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Update on examination directed by Legislative Assembly

VICTORIA – The Office of the Auditor General has issued its interim report as it examines a private firm’s administration of government grants for B.C.’s electric vehicle sector.

An April 8th resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly directed the auditor general to examine “the administration of grants by MNP LLP under the Advanced Research and Commercialization program and the Commercial Vehicle Innovation Challenge.”

The resolution prescribed an interim report to be made public within 90 days. The final report is due by Sept. 1.

The interim report outlines:

- the auditor general’s approach to the examination;
- information about the Advanced Research and Commercialization grant program;
- roles and responsibilities of MNP and the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation in administering the program; and
- examination work completed up to June 24, and next steps.

The interim report does not include findings, as the examination continues.

The final report will provide information and findings concerning potential conflicts of interest that gave rise to the April 8th resolution.

The Office of the Auditor General confirms its independence, and the independence of individual examination team members, with respect to MNP.

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[Interim Report: Examination of MNP’s Administration of the Advanced Research and Commercialization Grant Program](#)

General questions and interview requests

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