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**Standing Committee to hold hearings on the Reports of the
Auditor General, Languages Commissioner and
Information and Privacy Commissioner**

IQALUIT, Nunavut (September 14, 2010) - The Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts will hold hearings from September 27 to October 1, 2010, on the most recent annual reports to the Legislative Assembly of the Auditor General of Canada, the Languages Commissioner of Nunavut and the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut. All Regular Members of the Legislative Assembly serve on the Standing Committee.

The Auditor General of Canada, Ms. Sheila Fraser, has been invited to appear before the Standing Committee at 1:30pm on Monday, September 27, 2010, to present her *Report to the Legislative Assembly on Human Resource Capacity in the Government of Nunavut*. Senior officials from the Government of Nunavut's Department of Human Resources will also appear before the Standing Committee.

"The Government of Nunavut has indicated that over 800 positions in the public service are vacant and the Auditor General's report reveals that it takes approximately 318 days to fill a vacancy," said James Arvaluk, MLA for Tununiq and Chair of the Standing Committee. "Our Committee's hearings will provide an important opportunity to question the government on what action it is taking to strengthen its capacity."

The Languages Commissioner of Nunavut, Ms. Alexina Kublu, has been invited to appear before the Standing Committee at 1:30pm on Wednesday, September 29, 2010.

"The Standing Committee looks forward to the Languages Commissioner's first appearance since her appointment to office," said Chairman Arvaluk. "Members will have the opportunity to examine her office's progress in fulfilling its statutory mandate under Nunavut's new official languages legislation."

The Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut, Ms. Elaine Keenan Bengts, has been invited to appear before the Standing Committee at 09:00am on Friday, October 1, 2010.

“Last year’s appearance of the Information and Privacy Commissioner before the Standing Committee resulted in a number of important recommendations being made to the government,” said Fred Schell, MLA for South Baffin and Co-Chair of the Standing Committee. “This year’s hearing will provide an opportunity for MLAs to evaluate the extent to which action has been taken on the issues raised by the Standing Committee and the Information and Privacy Commissioner.”

The Standing Committee’s hearings will take place in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly and will be open for the public to observe. The hearings will be broadcast in Iqaluit on local cable television and FM radio.

Copies of the Auditor General's reports are available at: <http://www.oag-bvg.gc.ca>. Copies of the reports of the Languages Commissioner and the Information and Privacy Commissioner are available from the Office of the Legislative Assembly.

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