007

- The Public Accounts Committee requested a list of documents not being provided to the Committee (as previously discussed at the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedures meetings held on November 14 and 21, 2007) by Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at 9:00 AM. The Office of Immigration stated they will only be able to provide a list of what documents had been reviewed to date.

Department of Justice and Public Prosecution Service – February 6, 2008

- Information on the number of staff within the Department of Justice, Victim Services, that receive sensitivity training to assist them when contacting and talking to families who are victims of crime.
- Information on what the requirements are for people who work in the Department of Justice – are they prepared for the nature of the work that they are doing and what they have to be involved with?
- Surveys or feedback on level of satisfaction with the service that's available.
- With respect to counselling, is there a process for people who simply can't cost share and can the cost be waived?

Office of the Auditor General – February 2008 Report – March 26, 2008

- With respect to the audit of the Environmental Monitoring and Compliance Division of the Department of Environment, the Auditor General's Office will provide information to the Committee on how complaints are recorded and tracked in each of the four regions of the province.

Department of Environment – E-Waste Regulations and Air Quality Monitoring

- A list of E-Waste drop-off sites and locations across the province
- Information on what fire precautions are in place at the drop-off sites and consolidation Centre
- Information regarding the amount of extra income the Province is receiving on the HST that will be collected on the recycling fees for E-Waste
- Cost of trucking tires to the storage facilities as well as the cost to store the tires in the facilities each month
- Information on whether the depots in Nova Scotia collect the same percentage of profits as depots in other jurisdictions that have a similar program
- Audit Report and Annual Report prepared by Resource Recovery Fund Board (RRFB) regarding the evaluation of the E-Waste Program

Department of Justice – Correctional Services/Facilities – April 16, 2008

- Number of staff that will be hired to deal with inmate overcapacity levels in correctional facilities and the number of times that extra staff has had to be brought in to deal with the overcapacity levels
- Copy of internal review report regarding mistaken release of a prisoner at the Cape Breton facility back in January 2008
- Tendering process information for the awarding of the GPS Monitoring Pilot Project contract (first and second tenders). Is the cost significantly higher on the new one?

Department of Health – Seniors' Pharmacare Program / Prescription Drug Coverage – May 21, 2008

- Seniors who are in receipt of the Guaranteed Income Supplement, that paid the full premium for Seniors' Pharmacare, have since received refunds. What was the total amount refunded and how many seniors have been in receipt of that refund?
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- With respect to the Seniors' Pharmacare Program, how many drugs were added to the formulary in 2007-08 and how many were removed?

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