Chapter 3
Follow-up on Cybersecurity, Fraud Risk Management and Internal Meetings and Employee Social Events Expenses

Key Messages
- The Province and its organizations are still developing cybersecurity programs
- Government departments and organizations are still developing their responses to fraud risks

Why We Did This Chapter
- To provide updates on important matters impacting the Province

Cybersecurity

- Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services still has not finalized regulations which govern cybersecurity and its government-wide cybersecurity risk register is still under development
- Cybersecurity training programs are not provided to all IT users
- Organizations indicate they are moving forward in managing cybersecurity programs:
  - Housing Nova Scotia and Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation indicated they have plans to discuss and determine their responsibilities regarding cybersecurity
  - Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission indicated it addresses cybersecurity risks through its enterprise risk management program
  - Nova Scotia Health Authority indicated it began a review of cybersecurity

Fraud Risk Management

- Ten departments, nine public service units and 19 government organizations still have not completed fraud risk assessments
- Nine government organizations do not have fraud policies
- Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority does not have a fraud policy, has not completed a fraud risk assessment, nor has it evaluated the usefulness of a fraud tip hotline
- Six departments and three public service units have fraud training completion rates below 80 per cent
- Not all departments and organizations evaluated and reported on their fraud risk management program in 2019-20