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Things You Need to Know About the Office of the Auditor General of Alberta

Auditor General
OF ALBERTA

1 Our work improves performance and promotes accountability within government.

We make recommendations that can result in better outcomes, better services, and better programs for Albertans.

2 We play a key role in the democratic system.

Appointed under the *Auditor General Act*, we are the auditor of every provincial ministry and department, and most provincial agencies, boards, commissions, and regulated funds.

3 Our independence is vital.

We are independent (nonpartisan) of government and those we audit. This ensures our work is objective and we are a credible and trusted source of information on government spending and activities.



4 We do two types of audits:

Financial statement audits—We audit Alberta’s Consolidated Financial Statements annually, which represent the financial affairs and resources of the province. We also issue independent audit opinions on provincial agencies, boards, commissions, and regulated funds. These statements account for the full nature and effect of the financial affairs and resources of the province.

Performance audits—We assess if government programs and services are working properly and recommend how to improve them.

5 Our audits:

- **report** on how government is managing its responsibilities and the province’s resources
- **provide independent assurance** to the 87 Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta (MLAs) and the people of Alberta that public money is properly accounted for and programs and services achieve desired outcomes



6 We present our audit reports to all MLAs and table them in the Legislative Assembly.

We provide MLAs with independent, accurate, and reliable data and information on government spending and performance. We then post our reports online so Albertans can learn more about our work.

7 Readers of our audit reports use them to:

- learn if government programs, processes, and services are working as well as possible
- help MLAs report to their constituents
- provide information for MLA committee work



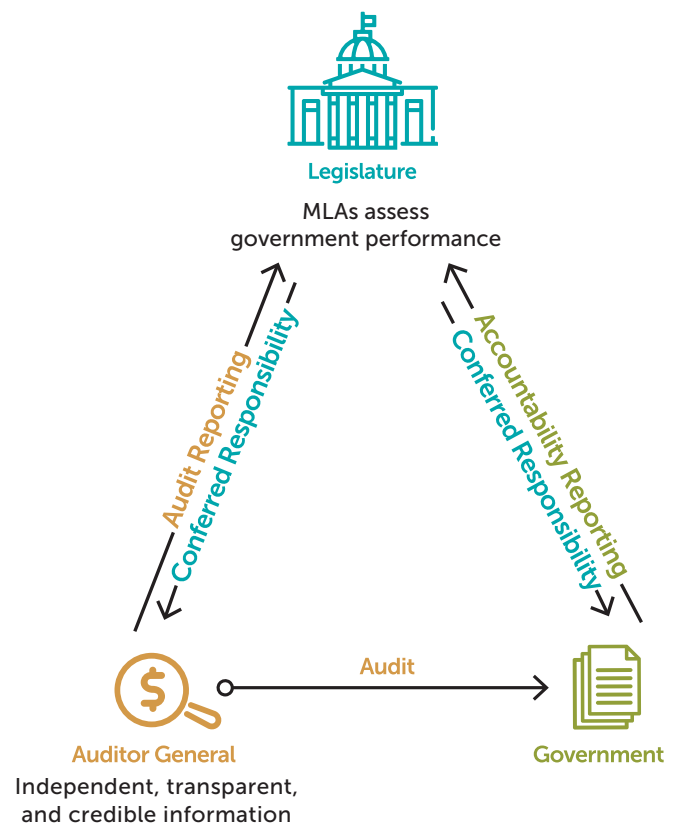
8 Our goal is to have our work acted upon.

We work in close collaboration with MLAs who are members of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts. This nonpartisan committee reviews government spending and our reports to examine how government has accounted for and used public funds, and how it is acting on our recommendations.

The value of our work is not fully realized until our recommendations are acted on. We achieve that goal when government managers accept our findings and implement our recommendations.

9 We want to hear from you.

We welcome feedback on our planned audit work and ideas for new performance audits. But we don't advocate on behalf of individuals to resolve their concerns.



10 Learn more.

Our website (oag.ab.ca) includes all our reports and recommendations. Contact us with any questions or ideas for audits at info@oag.ab.ca.

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