Response of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to the Standing Committee on

Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts

October 15, 2024

Standing Committee Recommendation #1:

The standing committee recommends that the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner's annual reports to the Legislative Assembly which are prepared and submitted under section 68 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act include a budget expenditure summary that is broadly comparable to those which are included in the annual reports of the Chief Electoral Officer, Languages Commissioner and Representative for Children and Youth.

NUIPC Response:

I thank the Committee for its recommendation. I will include a budget expenditure summary in future annual reports.

Standing Committee Recommendation 2:

The standing committee recommends that the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, in cooperation with the Government of Nunavut and the Nunavut Association of Municipalities, undertake at least one visit to a smaller Nunavut community outside of Iqaluit prior to the end of the 2024-2025 fiscal year, and that the results of the visit be reported in the office's 2024-2025 annual report to the Legislative Assembly.

NUIPC Response:

I will continue to look for opportunities to visit communities outside Iqaluit in circumstances that are within my statutory mandate.

Standing Committee Recommendation #3:

The standing committee recommends that the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner's response to this report include copies of all information-sharing agreements entered into with other federal, provincial and territorial information and privacy commissioners between October 1, 2022 and March 31, 2024.

NUIPC Response:

A copy of the agreement between this office and the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada was attached to my 2022 response to the Committee. There have been no new agreements.

Standing Committee Recommendation #4:

The standing committee recommends that the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner proactively contacts Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and the three Regional Inuit Organizations with an offer to provide advice and support to the organizations regarding the establishment of access to information and protection of privacy systems that can be utilized by Nunavut Inuit in respect to information in the possession of these entities.

NUIPC Response:

This topic was not raised during the Committee hearings. I therefore do not have sufficient context to understand the Committee's recommendation, given that NTI and the regional organizations are not within my statutory mandate.