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## Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut to appear before Standing Committee

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (January 22, 2002)** - The Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut will present her second annual report before the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Government Operations and Services on January 29, 2002.

Elaine Keenan Bengts was appointed in November 1999 as Nunavut's first Information and Privacy Commissioner. She reports directly to the Legislative Assembly in fulfilling a range of duties under the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Hunter Tootoo, Chairperson of the Standing Committee, said, "The work of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is important in helping to ensure that our Government operates in an open manner, yet respects the privacy rights of Nunavummiut."

Copies of the Information and Privacy Commissioner's latest annual report are available from the Legislative Assembly. An electronic version is available at http://www.assembly.nu.ca. Ms. Keenan Bengt's appearance begins at 1:00pm in the Tuktu Room at the Legislative Assembly Building. The appearance is open for the public to observe.

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