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**PROGRESS REPORT ON ACCOUNTABILITY
FOR PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE RELEASED**

VICTORIA --A joint report released today by the auditor general and the deputy ministers' council sets out the progress achieved by the council in bringing about changes to the performance management system across government, and outlines the steps the council intends to take next to advance the initiative in the coming year.

Enhancing Accountability for Performance in the B.C. Public Sector: A Progress Report is the third joint report from Auditor General George Morfitt and the council.

"I am impressed by the significant efforts and progress of a number of ministries and Crown corporations," said Doug McArthur, council chair. "But we must remember that this is only the first step in a long process. I hope that this public review will help foster a performance mindset across government."

"A key to success is ongoing leadership," said Morfitt. "And while performance management is an important feature of the initiative, we must not lose sight of the need for better accountability."

Following on this theme, the report also includes the auditor general's suggestions for enhancing accountability across government.

While the report was issued jointly with the auditor general, it has not been subject to audit examination. "Nonetheless, I am pleased to see that the council has fulfilled its commitment to report to the legislative assembly," said Morfitt.

Copies of the report are available at <http://www.oag.bc.ca/>

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