



The Auditor General's Panel of Senior Advisors—Terms of Reference

I. Mandate

The Auditor General's Panel of Senior Advisors (Panel) is established to provide strategic advice to the Auditor General of Ontario (AGO) on her Office's work.

Specific issues for the Panel's consideration and advice will include:

- The overall state of Ontario's public sector and broader public sector with particular emphasis on current or potential issues and trends;
- Emerging issues that the AGO should consider in the selection of audits and the conduct of her work;
- The AGO's relevance to stakeholders and areas that may be appropriate for growth or new strategies;
- Opinions on the findings that the AGO should report to the Legislature; and
- Other topics, as requested by the Auditor General.

The Panel will meet at least twice per year at the call of the AGO. Members are encouraged to suggest items for discussion. The powers of the Panel are limited to providing non-binding advice and recommending lines of action. The final decision will rest with the AGO.

II. Objective

The Auditor General requires expert and strategic advice and recommendations from senior, external and independent advisors.

III. Membership

The Auditor General's Panel of Senior Advisors is comprised of a broad cross section of members of the external community. Members of the Panel are selected by the Auditor General based on their capacity to provide the Auditor General with the highest quality advice in matters pertaining to the Panel's mandate. Members of the Panel are appointed for a term of three years, and are eligible for re-appointment at the discretion of the AGO.



IV. Description of Deliverables/Scope of Work

Members of the Panel of Senior Advisors shall:

1. Prepare for and attend meetings of the Auditor General's Panel of Senior Advisors at the offices of the AGO located at 20 Dundas Street West, Toronto, Ontario.
2. Review confidential documentation provided by the AGO in advance of the meeting.
3. Provide opinions and advice through participation in discussions at the meetings. The advice and opinions (verbal and written, as applicable) may be provided before, during and/or after the meeting, as mutually agreed upon by the Advisor and the AGO.
4. Provide additional advice, as needed, which may take place in between meetings on specific issues.

V. Additional Terms and Conditions

Prior to serving on the Panel of Senior Advisors, each Advisor shall:

1. Take the Oath of Office and Secrecy.
2. Complete the Conflict of Interest Disclosure.

VI. Other Considerations

The Panel Member's per diem reimbursement includes:

1. \$350 per half-day meeting (max. 4 hours) and \$700 for a full-day meeting, including time to prepare and draft any written comments as required.
2. Where meeting materials to review are substantial, a supplemental per diem may be provided.
3. Travel expenses related to attending Panel meetings.
4. If conference calls are required, time will be reimbursed at \$75 per hour.
5. If three consecutive meetings are missed, membership on the panel is considered to be concluded.
6. Any requests from media are to be referred to the AGO.