Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs

3.2.12 Expenditures Related to September 11th (2002 Annual Report, Part 2.22)

Introduction

In 2002, we performed a review of expenditures incurred by Government related to the September 11th airplane diversion. These expenditures were paid through the Emergency Measures activity within the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs. The objective of our review was to determine whether expenditures were authorized, adequately supported and approved prior to payment.

Our review of the payments made in relation to the September 11th emergency indicated that, in certain instances, documentation used to support payments was inadequate. The documentation was considered inadequate in that it did not have sufficient information or detail in support of the amount claimed. We also noted instances where duplicate payments were made to suppliers.

Update

In October 2004, we contacted the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs requesting an update as to the progress on the comments and recommendation included in our 2002 report. The information provided by the Department in response to our request is outlined below.

2002 Recommendation

The Department should review expenditure claims to ensure any duplicate payments made are recovered.

Action Taken

The Department indicated that it reviewed the payments made in relation to September 11th and found no further duplicate payments. This review entailed the extraction of payment information from the Oracle FMSP system and a review of each of the vouchers related to this event. In addition, the Department indicated that it was successful in recovering all duplicate payments identified during our review.