

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.

Although the Public Accounts Committee did not hold public hearings during the year, I was pleased to provide the Committee with an overview of my *Report on the Financial Statements of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador for the Year Ended 31 March 2005*.

7.2 Eastern Conference of Legislative Auditors (ECOLA)

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 Canadian Conference of Legislative Auditors (CCOLA)

CCOLA meets each year and is comprised of the Auditors General of all Provinces, the Territories and Bermuda along with the Auditor General of Canada and members of each office's senior staff. The Group serves to promote and support professional legislative auditing within all the legislative audit offices in Canada.

7.4 Special Report to the House of Assembly

On 7 March 2005, the Office issued a *Report on the Review of the Office of the Citizens' Representative (Supplementary Report re: Cellular Telephones)*. This Report was in addition to initial comments made in the *Report of the Auditor General to the House of Assembly on Reviews of Departments and Crown Agencies* submitted to the Speaker of the House of Assembly on 26 January 2005.

7.5 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.