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Standing Committee Tables Recommendations on Access to Information and Protection of Privacy

IQALUIT, Nunavut (February 25, 2002) - The Standing Committee on Government Operations and Services today tabled its Report on the Review of the 2000-2001 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut.

Elaine Keenan Bengts, the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut, is an independent officer of the Legislative Assembly. She appeared before the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Services at a public meeting to discuss her report and recommendations on January 29, 2002.

The members of the Standing Committee are Hunter Tootoo, David Iqaqrialu, James Arvaluk, Enoki Irqittuq and Rebekah Williams.

"The work of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is vital to helping ensure that our government is transparent, yet sensitive to privacy issues," said Hunter Tootoo, MLA for Iqaluit Centre and Chair of the Standing Committee. "Our report provides a number of recommendations that would strengthen the public's right of access with the need to safeguard people's personal information held by public bodies."

The Standing Committee has presented fourteen recommendations in its report. Under the Rules of the Legislative Assembly, the Government of Nunavut is required to provide a comprehensive response within 120 days.

"We look forward to seeing the Government act on the issues and concerns raised in our report," said James Arvaluk, MLA for Nanulik and member of the Standing Committee.

Copies of the Standing Committee's report are available from the Legislative Assembly and on-line at: www.assembly.nu.ca

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