

Provincial Update on Auditor General Recommendations
Department of Justice
AS AT MAY 31, 2012

Since 2009, the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) has made 4 recommendations to the Department of Justice, in efforts to improve government for the people of Nova Scotia. The Department has made every effort to address these recommendations. Of the 4 recommendations, 3 are in progress.

Recommendations assigned to Department of Justice:

Recommendations by Chapter	Complete	Work In Progress	Action no Longer Required	Do not Intend to Implement	Total Recommendations
July 2009					
Chapter 1: Pandemic Preparedness	-	2	-	-	2
November 2011					
Chapter 6: Nunn Inquiry Recommendations	-	1	-	1	2
Total	-	3	-	1	4
Percentages	0%	75%	0%	25%	100%

Recommendations in Detail:

Month & Year	Chapter	Recommendation	Status	Brief summary of actions taken
Jul 2009	1	1.5	Work in Progress	The Emergency Management Act was amended to allow the Emergency Management Office (EMO) to make regulations dealing with emergency plans for non-government entities; EMO meets regularly with non-government entities on emergency planning; a Business Continuity Management quick reference tool, guide and tool-kit have been developed; and EMO has become involved in a federal initiative on major emergency preparedness.
Jul 2009	1	1.6	Work in Progress	Twenty-six government departments have submitted emergency plans. EMO has reviewed and provided feedback on all of them. Discussions regarding revisions and updating are ongoing.

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Nov 2011	6	6.1	Work in Progress	Contract has been negotiated and signed with Nova Scotia Community College to develop and deliver a comprehensive online staff training programme to be delivered to all direct service and administrative support staff. Input from staff in Justice Centres sought on curriculum and best approaches for method of course delivery. Draft curriculum outline developed. Project lead assigned. Online course development software training provided to key development staff.
Nov 2011	6	6.2	Do Not Intend to Implement	The Department evaluated the youth bail supervision program in 2010; the evaluation concluded the program was not effective and that there was limited use of the service by the courts. The report recommended the program be canceled, and it was canceled effective April 1, 2011. All persons, including youth, who are released on bail continue to be subject to conditions imposed by the court; often these conditions include reporting to police on a regular basis.