

# Public Safety and Emergency Services

## Status of recommendations

Total	Status of Recommendations			
	Ready for Assessment	Not Ready for Assessment	>3 Years	<3 Years
4	0	4	2	2

## Recommendation summary (by report, newest to oldest)

Report Title	Number of Recommendations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Annual Summary of Ministry Audit Work—November 2024</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Improve financial information preparation and reporting processes</li> <li>› Improve grant management processes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Provincial Hazard Assessment for Emergency Management—September 2020</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Implement a system to develop and maintain a provincial hazard assessment</li> <li>› Improve monitoring and reporting of recommendations from post-incident disaster reviews</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>

## Detailed recommendation list (by report, newest to oldest)

Recommendation	When	Status
<p><b>DEPARTMENT</b> Annual Summary of Ministry Audit Work—November 2024:</p> <p><b>Improve financial information preparation and reporting processes</b></p> <p>We recommend that the Department of Public Safety and Emergency Services improve its financial information preparation and reporting processes by enhancing its quality control and review activities.</p> <p><b>Consequences of not taking action:</b> Without effective and sustainable financial reporting processes, management may not have reliable financial information to base their decisions on. The risk of inaccurate financial information being supplied to users is substantially increased and there is more opportunity for potential fraud. Additionally, there are inefficiencies that result from ineffective financial reporting processes.</p>	November 2024, p. 117	<b>Not Ready for Assessment</b>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT</b> Annual Summary of Ministry Audit Work—November 2024:</p> <p><b>Improve grant management processes</b></p> <p>We recommend that the Department of Public Safety and Emergency Services improve and consistently apply processes for the Guns and Gangs grant program to evaluate eligibility of potential recipients, monitor use of funds, and report on progress towards achieving the program's objective.</p> <p><b>Consequences of not taking action:</b> Without clear and consistent grant processes the department may give funding to ineligible applicants, grant funds may not be used as intended by the recipients, and programs may not be achieving their objectives. Also, the department's financial information may not correctly report amounts due back where conditions of the grant agreements have not been met.</p>	November 2024, p. 118	<b>Not Ready for Assessment</b>

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<p><b>DEPARTMENT</b> Provincial Hazard Assessment for Emergency Management:</p> <p><b>Implement a system to develop and maintain a provincial hazard assessment</b></p> <p>We recommend that the Department of Public Safety and Emergency Services implement a system to develop and maintain a provincial hazard assessment.</p> <p><b>Consequences of not taking action:</b> Without an effective provincial hazard assessment system, the Government of Alberta may not be aware of its cumulative disaster risk exposure. It may not have the information necessary to identify its highest priority provincial hazards so that it can make informed, province-wide, evidence-based decisions. This could result in mitigation or preparedness efforts falling short. As a result, the Government of Alberta may not be investing in mitigation that meets provincial priorities. An ineffective provincial hazard assessment system could also result in the Government of Alberta incurring significant costs to respond to—and recover from—a disaster that it may have been able to mitigate or avoid.</p> <p>Incomplete or inadequate hazard assessments by ministries or local authorities may compromise the completeness and accuracy of the provincial hazard assessment system.</p>	<p>September 2020, p. 17</p>	<p>Not Ready for Assessment</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENT</b> Provincial Hazard Assessment for Emergency Management:</p> <p><b>Improve monitoring and reporting of recommendations from post-incident disaster reviews</b></p> <p>We recommend that the Department of Public Safety and Emergency Services improve the monitoring and reporting of recommendations from post-incident disaster reviews.</p> <p><b>Consequences of not taking action:</b> Lessons identified in post-incident disaster reviews may not be implemented, or may not be implemented in a timely manner, resulting in missed opportunities to improve Alberta’s emergency management system.</p>	<p>September 2020, p. 18</p>	<p>Not Ready for Assessment</p>