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Deputy Auditor General concerned over number of unimplemented recommendations

WINNIPEG – Deputy Auditor General Tyson Shtykalo says he has concerns with the government's progress implementing the recommendations made by his office. The details are contained in a new report, *Follow-up of Recommendations*.

The Office of the Auditor General follows up on the status of its past recommendations for three consecutive years, beginning about 18 months after issuance.

Today's report gives the implementation status for 180 recommendations made between January 2016 and October 2018. This is the third and final follow-up for 66 of the 180 recommendations. Only 24 of these 66 recommendations—or 36%—have been resolved. "I recognize some recommendations can be difficult and time consuming to implement, and must be made amid other operating priorities," Shtykalo said. However, Shtykalo added that he believes after three years, an implementation rate of 85% is reasonable and achievable.

The Deputy Auditor General noted the implementation rate has been well below 85% after the office's third follow-up every year since 2015. "I am concerned with the number of past recommendations that the government has not implemented," he said.

Shtykalo encouraged the Public Accounts Committee to actively monitor the status of outstanding recommendations that it judges as significant, and hold government departments and Crown organizations accountable for their respective commitments to improvement.

The 66 third-year recommendations were included in four audits:

- *Improving Educational Outcomes for Kindergarten to Grade 12 Aboriginal Students* (released January 2016)
- *Management of Provincial Bridges* (released July 2016)

- *Keeyask Process Costs and Adverse Effects Agreements with First Nations* (released September 2016)
- *Manitoba East Side Road Authority* (released September 2016).

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

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