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R E L E A S E

Auditor General to appear before Standing Committee

IQALUIT, Nunavut (June 6, 2007) - The Auditor General of Canada, Ms. Sheila Fraser, will appear before the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Accountability on Wednesday, June 13, 2007, to review her 2007 Report to the Legislative Assembly on the Financial Assistance for Nunavut Students (FANS) Program.

The Auditor General of Canada audits the accounts and financial transactions of the Government of Nunavut, as well as those of the federal government, the NWT and the Yukon. Her reports highlight management issues that are noted during audits. Members of the Standing Committee will pose questions to the Auditor General and senior Government of Nunavut officials during the hearings.

Hunter Tootoo, MLA for Iqaluit Centre and Chair of the Standing Committee, said, "We look forward to welcoming the Auditor General back to Iqaluit. The FANS Program is an important cornerstone of Nunavut's commitment to providing opportunities for Nunavummiut to obtain post-secondary education. It is vitally important that this program be managed well, and the Standing Committee looks forward to reviewing the recommendations in the Auditor General's performance audit."

Hearings will begin at 1:30pm in the Tuktu Room at the Legislative Assembly Building. They will be 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>. Copies of the Standing Committee's past reports and the Government of Nunavut's responses are available at: <http://www.assembly.nu.ca>.

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