

Information Security Management (*Summary Report – Results of Completed Projects*)

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Self-assessment conducted by the Ministry of Labour, Citizens’ Services and Open Government

Comments:

The Ministry of Labour, Citizens’ Services and Open Government supports and appreciates the ongoing efforts of the Auditor General of BC in auditing the Government’s Information Security Management process. The Government of British Columbia places a high priority on the protection of information. The progress in implementing the recommendations will contribute to our ongoing efforts to protect information and technology resources.

The Government Chief Information Officer is pleased to report that most of the recommendations listed in the report have been addressed, and the last recommendation is partially implemented.

Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS ADDRESSED IN PREVIOUS FOLLOW-UP REPORT(S):	SELF-ASSESSED STATUS
Recommendation 1: Develop more detailed guidance for ministries to follow in gathering appropriate support at each scoring level in their annual security review self-assessments.	Alternative action taken
Recommendation 2: Establish an audit process to ensure ministry assessment levels are reasonable and supported with sufficient and appropriate documentation.	Fully or substantially implemented
Recommendation 3: Develop a process that will identify causes of fluctuations in ministry compliance results, and develop specific action plans to deal with those causes.	Fully or substantially implemented
Recommendation 4: Require all ministries to complete a ministry-wide Security HealthCheck assessment regardless of whether a particular application is selected for a more detailed assessment.	Fully or substantially implemented
Recommendation 6: Ensure that all ministries use the same assessment tool for their information security self-assessments.	Fully or substantially implemented

Outstanding Recommendations:

RECOMMENDATION AND SUMMARY OF PROGRESS	SELF-ASSESSED STATUS
<p>Recommendation 5: Work with ministries to develop compliance performance targets suited for each ministry.</p>	<p>Partially implemented</p>

Actions taken, results and/or actions planned

Actions Taken: The Office of the Chief Information Officer, Information Security Branch has partially implemented the framework for compliance performance targets through:

- ◆ discussions with ministries to review their ministry 2010/11 annual information security results;
- ◆ discuss the value of completing these annual reviews; and
- ◆ standardize on the approach to complete the 2011/12 annual information security review.

The 2011/12 annual information security review results were presented to ministry information security officers on 12th July 2012. The 2011/12 annual information security review results form the baseline on which to create the performance targets for each ministry going forward.

Actions Planned: Meetings are now being set up with each Ministry Information Security Officer to discuss the framework for the compliance performance targets and set the targets for each individual ministry. Expected timeframe for completion is 31st October 2012.