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Questions Nova Scotians May Want to Ask

Chapter 3: Cybersecurity, Purchasing Cards, and Follow-up on Prior Year Observations

1. What is being done to ensure cybersecurity risks throughout the Province's IT environment are fully managed?

2. Why are there organizations that do not understand their cybersecurity responsibilities and what will be done about this?

3. What is the plan for finalizing the Shared Services regulations to list the government organizations that are to use the Province's IT services?

4. Why is it taking so long for a government that collects nearly $12 billion a year to have its fraud risks fully assessed and employees complete mandatory fraud training?

5. Why are fraud management programs nearly non-existent in regional centres for education which have had internal control weaknesses present for many years?

6. When will the Province's fraud reporting service/ hotline be available?

7. How does the Government create awareness of its fraud management program with its employees and the public?

8. How are government organizations ensuring adequate controls are in place relating to purchasing card spending if risk assessments are not completed?

9. Will the findings of the consultant's report on the teachers' pension plan be used to improve the financial health of the plan?