

Provincial Update on the Auditor General Recommendations

Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal

November 2011

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal has fully responded to 70 per cent of the recommendations from the Auditor General's Office. Work is well underway to address the remaining recommendations. The department would like to acknowledge the work of the Auditor General and his team. Working together, we will improve our efficiencies as we work to deliver quality public infrastructure for Nova Scotia.

Recommendations assigned to Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal:

Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal	Complete	Work In Progress	Action no Longer Required	Do not Intend to Implement	Total Recommendations
April 2009					
Chapter 4: Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and Service, Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations: Truck Safety	3	2	-	-	5
February 2010					
Chapter 5: Government Financial Reporting	1	-	-	-	1
November 2010					
Chapter 5: Government Financial Reporting	1	-	-	-	1
Total	5	2	-	-	7
Percentage	71%	29%	0%	0%	100%

Recommendations in Detail:

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April 2009	4	4.1	Complete	<p>The Department has undertaken a number of actions such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Reviewed traffic patterns for major highways (compliance station locations) -Identified peak traffic times and schedule accordingly (Weigh In Motion (WIM) data) -Reviewed commercial vehicle crash data. Identify problem counties/areas and routes - Continue to focus inspections on areas of

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				high non-compliance and support the initiatives of CVSA (Brake Adjustment/Brake Systems – Brake Check/Brake Safety, focused training and industry support).
April 2009	4	4.2	Complete	The focus has been on performance management, goals have been established for vehicle compliance officers. When these goals are not achieved the supervisor initiates follow up actions with appropriate supporting documentation. In addition to the monitoring and following up when goals are not met, individuals are recognized for achieving targets above those outlined in the performance standards. Review Mission of Safety and Compliance, through Education, Inspection, and Enforcement.
April 2009	4	4.3	Work In Process	Met with other enforcement agencies to share information on how to manage the process. Reviewed Summary Offense Ticket (SOT) statistics and how officers are dealing with non-compliance if SOT's are not issued. Planning to Develop Policy/Procedure on Criteria for Inspection of Approaching Vehicle.
April 2009	4	4.4	Work In Process	Established a functioning, productive, policies and procedures (P&P) Committee, fully staffed with staff from all areas and functions. In 2009 there were – 7 new P&P included Manual 23 In 2011 – 16 P&P had been included in Manual 23 as well as update to previously exiting P&P A hard copy of Manual 23 has been produced, specific to Vehicle Compliance at each location and mobile unit. A Coordinator has been assigned to review “memos” and bring forward those that should be introduced into

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				P&P Training of all new staff on formal P&P. This process will be an ongoing process, existing policies and procedures will be reviewed at established points in time to ensure they are still effective, relevant, and serve the purpose they were intended to do.
April 2009	4	4.5	Complete	Jan. 2010 – adoption of Provincial Hours of Service Regulations (mirror federal and Supporting NSC Standard 9) Jan. 2011 – adoption (by reference under the Securing Loads on Vehicles Regulations under section 199(3) of the Motor Vehicle Act) of NSC Standard 10 – Tie Down/Tie Down Devices
February 2010	5	5.4	Complete	An independent analysis of the Sysco Provision was carried out in fiscal 2010-11. The results of the analysis were reported to the Government Accounting as part of the year end audit process for fiscal year ended March 31, 2011. The report indicated that the provision is adequately funded and there is no need to adjust the estimate.
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