

### Goal 3.4

The annual report to the House of Assembly shall include a report on monitoring of Crown agencies.

#### Status

There will be a part in our *Report to the House of Assembly on Reviews of Departments and Crown Agencies* which will contain the results of this monitoring work for the 2005 fiscal year.

### 4.4 Special Assignments

Under Section 16 of the *Auditor General Act*, the Auditor General may accept assignments from the House of Assembly, the Public Accounts Committee and the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. The results of these assignments are reported to the body making the request and also referenced in our *Report to the House of Assembly on Reviews of Departments and Crown Agencies*.

### Goal 4.1

Strive to perform special assignments whenever requested.

#### Status

While we have completed a number of special assignments in recent years, there were no requests for special assignments during the 2005 fiscal year.

### Goal 4.2

Report on all special assignments conducted within six months of beginning our work.

#### Status

There were no requests for special assignments during the 2005 fiscal year.

### Goal 4.3

Subject all special assignment reports to quality control criteria and a challenge review process.

### Status

While there were no requests for special assignments during the 2005 fiscal year, our quality control and challenge review process requires that all audits, reviews, or assignments be subject to quality control criteria and a formal challenge review process.

### 4.5 Report Publishing

The *Auditor General Act* requires that we report, at least annually, to the House of Assembly on the results of our examination of the Province's financial statements and on the results of any audits, examinations or inquiries which we have performed. In addition, when we have completed a financial statement audit, we attach our auditor's report to the financial statements and issue a management letter to the entity examined. When we perform a legislative audit, we issue a management report which includes the entity's response to any comments made.

#### Goal 5.1

Provide our reports to the House of Assembly in compact disc format to supplement existing formats.

### Status

Our *Report to the House of Assembly on the Audit of the Financial Statements of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador* for the year ended 31 March 2005 was provided on compact disc format and our *Report to the House of Assembly on Reviews of Departments and Crown Agencies* for the year ended 31 March 2005 will be provided to the House of Assembly on a compact disc along with our traditional printed format.

#### Goal 5.2

Provide staff with direction relating to the Office's existing auditing policy on drafting reports and emphasize the need for consistency in report drafting.

### Status

The Office has a standard format, as outlined in our Auditing Policy 10, for preparing draft reports. In addition, to improve consistency in our various reports, we acquired specialized software and provided a training course for all audit staff dealing with written communications. As well, we engaged a communications consultant to review certain reports for style and consistency.