

Introduction

1 MESSAGE FROM THE AUDITOR GENERAL

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- 1.1 Under Section 9A(1) of the Auditor General Act, I have the mandate to issue two additional reports each year as well as special reports. These are in addition to the Annual Report which is traditionally tabled in December each year.
- 1.2 In past years I have issued special reports and I tabled an additional report in November 2003. This Report includes the results of audit work conducted since my December 2003 Annual Report and I anticipate that we will prepare and table similar semi-annual reports in future years.
- 1.3 The objective is to provide information to the House of Assembly on a more timely basis and allow the Public Accounts Committee to call witnesses and deal with matters while they are more current. Discussions with members of the Committee indicate they favour this approach.

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- 1.4 This Report contains nine chapters resulting from audit work conducted since my report of December 2003 up until early May 2004. Two of the chapters deal with government-wide financial matters, six deal with departmental programs and one with a crown agency.
- 1.5 Since this is a relatively shorter report than the Annual Report, I have not prepared either an overview or summary of significant findings. Essentially each chapter stands on its own. As in the past, I have issued a separate highlights volume

CONCLUSION

- 1.6 I trust this Report will be useful to members of the House of Assembly and I would welcome comments and reactions to the content and particularly the timing. I would also like to express my appreciation to my staff for their efforts in adapting to the demands of this process change.
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