3.1 Introduction

We conduct legislative audits to provide the House of Assembly with information on public sector accountability. Legislative audits are carried out to determine whether:

- Public money is being properly collected and accounted for;
- expenditures are properly recorded and made for the purposes intended;
- accounts are properly kept;
- assets are adequately safeguarded; and
- accounting and management systems and practices are adequate.

These legislative audits also determine whether the activities of Government departments and agencies have been carried out in compliance with legislation, government policies and other authorities.

Monitoring the implementation of our recommendations is an important part of our obligation to report to the House of Assembly. Our objective is to monitor and report the degree to which positive change has occurred as a result of the implementation of recommendations in our prior years' reports.

In 1996, we commenced a formal process of monitoring and updating the comments and recommendations included in our previous Annual Reports to the House of Assembly. It is our intention to monitor and update the recommendations in each Annual Report two years after it has been issued. Monitoring will continue until we are reasonably satisfied that issues are being adequately addressed or are no longer valid.

This chapter includes the results of these monitoring activities on our Annual Reports up to and including 2002.

Department of Education

3.2.1 Memorial University of Newfoundland (1994 Annual Report, Part 4.9)

Introduction

In 1994 and again in our annual updates from 1996 to 2003 we concluded that the Department of Education did not have an adequate system of accountability in place over grants paid to Memorial University of Newfoundland. Although the University received approximately