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Standing Committees Announce Schedule of Televised Hearings

IQALUIT, Nunavut (September 7, 2023) - The Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts and Standing Committee on Legislation will hold televised hearings from September 19-27, 2023.

The Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts will hold a televised hearing from September 19-20, 2023, on the *Auditor General of Canada's 2023 Report to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut on Child and Family Services in Nunavut*; a televised hearing on September 21, 2023, on the most recently-tabled set of territorial Public Accounts; and a televised hearing on September 22, 2023, on the *Auditor General of Canada's 2023 Report to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut on COVID-19 Vaccines in Nunavut*.

The Office of the Auditor General's reports to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut can be downloaded from the following location:

https://www.oag-bvg.gc.ca/internet/English/nun lp e 1088.html

The Public Accounts of Nunavut can be downloaded from the following location: https://www.gov.nu.ca/finance/information/public-accounts

Senior officials from the Government of Nunavut will also appear as witnesses at the televised hearings.

"The standing committee's hearings will allow Members of the Legislative Assembly to consider the extent to which the Government of Nunavut is taking action to address the Auditor General's findings," said Committee Chairperson George Hickes, MLA for Iqaluit-Tasiluk. "Our hearing on the territorial public accounts is an important component of transparent financial management."

The Standing Committee on Legislation will hold televised hearings from September 25-28, 2023, on Nunavut's official languages legislation. Section 37 of the *Official Languages Act* and section 43 of the *Inuit Language Protection Act* require that the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut conduct a periodic review of the provisions and operations of the legislation.

The Minister responsible for Languages has been invited to appear before the standing committee on Monday, September 25, 2023. The Office of the Languages Commissioner of Nunavut has been invited to appear on Tuesday, September 26, 2023. The Association des francophones du Nunavut has been invited to appear on the morning of Wednesday, September 27, 2023. The Inuit Uqausinginnik Taiguusiliuqtiit has been invited to appear on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 27, 2023. Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated has been invited to appear on Thursday, September 28, 2023.

"Earlier this year, the standing committee issued a public invitation for Nunavut residents and organizations to provide formal submissions on the administration, implementation, effectiveness of provisions and achievement of objectives of Nunavut's language legislation," said Committee Chairperson Joe Savikataaq, MLA for Arviat South. "Members look forward to considering the recommendations that have been submitted."

The standing committees' televised hearings begin each day at 09:00am in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly. The hearings will be televised on local community cable stations and direct-to-home satellite service on the Bell (channel 513) and Shaw (channel 289 - classic / channel 489 - new lineup) networks. Hearings are live-streamed at: http://video.isilive.ca/nunavut/. Residents of Iqaluit may also listen to the live radio broadcast of the proceedings on the following FM channels: Floor: 92.5 / Inuktitut: 94.7 / English: 102.1.

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