

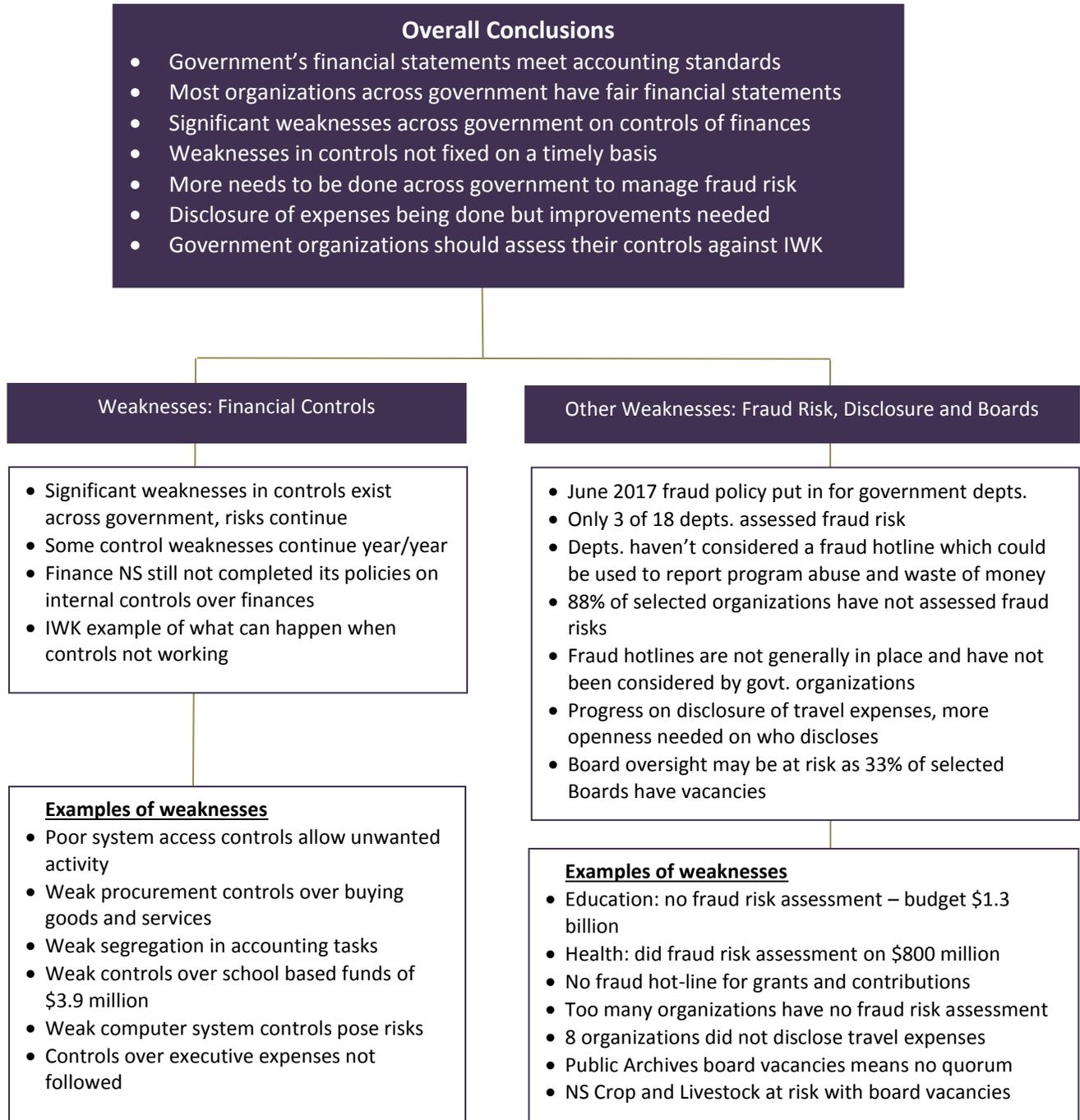


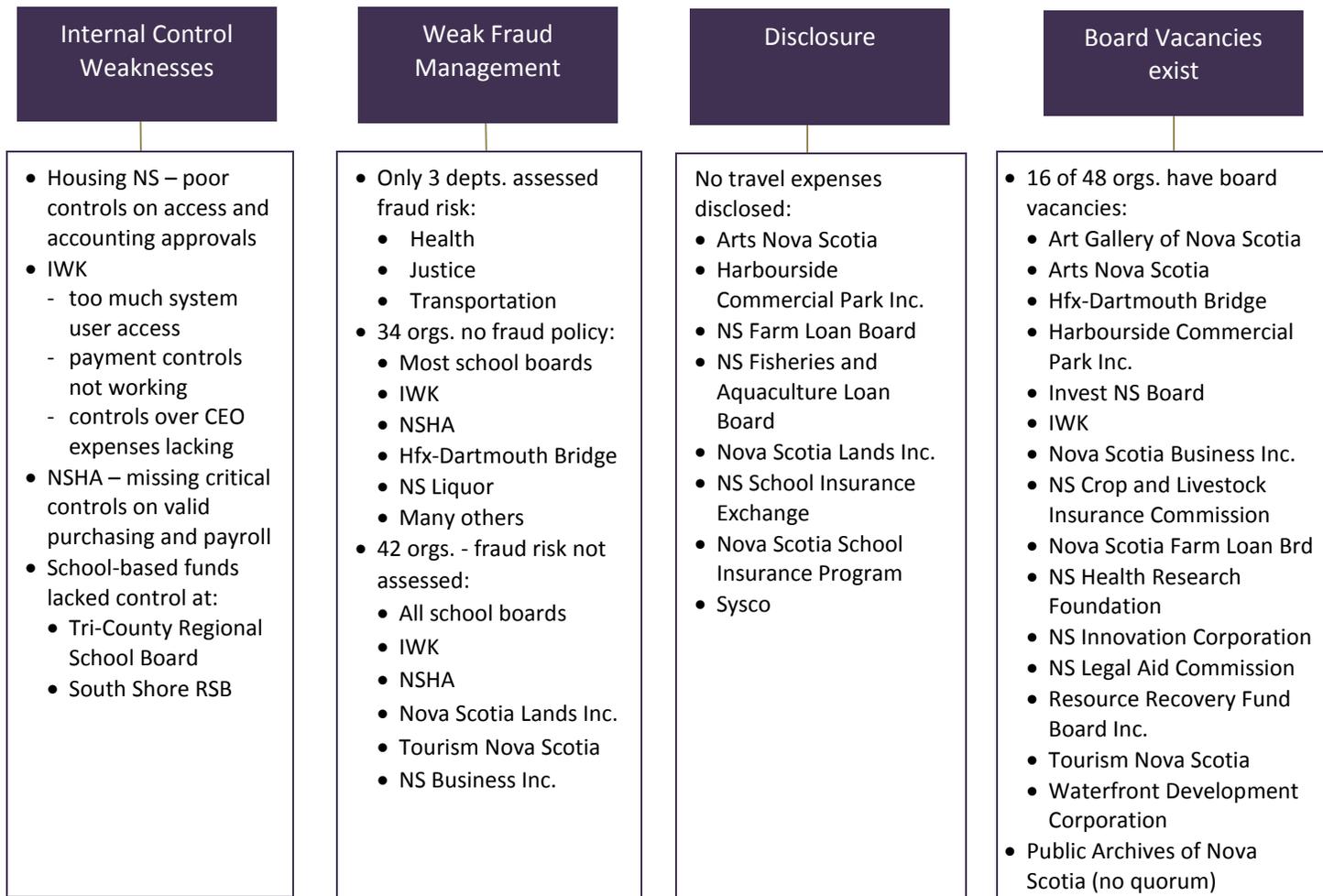
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Nova Scotia

Chapter Highlights

Chapter 1: Financial Audit Work Results: A Tool to Hold Government Accountable





10 Questions Nova Scotians may want to ask:

1. Is the Government's financial information as reliable as other Governments' and the private sector?
2. Why does NSHA have significant weaknesses over control of its resources after 2 years?
3. Why do IWK and Housing Nova Scotia, who have been operating for decades, have significant weaknesses over the control of its resources?
4. Why do some organizations continue to have the same weaknesses in financial management year after year – e.g., school based funds in school boards?
5. Why do some organizations not disclose travel/hospitality expenses of all their executive members?
6. What can organizations do to protect themselves from similar issues in expense controls as at the IWK?
7. Why haven't big departments, spending billions of dollars, such as Education and Municipal Affairs, not fully assessed fraud risk and could there be wasteful spending?
8. Why do many orgs. not have policies to assess and manage fraud risk?
9. Why is there no government fraud tip hotline for employees and all Nova Scotians to call if they suspect waste and abuse impacting public monies?
10. Why have 33% of Nova Scotia Boards been running with vacancies, are the spots still needed, and who is responsible to address this?