

- Reductions in ferry operating costs expected from the increased use of the highway have not materialized. In fact, ferry operating costs (net of passenger and freight revenues) are increasing and in 2005-06 are expected to total approximately \$17.7 million. In 2004-05 actual net ferry operating costs were \$14.6 million.

After 2007, Government will have to fund the operations of the Labrador ferry service through its budgetary process -estimated at a net cost of approximately \$18 million per year.

2.9 Monitoring Expenditures of the Consolidated Revenue Fund

As part of our audit of the financial statements of the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF), we perform tests and reviews of the expenditures made by the various departments.

During the past year, we obtained expenditure information from Government's accounting system relating to all expenditures of the Consolidated Revenue Fund. We performed a general review and analysis of amounts paid relating to: grants and subsidies; property, furnishings and equipment; purchased services; professional services; allowances and assistance; and transportation and communications.

The results of our review are presented in Part 2.9 of the *Report of the Auditor General to the House of Assembly on Reviews of Departments and Crown Agencies for the Year Ended 31 March 2005*.

2.10 Central West Health Corporation

The Central West Health Corporation (the Corporation) was established in 1994 and provides primary, secondary, and long term care to approximately 66,000 residents. These services are provided through the Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre, 8 regional facilities and a number of clinics throughout the region. Effective 1 April 2005, the Corporation combined operations with the Central East Health Care Institutions Board and the Central Regional