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Standing Committee Report Reveals Need for Action

IQALUIT, Nunavut (November 24, 2004) – The Legislative Assembly’s Standing Committee on Government Operations and Accountability today released its *Report on the Review of the 2004 Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut*.

The Auditor General of Canada audits the financial statements of the Government of Nunavut, as well as those of the Government of Canada, the NWT and the Yukon. Her annual report to the Legislative Assembly raises management issues that are noted during audits. The Auditor General appeared before the Standing Committee on June 18, 2004. Government of Nunavut witnesses also appeared to respond to Committee Members' questions and concerns regarding issues raised by the Auditor General and the Committee itself during four days of public hearings.

The Members of the Standing Committee are Hunter Tootoo (Chair), Keith Peterson (Co-Chair), David Alagalak, Levi Barnabas and Tagak Curley.

“Our comprehensive set of hearings revealed many areas in which decisive action is required,” said Hunter Tootoo, MLA for Iqaluit Centre and Chair of the Standing Committee. “We will continue to push for greater transparency in the Government’s reporting practices, including the issue of what steps its new Crown Agency Council is taking to address the problems raised by the Auditor General.”

The Standing Committee’s report presents twenty-one specific recommendations. Under the Rules of the Legislative Assembly, the Government of Nunavut is required to table a formal written response within 120 days. This response will be posted on the Legislative Assembly’s website upon tabling in the House.

“The Auditor General’s Report was a wake-up call,” said David Alagalak, MLA for Arviat. “That’s why the Members of the Legislative Assembly agreed at our recent Caucus Retreat that decisively implementing its recommendations would be a key goal of our mandate.”

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