

## **CHAPTER 4**

### **Audit of Statutory Boards, Government Companies and Controlled Entities**

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- 4.1** The Barbados Audit Office is required to conduct audits of all Statutory Boards, Government companies and other Government controlled entities in accordance with Section 113 (1) of the Constitution of Barbados (Constitutional Amendment April 2007). The Audit Office however does not conduct audits of all these entities as some audits are conducted by auditors in the private sector. The Audit Office will however report to Parliament on the status of the accounts of all Government entities annually, whether the audits were conducted by the Auditor General's Department, or by auditors in the private sector. The following is a status report on the audit of Government Statutory Boards and companies known to the Audit Office.
- 4.2** There are a number of Statutory Boards which are late in presenting their financial statements for audit, and these include the National Insurance Department and the Samuel Jackman Prescod Polytechnic which are in excess of five years in arrears. This late financial reporting is contrary to the legislation under which these entities were established and can create an environment where fraud can remain undetected.
- 4.3** In order to have up-to-date audited financial statements available to stakeholders, a major effort will be required from these entities and my Office. All Government entities should be able to produce annual financial statements in time to have them audited within six months after the close of the financial year. The reasons these entities are late in submitting their reports are dealt with further in this Chapter.

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## Audits Conducted By the Audit Office

### Barbados Boxing Board of Control

- 4.4 The Barbados Boxing Board of Control has responsibility for the promotion and regulation of boxing in Barbados. The Board receives an annual grant from the Barbados Government. Regulation 16 of the Control of Boxing Act requires the Auditor General to audit the accounts of the Board. The Boxing Board has however not submitted any accounts for audit since the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 1993.
- 4.5 This matter should be investigated by the relevant Ministry to ensure that the Boxing Board complies with the provisions of the Boxing Act. A suspension of the subvention should be considered, given the lengthy period in which the accounts have not been submitted for audit.

### Barbados Community College

- 4.6 The audit of the accounts of the Barbados Community College is conducted in accordance with Section 10 (1) of the Barbados Community College Act, Cap. 36. The audit of the accounts of the College is currently in arrears. The accounts for the financial years ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 and 2006 were audited during 2008. The financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 have been submitted for audit while those for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 remain outstanding.

### Barbados Defence Force

- 4.7 The accounts of the Barbados Defence Force for the financial years April 2001 to March 2007 have been audited. No material errors were found during the course of the audit. The audit for the financial year ended March 2008 is currently in progress.

### Barbados Hospitality Institute

- 4.8 The Barbados Hospitality Institute, which falls under the Barbados Community College, conducts training for persons in the hospitality industry.
- 4.9 The audit of the accounts of the Institute is currently in arrears. The financial statements for the years ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 and 2007 have

been submitted and will be audited during 2009. The financial statements for the year ended March 2008 have not been submitted for audit.

#### **Barbados Liaison Service - Miami**

- 4.10 The Barbados Liaison Service in Miami administers a program relating to workers recruited in Barbados for attachment to hotels in the USA. The audits for the financial years 2005-2006, 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 are in progress.

#### **Barbados Liaison Service - Toronto**

- 4.11 The Barbados Liaison Service in Toronto administers a program relating to farm workers attached to farms in Canada. The audits for the financial years 2005-2006, 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 are in progress.

#### **Caribbean Centre for Development Administration**

- 4.12 The Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD) provides assistance to the countries of the Caribbean area for the purpose of improving their administrative capability. The accounts of CARICAD for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 were audited during 2008. No material errors in the financial statements were discovered during the course of the audits. The audit of the accounts for financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 is in progress.

#### **Caribbean Support Initiatives**

- 4.13 CARICAD also performs administrative functions for Caribbean Support Initiatives (CSI) a parent-support project aimed at improving child-rearing practices in the Caribbean. The accounts of CSI for the financial years ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006 and 2007 have been audited. No material errors were found during the course of the audit.

#### **Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology**

- 4.14 The Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology is a training and research organization funded by Governments in the Caribbean region. Receipts and Payments accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007

were audited. No material errors in the financial statements were discovered during the course of the audit.

### **Catastrophe Fund**

- 4.15** The Catastrophe Fund, which was established in April 2006, provides financial aid to any low income earner who owns and occupies a chattel house which is valued at not more than \$125,000, and is damaged or destroyed by a catastrophe. The accounts of the Catastrophe Fund for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007 were audited. No material errors in the financial statements were discovered during the course of the audit.

### **Central Emergency Relief Fund**

- 4.16** The Auditor General is required under Section 14 of the Central Emergency Relief Scheme to audit the statements of income and expenditure of the Central Emergency Relief Fund. The financial statements for the years ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006 to 2008 were not submitted for audit during the year, and these audits, therefore remain outstanding.

### **Central Liaison Service**

- 4.17** The Central Liaison Service (Regional Security System) is an organization supported by certain Caribbean countries. Its purposes include assisting with the fight against illegal narcotics, assisting with relevant emergencies and combating threats to national security in member states. The accounts of the Central Liaison Service for the 2005-2006, 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 financial years are currently being audited.

### **Community Legal Services Commission**

- 4.18** The Community Legal Services Commission provides legal aid to persons in the community who meet certain criteria. The accounts of the Commission for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 are currently being audited.

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**Erdiston Teachers' Training College**

- 4.19** The audit of the accounts of the Erdiston Teachers' Training College is currently in arrears. The financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 have been submitted and are awaiting audit. The financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 have not been submitted for audit.

**Land Reclaimers Limited**

- 4.20** The Land Reclaimers Limited ceased operating as a company in 2002. Any outstanding funds relating to this entity should be paid to the shareholders.

**National Assistance Board**

- 4.21** The National Assistance Board (NAB) provides assistance to poor and needy persons in the country. In accordance with Section 6 (2) of the National Assistance Act, Cap. 48, the NAB is required to submit its annual financial statements within three (3) months of the end of each financial year to the Auditor General for audit.
- 4.22** The audit of the accounts of the NAB for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 is currently in progress. The financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 have been submitted to the Audit Office and will be audited during 2009.

**National Insurance Fund**

- 4.23** The accounts of the National Insurance Fund for the years 2000, 2001 and 2002 were audited. The audit for the 2003 financial year is in progress.
- 4.24** The audit of the accounts of the National Insurance Fund has been a source of concern for some time. This audit is currently five years in arrears. As previously stated by this Office, audits conducted several years after the period in which they were due do not assist the accountability process, and are of little help to decision makers. The financial statements of this fund should be audited no later than six months after the close of the financial year in accordance with the provisions of the National Insurance and Social Security Act, Cap 47.

- 4.25** The Department is making an effort to bring the accounts up-to-date so that they can be submitted for audit, but the time has come for the establishment of a project team with the sole aim of bringing the accounts up-to-date so that they can be audited in a timely manner.

#### **Samuel Jackman Prescod Polytechnic**

- 4.26** Section 6 (1) of the Samuel Jackman Prescod Polytechnic Board of Management Order, 1983 (S.I. 1983 No. 78) requires the Board to submit to the Minister on or before 1<sup>st</sup> October, in respect of the preceding financial year, Statements of Account audited by the Auditor General.

- 4.27** The Polytechnic has submitted financial statements for the six financial years up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2003. These statements were found to be deficient with information not being available to support amounts reported in the financial statements. It is unclear why the Board of Management has not dealt with this matter. The absence of audited financial statements for such a lengthy period should be of great concern to the Polytechnic's Board.

- 4.28** I have been stating for some time that the Ministry of Education needs to take appropriate steps to rectify this situation as the Polytechnic staff appears to lack the capabilities of producing the relevant financial statements and keeping the accounts in good order.

#### **Sanitation Service Authority**

- 4.29** The accounts of the Sanitation Service Authority for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 were audited during the course of the year. No material errors were discovered during the course of the audit. The audit of the accounts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 is currently in progress.

#### **Severance Payment Fund**

- 4.30** The audit of the accounts of the Severance Payment Fund for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006 has been completed. No material errors were found during the course of the audit. The audit for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007 is currently in progress.

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**Social Investment Fund**

- 4.31** The accounts of the Social Investment Fund for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 have been audited as required by Section 9 of the Social Investment Act. No material errors were discovered during the course of the audit.

**Sugar Factory Smoke Control Board**

- 4.32** The financial statements of the Sugar Factory Smoke Control Board for the years ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2001 to 2007 have not been submitted in accordance with Section 3 (11) of the Registered Sugar Factories Smoke Control Act, Cap. 355. The audit of these accounts therefore remains outstanding.

**Sugar Industry Research and Development Fund**

- 4.33** The financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007 were submitted and audited as required by Section 15 (2) of the Sugar Industry Act, Cap. 270. No material errors were discovered during the course of the audit.

**Sugar Workers' Provident Fund**

- 4.34** The Sugar Workers' Provident Fund provides pension and funeral grants to persons previously employed in the Sugar Industry, and who were not entitled to a contributory or invalidity pension under the National Insurance and Social Security Act.
- 4.35** The absence of relevant schedules in respect of payments from this Fund has held up this audit for a number of years. The inability of the National Insurance Office to provide this basic information has been an area of concern for sometime.

**Training Fund**

- 4.36** The Training Fund was established under Section 3 (1) of the Training Act, Cap. 35 for the purpose of financing training courses for officers in the Public Service. The audit for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 was completed during the year. No material errors were discovered during the course of the audit.

### **Training Loan Fund**

- 4.37** The Training Loan Fund was established under Section 4 (1) of the above-mentioned Act for the purpose of providing loans to assist persons in pursuing courses of study or for training courses as approved by the Minister responsible for training. The audit for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 was completed during the year. No material errors were discovered in the financial statements during the course of the audit

### **Unemployment Fund**

- 4.38** The audit of the accounts of the Unemployment Fund for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006 has been completed. No material errors were found during the course of the audit. The audit for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007 is currently in progress.

## **Audits Conducted by Private Sector Auditors**

### **Barbados Agricultural Credit Trust Ltd**

- 4.39** The principal activity of the Barbados Agricultural Credit Trust Ltd (BACTL) is the management of the debt of the Barbados Sugar Industry Ltd (BSIL) and the Heavily Indebted Plantations (HIPs), which was assumed from the Barbados National Bank in the form of a portfolio transfer. Audit of the accounts for the financial year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008 has been completed.

### **Barbados Agricultural Development and Marketing Corporation**

- 4.40** The Barbados Agricultural Development and Marketing Corporation (BADMC) consists of two merged entities: the Barbados Marketing Corporation (BMC) and Barbados Agricultural Development Corporation (BADC). The principal activity under Section 10 of the Act is the management of the production, marketing and processing of produce in Barbados. The BADC was established by the BADC Act, 1965 - 21 to stimulate, facilitate and undertake the development of agriculture and to develop and manage, on a commercial basis, Government plantations along the line of Government policies.
- 4.41** The BADMC has indicated that the auditors are in the process of completing the financial statements for 2004, and the Board of Directors has approved accountancy support for the completion of the audits for 2005-2008.

### **Barbados Conference Services Ltd**

- 4.42** The Barbados Conference Services Ltd (BCSL) is responsible for the operations of Sherbourne Conference Centre and provides destination management and transport services under the brand names, Horizon Events Planners and Horizon Coaches and Tours respectively. Audit of the accounts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 has been completed.

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**Barbados Investment and Development Corporation**

- 4.43** The Barbados Investment and Development Corporation (BIDC) was established under the Barbados Investment and Development Corporation Act, 1992 - 30 for the purpose of developing Barbados' industrial, off-shore financial, export and other related activities. Audit of the accounts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 has been completed.

**Barbados National Oil Company Limited**

- 4.44** The Barbados National Oil Company Ltd (BNOC), through its wholly owned subsidiaries is involved in the exploration and production of crude oil, natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG). The BNOC is also engaged in the processing of crude oil and the sale of petroleum products to the Barbados market. Audit of the accounts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 has been completed.

**Barbados National Productivity Council**

- 4.45** The principal activity of the Barbados National Productivity Council (BNPC) is to create and develop methodologies for measurement, management and improvement in the public service and private sector, and to provide technical advice and assistance for devising productivity related payment schedules. Audit of the accounts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 has been completed.

**Barbados Port Inc.**

- 4.46** The principal activity of The Barbados Port Incorporated is to manage the Port of Bridgetown, for the main purpose of enabling the Port to operate as a commercial activity. The financial statements of Barbados Port Inc. for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007 have been audited.

**Barbados Tourism Authority**

- 4.47** The principal activities of the Barbados Tourism Authority (BTA) are to promote, assist and facilitate the efficient development of tourism and to design and implement suitable marketing strategies for the effective promotion of the tourism industry. Audit of the accounts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 has been completed. The BTA has reported

that the accounts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 are currently being audited.

#### **Barbados Tourism Investment Corporation**

- 4.48** The principal activities of the Barbados Tourism Investment Corporation are the facilitation of tourism investment in Barbados and the development of its vested properties in private and public partnership. Audit of the financial statements for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 has been completed. The Corporation has indicated that the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 is currently ongoing and should be completed shortly.

#### **Barbados Vocational Training Board**

- 4.49** The National Training Board was set up under the Occupational Training Act, 1979, Cap. 42 to ensure an adequate supply of trained manpower through occupational training for apprentices and trainees. The name of the Board was subsequently changed to the Barbados Vocational Training Board under Section (2) of the Technical and Vocational Educational Training Act, 1994 - 11. The Mission of the Board, however, has remained unchanged.
- 4.50** The audit of the accounts for the Training Board is currently in arrears. Audit for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 has been completed. The Board has reported that the statements for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 are 90% completed and should be issued before the end of March 2009.

#### **Barbados Water Authority**

- 4.51** The Barbados Water Authority was established by the Barbados Water Authority Act 1980 - 42 to take over the functions, rights and liabilities of the Waterworks Department on the “appointed day”, which is regarded as 1<sup>st</sup> April 1981. The audit of the financial statements for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 has been completed. However, the audits for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 and 2008 have not been completed. The Barbados Water Authority has indicated that the Accounts Section did not have the necessary resources to dedicate to this task.

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### **Caribbean Broadcasting Corporation**

- 4.52** The principal activity of the Caribbean Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) is the provision of broadcasting services through radio and television. The audited accounts of the Corporation up to the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005 have been submitted to the Audit Office. The Corporation has reported that the audit report on the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007 has been completed and has been submitted to the Prime Minister's Office for laying in Parliament.

### **Caves of Barbados Limited**

- 4.53** Caves of Barbados Ltd is mandated under the Caves Act 2000 - 12 to manage and develop Harrison's Cave and any other caves in Barbados. The audit of the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2004 has been completed. The entity has indicated that the audit for 2005 is in progress and will be followed with the audits for 2006, 2007, and 2008.

### **Child Care Board**

- 4.54** The principal activities of the Child Care Board are to provide and maintain child care institutions for the safe keeping of children in need of care and protection, and to make grants to voluntary organizations or bodies operating child care institutions. Audit of the accounts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 has been completed.

### **Enterprise Growth Fund Limited**

- 4.55** The principal activity of the Enterprise Growth Fund Limited (EGFL) is the provision of loan financing and venture capital to dynamic, small and medium sized Barbadian companies in the productive sectors. The EGFL also provides business advisory services and technical assistance to its client companies. Audit of the accounts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008 has been completed.

### **Fair Trading Commission**

- 4.56** The principal activities of the Fair Trading Commission (FTC) are to enforce the Utilities Regulation Act, Cap. 282, the Telecommunications Act, Cap. 282B, the Fair Trading Competition Act 326C and the Consumer

Protections Act, Cap 326D. The Commission should promote efficiency and competitiveness, improve standards of service and quality of goods and services supplied by service providers and business enterprises over which it has jurisdiction. Audit of the accounts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 has been completed.

#### **Grantley Adams International Airport Inc.**

- 4.57** The Grantley Adams International Airport Inc. (GAIA) is responsible for the commercial operations and management of the airport in accordance with the Grantley Adams International Airport (Transfer of Management and Vesting of Assets) Act (Act 2003 - 3). Audit of the accounts for the financial year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008 has been completed.

#### **Hotels and Resorts Limited**

- 4.58** Hotels and Resorts Ltd. was incorporated under the Laws of Barbados on 27<sup>th</sup> December 1995. The principal activity of Hotels and Resorts Ltd. is the investment in and development of hotel properties. The audit of the accounts for the financial years ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 have been completed. However, audits for the financial years 2006 to 2008 are currently outstanding.

#### **Islandcrafts (Barbados) Inc.**

- 4.59** The principal activity of Islandcrafts (Barbados) Inc. is the sale and marketing of indigenous handicraft items. Audit of the accounts for the financial years 2006, 2007 and 2008 are currently outstanding

#### **National Conservation Commission (NCC)**

- 4.60** The principal activity of the National Conservation Commission (NCC) is the management, maintenance and development of the public parks, beaches and open areas of Barbados. Audit of the accounts of the Commission has been completed up to the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005. The NCC has indicated that the auditors will proceed to the draft statements for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007, upon the completion of the financial statements for the year ended March 2006. In addition, the audited financial statements for both years are anticipated to be finalised before their fiscal year end.

**National Council on Substance Abuse**

- 4.61** The principal activity of the National Council on Substance Abuse (NCSA) is to advise the Ministry of Home Affairs on measures for the eradication or control of substance abuse. The NCSA has submitted completed financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 and has reported that the auditors are currently finalising the financial statements for the year ended March 2006.

**National Cultural Foundation**

- 4.62** The principal activities of the National Cultural Foundation (NCF) are to stimulate and facilitate the development of culture, organize and assist in cultural activities and develop, maintain and manage theatres and other cultural facilities and equipment provided by the Government of Barbados.
- 4.63** The audited accounts of the Foundation for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006 have been submitted to the Audit Office. NCF has reported that the audit for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007 has been completed and final reports will be issued early in 2009. Additionally, the audit of the 2008 accounts is scheduled to begin during April 2009.

**National Housing Corporation**

- 4.64** The principal activity of the National Housing Corporation (NHC) is managing the development of areas designated for development and related purposes. Audit of the accounts of the Corporation up to the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004 has been completed. The Corporation has reported that it is awaiting the audited financial statements for the years ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 and 2006, and that the audit for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 is being conducted.

### **National Petroleum Corporation**

- 4.65** The National Petroleum Corporation (NPC) has as its principal activity the supply of natural gas to industrial, commercial and domestic customers. Audited accounts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 have been submitted in draft form. The NPC has reported that these accounts will be ratified and the balance sheet signed at the next Board Meeting.

### **National Sports Council**

- 4.66** The principal activities of the National Sports Council (NSC) are to maintain and develop sporting facilities provided for public use, and to stimulate the development of sport in Barbados. Audited financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 have been submitted to the Audit Office.

### **Rural Development Commission**

- 4.67** The Rural Development Commission (RDC) was incorporated on 21<sup>st</sup> August 1995 under the Rural Development Commission Act 1995-12. Its principal activity is to improve the quality of life of persons living in rural communities in Barbados.
- 4.68** Audit of the accounts of the Commission for the financial period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004 has been completed. The Commission has reported that financial statements for the years ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 and 2006 have not been signed off by the Board. The auditors are still awaiting confirmation from the Ministry of Social Care regarding monies received for those financial years.

### **The Securities Commission**

- 4.69** The Securities Commission's principal activities are to maintain surveillance over the securities market in order to ensure that fair, equitable and proper practices are maintained, and to act as a regulatory body over all organizations involved in the business of securities, so as to protect the rights of the investing public. The audited accounts for the financial years ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 have been submitted to the Audit Office.

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### **Student Revolving Loan Fund**

- 4.70** The principal activity of the Student Revolving Loan Fund (SRLF) is to assist in the educational process through the provision of loans. The SRLF has reported that the draft financial statements for 2002 are under review by their auditors, and work is being continued on the audits for the years 2003-2009.

### **Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Council**

- 4.71** The principal activities of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Council are to provide advice on policy, prepare plans and establish standards for technical and vocational education at the tertiary level, in accordance with national policies and economic needs. The audited financial statements of the TVET Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 were submitted. The audit of the financial statements for the period 2007-2008 is outstanding. However, the council has indicated that permission has been sought from the Ministry of Labour and Immigration to appoint an auditor; this has not been granted to date.

### **Transport Board**

- 4.72** The Transport Board's principal activity is the provision of transportation to the general public. Audit of the accounts of the Board for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 has been completed. The Transport Board has indicated that the audited financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 are yet to be finalised and will be forwarded to this office upon receipt.

### **Urban Development Commission**

- 4.73** The principal activities of the Urban Development Commission (UDC) are to undertake slum clearance and improve social amenities in urban areas. The UDC also provides loans to individuals with small enterprises, and for assistance in house acquisition, repairs and improvements.
- 4.74** Audit of the accounts of the Commission for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004 has been completed. The Commission has reported that the audit for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 is in progress, and that the delays are due to staffing and scheduling problems. It has also indicated that every effort will be made to have the audits current.

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## Audit of Secondary Schools

**4.75** Section 20 (1) (b) of the Education Act requires that the audited accounts of secondary schools be submitted to the Minister not later than six months after the close of the financial year which ends on the 31<sup>st</sup> March. The status of the accounts of these schools at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008 was as follows:

### **Alexandra School**

**4.76** The audit of the accounts of the Alexandra School has been completed for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008. The accounts of this school are therefore up-to-date as required by the Education Act.

### **Alleyne School**

**4.77** The audit of the accounts of the Alleyne School has been completed for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008. The accounts of this school are therefore up-to-date as required by the Education Act.

### **Alma Parris Memorial Secondary School**

**4.78** The audit of the accounts of the Alma Parris Memorial Secondary School has been completed for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008. The accounts of this school are therefore up-to-date as required by the Education Act.

### **Christ Church Foundation School**

**4.79** The audit of the accounts of the Christ Church Foundation School has been completed for the financial year 2006-2007. The Board has reported that audited financial statements for the year 2007-2008 will be submitted upon completion.

### **Coleridge and Parry School**

- 4.80 The audited accounts of the Coleridge & Parry Secondary School for the financial years ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2003, 2004 and 2005 were submitted. The audits of the accounts for the years ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006, 2007 and 2008 are outstanding.

### **Combermere School**

- 4.81 The audit of the accounts of the Combermere School for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 has been completed. The accounts of this school are therefore up-to-date as required by the Education Act.

### **Deighton Griffith Secondary School**

- 4.82 The audit of the accounts of the Deighton Griffith Secondary School has been completed for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008. The accounts of this school are therefore up-to-date as required by the Education Act.

### **Ellerslie Secondary School**

- 4.83 The Ellerslie School has reported that the audit of the accounts for the financial years ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 and 2007 has been completed. Audit for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 is currently outstanding.

### **Garrison Secondary School**

- 4.84 The audit of the accounts of the Garrison Secondary School has been completed for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008. The accounts of this school are therefore up-to-date as required by the Education Act.

### **Grantley Adams Memorial School**

- 4.85 The audit of the accounts of the Grantley Adams Memorial School has been completed for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008. The accounts of this school are therefore up-to-date as required by the Education Act.

**Harrison College**

- 4.86 The audit of the accounts of the Harrison College has been completed for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008. The accounts of this school are therefore up-to-date as required by the Education Act.

**Lester Vaughan School**

- 4.87 The audited financial statements of the Lester Vaughan School for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 were submitted to the Audit Office. The school has reported that the audit of the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 is progress.

**Lodge School**

- 4.88 The audit of the accounts of the Lodge School has been completed for the financial year 2007-2008. The accounts of this school are therefore up-to-date as required by the Education Act.

**Parkinson Memorial School**

- 4.89 The audit of the accounts of the Parkinson Memorial School has been completed for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008. The accounts of this school are therefore up-to-date as required by the Education Act.

**Princess Margaret Secondary School**

- 4.90 The audit of the accounts of the Princess Margaret Secondary School has been completed for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007. Audit for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 is currently outstanding.

**Queen's College**

- 4.91 The audit of the accounts of Queen's College for the financial years ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 and 2008 has been completed. The accounts of this school are therefore up-to-date as required by the Education Act.

### **Springer Memorial Secondary School**

- 4.92 Springer Memorial Secondary School has indicated that the audit for 2008 was not completed, as the sub-committee responsible for finance is currently in the process of selecting new auditors. The audit is expected to be completed by during 2009.

### **St. George Secondary School**

- 4.93 The audit of the accounts of the St. George Secondary School has been completed up to the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005. Audits for the financial years ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006, 2007 and 2008 are currently outstanding. Audit of the accounts of this school is therefore three years in arrears.

### **St. James Secondary School**

- 4.94 The audit of the accounts of the St. James Secondary School has been completed for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008. The accounts of this school are therefore up-to-date as required by the Education Act.

### **St. Leonard's Boys' Secondary School**

- 4.95 Audited financial statements of the St. Leonard's Boys' Secondary School for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 were submitted in draft form. The school has indicated that the final financial statements are being prepared by the auditors. It should be noted that in my report for 2007, I had reported that the audits for the School for the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 were outstanding. There is therefore some uncertainty as to when the accounts of this school were last audited.

### **St. Lucy Secondary School**

- 4.96 The audit of the accounts of the St. Lucy Secondary School has been completed for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008. The accounts of this school are therefore up-to-date as required by the Education Act.

**St. Michael School**

- 4.97** The audit of the accounts of the St. Michael School has been completed for the financial years ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 and 2008. The accounts of this school are therefore up-to-date as required by the Education Act.

**General Observations**

- 4.98** The audits of a number of Government agencies are currently in arrears and this is cause for concern. The main purpose of the audit is to provide stakeholders of the entity with independent assurance on the accuracy of the information on the financial statements.
- 4.99** It is evident that not enough attention is being paid to insuring that audits are completed on a timely basis. Those entities that are in arrears in their audits need to make a serious effort to bring these accounts up-to-date expeditiously. In some cases they will require some assistance from outside the organization. Boards of Management/Directors of these entities should always view the non-submission of audited financial statements with a degree of concern.
- 4.100** The submission of accounts long after the due period often leads to problems in finalizing the audits. This is contrary to statutory requirements and can create an environment where fraud can thrive and remain undetected.

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