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AUDITOR GENERAL ACT

SECTION 8

The Auditor General shall examine in such manner and to the extent he considers necessary such of the accounts of public money received or expended by or on behalf of the Province, and such of the accounts of money received or expended by the Province in trust for or on account of any government or person or for any special purposes or otherwise, including, unless the Governor in Council otherwise directs, any accounts of public or other money received or expended by any agency of government appointed to manage any department, service, property or business of the Province, and shall ascertain whether in his opinion

- (a) accounts have been faithfully and properly kept;
- (b) all public money has been fully accounted for, and the rules and procedures applied are sufficient to secure an effective check on the assessment, collection, and proper allocation of the capital and revenue receipts;
- (c) money which is authorized to be expended by the Legislature has been expended without due regard to economy or efficiency;
- (d) money has been expended for the purposes for which it was appropriated by the Legislature and the expenditures have been made as authorized; and
- (e) essential records are maintained and the rules and procedures applied are sufficient to safeguard and control public property.

SECTION 9

- (1) The Auditor General shall report annually to the House of Assembly the results of his examination and call attention to every case in which he has observed that
 - (a) any officer or employee has wilfully or negligently omitted to collect or receive any public money belonging to the Province;
 - (b) any public money was not duly accounted for and paid into the Consolidated Fund of the Province;
 - (c) any appropriation was exceeded or was applied to a purpose or in a manner not authorized by the Legislature;
 - (d) an expenditure was not authorized or was not properly vouched or certified;
 - (e) there has been a deficiency or loss through fraud, default or mistake of any person;
 - (f) a special warrant, made pursuant to the provisions of the *Provincial Finance Act*, authorized the payment of money; or

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- (g) money which is authorized to be expended by the Legislature has not been expended with due regard to economy and efficiency,
- and to any other case that the Auditor General considers should be brought to the notice of the House of Assembly.
- (2) The report of the Auditor General shall be laid before the House of Assembly on a day following the day upon which the Public Accounts have been laid before the House of Assembly.
- (3) Whenever a case of the type described in clause (a), (b), or (e) of subsection (1) comes to the attention of the Auditor General, he shall forthwith report the circumstances of the case to the Minister.
- (4) The Auditor General shall, as soon as practical, advise the appropriate officers or employees of an agency of government of any significant matter discovered in an audit.
- (5) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the Auditor General is not required to report to the House of Assembly on any matter that the Auditor General considers immaterial or insignificant.

SECTION 15

Notwithstanding any provision of this Act, the Auditor General may, and where directed by the Governor in Council or the Management Board shall, make an examination and audit of

- (a) the accounts of an agency of government; or
- (b) the accounts in respect of financial assistance from the government or an agency of the government of a person or institution in any way receiving financial assistance from the government or an agency of government,

where

- (c) the Auditor General has been provided with the funding the Auditor General considers necessary to undertake the examination and audit; and
- (d) in the opinion of the Auditor General, the examination and audit will not unduly interfere with the other duties of the Office of the Auditor General pursuant to this Act,

and the Auditor General shall perform the examination and audit and report thereon.

SECTION 17

(1) Where the Governor in Council pursuant to this Act or any other Act has directed that the accounts of public money received or expended by any agency of government shall be examined by a chartered accountant or accountants other than the Auditor General, the chartered accountant or accountants shall

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- (a) deliver to the Auditor General immediately after the completion of the audit a copy of the report of findings and recommendations to management and a copy of the audited financial statements relating to the agency of government; and
- (b) make available to the Auditor General, upon request, and upon reasonable notice, all working papers, schedules and other documentation relating to the audit or audits of the agency accounts.
- (2) Notwithstanding that a chartered accountant or accountants other than the Auditor General have been directed to examine the accounts of an agency of government, the Auditor General may conduct such additional examination and investigation of the records and operations of the agency of government as he deems necessary.