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Auditor General to appear before Standing Committee

IQALUIT, Nunavut (**June 2, 2004**) - The Auditor General of Canada, Ms. Sheila Fraser, will appear before the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Accountability on June 18, 2004, to review her 2004 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. Members of the Standing Committee will pose questions to senior Government of Nunavut officials during the course of its hearings.

Hunter Tootoo, MLA for Iqaluit Centre and Chair of the Standing Committee, said, "This annual event provides an important opportunity to hold the Government accountable for its management of Nunavut's scarce financial resources. The Committee looks forward to following up on the Government's progress in acting on past commitments made to the Legislative Assembly."

Keith Peterson, MLA for Cambridge Bay and Co-Chair of the Standing Committee, said, "The Auditor General has identified a number of serious issues in her report. These need to be addressed in a decisive and transparent manner."

Hearings will begin at 9:00am 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 online at: http://www.oag-bvg.gc.ca.

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