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## *Office of the Auditor General announces intended audits for next three years*

VICTORIA – The Office of the Auditor General of British Columbia has published its first ever *Performance Audit Coverage Plan* today, summarizing 47 performance audits that it plans to undertake over the next three years.

“Sharing our project intentions annually supports our commitment to transparency and stakeholder engagement,” explains Carol Bellringer, Auditor General of British Columbia. “Opening the conversation early with the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts (PAC) and other stakeholders about our planned work helps ensure that we select topics of greatest relevance and value to the people of B.C.”

The Office selected the topics from a list of hundreds after discussions with the Public Service, government, the Opposition, Members of the Legislative Assembly, and the people of B.C. Potential topics were assessed rigorously for their impact, relevance, and timing. This list is not definitive. It may shift as new priorities emerge or as the environment changes.

Under the *Auditor General Act*: [www.bclaws.ca/Recon/document/ID/freeside/00\\_03002\\_01](http://www.bclaws.ca/Recon/document/ID/freeside/00_03002_01), the Office has a statutory obligation to undertake financial statement audits including an audit of government’s public accounts. This work is detailed in the Office’s [Financial Statement Audit Coverage Plan](http://www.bcauditor.com/about-us/financial-statement-audit-coverage-plans): <http://www.bcauditor.com/about-us/financial-statement-audit-coverage-plans>.

The Office also conducts performance audits, which review an organization or program for whether it is achieving its objectives effectively, economically and efficiently. To ensure maximum value, performance audits tend to focus on sectors that affect the largest number of British Columbians or that represent a greater share of government resources.

The *Performance Audit Coverage Plan* is available on [www.bcauditor.com](http://www.bcauditor.com)

### **About the Office of the Auditor General of BC**

The Auditor General is a non-partisan, independent Officer of the Legislature who reports directly to the Legislative Assembly. The Auditor General Act empowers the Auditor General and staff (known as the Office of the Auditor General or OAG) to conduct audits, report findings and make recommendations.

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