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Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut to appear before Standing Committee

IQALUIT, Nunavut (February 13, 2003) - The Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut will appear before the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Government Operations and Services on February 19, 2003, to review her third annual report to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.

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

Hunter Tootoo, MLA for Iqaluit Centre and Chair of the Standing Committee, said, "The issues raised by the Information and Privacy Commissioner are of concern to Members. It is important that Nunavut achieves the right balance in these areas."

Ms. Keenan Bengt's appearance begins at 1:30pm 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 Information and Privacy Commissioner's annual report are available from the Legislative Assembly. An electronic version is available at http://www.assembly.nu.ca.

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