

## **Release of the Report Follow-up of Recommendations**

**WINNIPEG** – Auditor General, Norm Ricard, today released his report, *Follow-up of Recommendations*.

The report presents the implementation status, as at September 30, 2016 of 262 recommendations included in 20 audit reports issued between January 2013 and July 2015.

The report shows that 130 recommendations remain in progress, with 27 of these having made significant progress. For 5 of the 20 reports, all of the recommendations have been implemented (totaling 31 recommendations).

While the Auditor General noted that he generally does not comment on whether an entity's implementation rate is satisfactory, he expressed concern that 23 recommendations aimed at strengthening the Province's information technology security practices, issued in January 2013, remain in progress. "We continue to be concerned with the slow progress in implementing these recommendations. Given the value and sensitivity of the information stored on the Province's information systems, the Province should act more quickly to resolve the issues identified in our January 2013 report, and most notably, to better identify, assess and mitigate its IT security risks," said Ricard.

The Auditor General is an Officer of the Legislative Assembly. He is mandated to provide independent assurance and advice to Members of the Legislative Assembly. Through its audits, the Office of the Auditor General seeks to identify opportunities to strengthen government operations and enhance performance management and reporting.

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