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Effective processes in place to comply with public servant expenses

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada... Auditor General of Alberta Doug Wylie released his yearly audit report on the travel, meal and hospitality expenses of the premier, ministers, and their staff as part of an annual rotational audit of government departments.

The audit determined that all the departments examined—Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development; Environment and Parks; Infrastructure; Justice and Solicitor General; Municipal Affairs; and Transportation—had effective processes in place.

“Albertans expect ministers and public servants to spend taxpayers’ dollars responsibly and prudently when conducting government business,” said Wylie. “Effective processes are needed to ensure that people are complying with the expense policies. Albertans need the assurance that these systems are well-designed and working effectively.”

The Auditor General follows a rotational approach so that each department is audited once every three years. The audit looks at processes to verify that the travel, meal and hospitality expenses of ministers, associate ministers, and their staff comply with policy and support the Treasury Board Committee oversight processes.

The report was made public on June 29, 2022 and is available at www.oag.ab.ca.

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