



A Tool to Hold Government Accountable

The Public Accounts Committee, the House of Assembly, and the public may wish to consider the following questions to hold government accountable for recommendations not yet completed.

2015 Audit Reports

June 2015

Procurement and Management of Professional Services Contracts

1. While waiting for the pending federal government solution, what is Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services doing to evaluate vendors and to have the information available as a resource for future procurement decisions?

Responsible Gambling and the Prevention and Treatment of Problem Gambling

2. While developing goals, how does Health and Wellness know if it is effectively reducing the number of Nova Scotians experiencing gambling harms?
3. Has the Office of Aboriginal Affairs been successful in negotiating with all First Nations Bands in Nova Scotia to ensure objectives of responsible gambling are reflected in gambling venues, and what is being done to monitor compliance with agreements and terms?

November 2015

Business Continuity Management

4. While developing a business continuity program, how is the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial managing the risk of service disruptions?

Forest Management and Protection

5. How does Lands and Forestry plan to measure whether the action items in the Natural Resource Strategy have been achieved?

2016 Audit Reports

June 2016

Homes for Special Care: Identification and Management of Health and Safety Risks

1. Do the Letters of Agreement implemented by Community Services have the same accountability structure as a formal agreement?
2. Community Services' future demand project was initially expected to be completed in 2018. When does the Department expect it to be completed?

Species at Risk: Management of Conservation and Recovery

3. When is Lands and Forestry's work expected to be completed on the remaining species that require Special Management Practices?
4. What is Lands and Forestry doing to monitor species at risk to ensure monitoring activities are clearly communicated and completed while working to hire a monitoring biologist?

November 2016

Licensed Child Care

5. While proclamation of the new Act and regulations is pending, what is Education and Early Childhood Development doing in the interim to ensure thorough inspections are performed and violations are corrected?
6. How will Education and Early Childhood Development's new IT system help verify that grant and subsidy claims are accurate?

School Capital Planning

7. How is Education and Early Childhood Development ensuring that they are capturing all relevant information needed to analyze school tangible capital asset requests?
8. How will Education and Early Childhood Development make sure all new school and renovation projects follow the new capital process?

Critical Infrastructure Resiliency

9. What is the Emergency Management Office doing to ensure that once risks are identified, appropriate mitigation strategies are in place?



2017 Audit Reports

November 1, 2017

Climate Change Management

1. Will Natural Resources Canada funding allow for an update of the rating of climate change risks every five years as committed to by Environment?

November 22, 2017

Mental Health Services

2. Will subsequent mental health appointment wait times be reported based on the triage categories?
3. How does the Nova Scotia Health Authority make sure funding to mental health programs and services is allocated based on service delivery plans?

Managing Home Care Support Contracts

4. How is Health and Wellness ensuring data submitted by home care providers is accurate?
5. How will Health and Wellness and the Nova Scotia Health Authority ensure they are consistently communicating complaints to each other and taking appropriate action to address them?