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Summary Report Examines HSSBC's Realization of Estimated Savings & K-12 Education Funding Allocation Model

VICTORIA — The Office of the Auditor General of British Columbia released two reports today: *University Board Governance Examinations* and *Summary Report: Winter 2014*.

One of the Office's primary goals is to build and maintain positive working relationships with the public servants of this province. Publishing the *Summary Report: Winter 2014* recognizes some of the good work done in government, which may not otherwise be shared in a public realm. It also shares findings or recommendations, where appropriate, on projects that may not have resulted in a typical public report.

The *Summary Report: Winter 2014* provides a brief overview of two projects. The first includes recommendations for Health Shared Services BC (HSSBC), the organization that centralizes the purchasing of health care supplies throughout the province to gain efficiencies and save money.

Stated Auditor General Russ Jones, "We wanted to see if HSSBC's projected savings were accurate, but we couldn't do so because the information was too challenging to extract from the numerous health authority data management systems." The report makes recommendations to enhance HSSBC's public disclosure of projected procurement savings and capturing of contract information.

Jones did however comment that "we are pleased that HSSBC and the Provincial Health Services Authority are starting to take steps to address the limitations explained in this report."

The second project in the report summarizes key observations of the K-12 Education Funding Allocation Model, including making the Ministry of Education's wealth of materials more accessible to effectively inform stakeholders how the model works.

"Given the importance of the education system and its significant portion of provincial funding, my Office anticipates future audit work in this sector," explains Jones.

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