Other Matters

The following are additional matters relating to the Office:

7.1 Public Accounts Committee Hearings

The House of Assembly's Public Accounts Committee is appointed under the Standing Orders of the House of Assembly. The Committee is comprised of four Government Members and three Opposition Members. The Chair of the Committee is elected from the Opposition Members and the Vice-Chair is elected from the Government Members.

The Public Accounts Committee did not hold public hearings during the year.

7.2 Eastern Conference of Legislative Auditors (ECOLA)

The Office hosted the annual meeting of the Eastern Conference of Legislative Auditors of Canada in St. John's on the 8th and 9th of July 2004. ECOLA meets each year and is comprised of the Auditors General and senior staff members from all of the Atlantic Provinces and Quebec. The Group serves to promote and support professional legislative auditing within all the legislative audit offices in eastern Canada.

7.3 Special Report to the House of Assembly

On 11 March 2004, I forwarded a Special Report to the Speaker for tabling in the House of Assembly to explain that the Newfoundland and Labrador Liquor Corporation had refused to provide access to the information necessary to complete my review of the liquor licensing and enforcement functions at the Corporation.

7.4 Review of Health Scope 2004

On 1 December 2004, the Minister of Health and Community Services released a report entitled *Health Scope 2004: Reporting to Newfoundlanders and Labradorians on Comparable Health Indicators.*

This was the second time that all jurisdictions in Canada agreed to report on a set of comparable health indicators - the first report of this type was released in this Province in September 2002.

My Office performed a review of the 2004 report and issued our comments on the results of applying specified auditing procedures to the information contained in the report.

Other Matters