

June 2015 – Report of the Auditor General

Chapter 2: Follow-up of 2011 and 2012 Performance Audit Recommendations

Why we did this audit:

- Past audits identified significant weaknesses in how government operates
- Government agreed with 99% of these recommendations
- Nova Scotians expect government to fix known problems

Overall Conclusions:

- Six organizations fixed more than 70% of their weaknesses
- Slight increase in implementation rate from 50% last year to 57% this year
- Five organizations corrected 44% or less of their weaknesses

What we found in our review:

- 6 organizations had good results with over 70% of recommendations implemented
 - Justice 83%
 - Trade Centre 79%
 - Transportation 76%
 - Agriculture 75%
 - Health 73%
 - Community Services 71%
- Overall rate of completing recommendations government agreed to at 57% is a slight improvement from last year
- 5 organizations had disappointing results of only correcting 44% or less of their weaknesses
 - IWK 20%
 - Capital Health 27%
 - Internal Services 30%
 - Education 33%
 - Municipal Affairs 44%
- Reasonable that some recommendations take longer
- Government still agrees with 99% of our recommendations
- Fixing known problems identified from audits needs to be a priority for Ministers and the public service as they work to deliver services to Nova Scotians in an efficient and effective manner



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