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Auditor General to appear before Standing Committee

IQALUIT, Nunavut (January 29, 2002) - The Auditor General of Canada, Mrs. Sheila Fraser, will appear before the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Services on

February 5, 2002, to review her first annual report to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.

The Auditor General of Canada audits the public accounts of the Government of Nunavut, as well as those of the federal government, the NWT and the Yukon.

Her annual report raises management issues that are noted during audits.

Hunter Tootoo, MLA for Iqaluit Centre and Chair of the Standing Committee, said, "This meeting will give us the opportunity to ask some important questions regarding a range of issues raised in the AG's report, including whether the Government is making the right decisions with respect to how it pays for major capital projects."

Rebekah Uqi Williams, MLA for Quttiktuq, added, "The Auditor General's report deals with matters that affect all of our communities, such as the need to determine who is responsible for the costs of environmental clean-ups of contaminated sites in Nunavut."

The meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Tuktu Room at the Legislative Assembly Building. The appearance is open for the public to observe and will be broadcast in Iqaluit on local cable channel 33 as well as 94.9 FM and 93.7 FM radio.

Copies of the Auditor General's report are available from the Legislative Assembly and are on-line at: http://www.oag-bvg.gc.ca.

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