

Follow-Up on Reports Issued by the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Summary

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts (Committee) (see **Volume 1 – Chapter 6**) holds hearings throughout the year when the Legislature is in session on chapters in our Annual Reports or our special reports, and presents its observations and recommendations in reports that it tables in the Legislative Assembly.

This year we followed up on the status of the implementation of the Committee's recommendations from six Committee reports tabled between March 2015 and November 2015 and on the status of the concerns raised in the Committee's reports on Ornge Air Ambulance and Related Services tabled in 2014. Our objective is to provide the Committee with information on the actions being taken by audited entities to provide the requested information and address the recommendations that the Committee made in its reports to the Legislature.

Our follow-up work consists primarily of inquiries and discussions with the government, the relevant ministries or broader public sector entities and a review of the status reports they provide to the Committee. In a few cases, the organization's internal auditors also assisted us with this work. As this is not an audit, we cannot provide a high level of assurance that the corrective actions described have been implemented effectively. The actions taken or planned may be more fully examined and reported on in future audits. Status reports will factor into our decisions on whether future audits should be conducted in these same areas.

As noted in **Figure 1**, progress has been made toward implementing 77% of the Committee's 70 recommended actions, including 44% of them that have been fully implemented. There has been little or no progress on 20% of the recommended actions and 3% of them will not be implemented. More specific details are presented in the sections that follow **Figure 1**.

Figure 1: Overall Status of Implementation of Recommendations from the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

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Report	# of Recs	# of Actions Recommended	Status of Actions Recommended			
			Fully Implemented	In Process of Being Implemented	Little or No Progress	Will Not Be Implemented
3.01 Cancer Screening Programs Tabled Nov 23, 2015	9	9	8.0	1.0	—	—
3.02 Education of Aboriginal Students Tabled Mar 22, 2016	6	6	5.0	1.0	—	—
3.03 Financial Services Commission of Ontario—Pension Plan and Financial Service Regulatory Oversight Tabled Jun 2, 2015	14	22	8.0	4.0	10	0
3.04 Infrastructure Ontario—Alternative Financing and Procurement Tabled Jun 2, 2015	6	12	9.0	1.0	2	—
3.05 Ornge Air Ambulance and Related Services Tabled Oct 30, 2014	This Report did not include recommendations, but we did do a follow-up to review the status of the issues raised by the Committee.					
3.06 Public Accounts of the Province Tabled Apr 5, 2016	5	5	4.0	1.0		
3.07 Smart Metering Initiative Tabled Nov 24, 2015	8	10	8.0	0	1	1
3.08 University Undergraduate Teaching Quality Tabled Jun 3, 2015	5	6	2.3	1.7	1	1
Total	53	70	44.3	9.7	14	2
%		100	63	14	20	3