

Several key Auditor General recommendations not implemented three years after being issued

WINNIPEG – Manitoba Auditor General Norm Ricard today released his report *Follow-up of Recommendations*. The report gives the implementation status as of Sept. 30, 2017 for 224 Auditor General recommendations made between January 2014 and July 2016.

The Auditor General supports the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislative Assembly by following up on the status of past recommendations for three consecutive years, beginning 18 months after being issued. This is the Auditor General's final follow up for 100 of the 224 recommendations in the report. Ricard notes only 67 of these 100 recommendations have been implemented.

"I'm concerned several very important recommendations remain largely unimplemented," says Ricard.

These recommendations deal with:

- Conducting independent quality assurance reviews of Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS) clinical operations. Independent quality assurance reviews is a best practice for overseeing the performance of a third-party service provider.
- Developing a long-term capital plan for adult correctional facilities.
- Developing a values and ethics policy, or a code of conduct, for all civil servants.
- Monitoring how well government departments are implementing ethics-related policies and providing support to those with less-developed processes.
- Providing public servants with a vehicle to anonymously report concerns of ethical misconduct.

"I encourage the Public Accounts Committee to request detailed action plans for each of these recommendations and to monitor progress against these plans," says Ricard.

To view the entire report, please visit <http://www.oag.mb.ca/reports>.

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