

Standing Committee on Legislative Offices

Report on the Reappointment of the Auditor General

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To the Honourable Robert E. Wanner
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
of the Province of Alberta

The Standing Committee on Legislative Offices has the honour to submit its report relating to the recommendation for reappointment of the Auditor General, for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.

Sincerely,

Estefania Cortes-Vargas, MLA
Chair, Standing Committee
on Legislative Offices

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Substitution pursuant to Standing Order 56(2.1 - 2.4)

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Wednesday, February 17, 2016

At its Wednesday, February 17, 2016 meeting, the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices reviewed the October 19, 2015, request from Mr. Merwan Saher, Auditor General, for the Committee's consideration of an extension to his term of office, which will expire on April 28, 2016.

Section 2 of the *Auditor General Act*, excerpted below, provides for the reappointment of an Auditor General.

Appointment of Auditor General

2(1) There shall be appointed pursuant to this Act an Auditor General of Alberta who shall be an officer of the Legislature.

(2) Subject to section 5, the Lieutenant Governor in Council shall appoint the Auditor General, on the recommendation of the Assembly, for a term not exceeding 8 years.

(3) An Auditor General is eligible for reappointment under subsection (2).

RSA 1980 cA-49 s3

The Committee agreed with Mr. Saher's request to be reappointed for a two-year term, and the Committee passed the following motion in this respect:

MOVED by Mr. Cooper that the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices recommend to the Legislative Assembly that Mr. Merwan Saher be reappointed Auditor General for a two-year period commencing April 29, 2016.

