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**Report of the review of expense claims covering the  
period April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004, pursuant to the  
Cabinet Ministers' and Opposition Leaders'  
Expenses Review and Accountability Act, 2002**

**TORONTO, ONTARIO  
June 3, 2004**

**REPORT  
OF  
THE HONOURABLE COULTER A. OSBORNE  
INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER**

**RE: THE REVIEW OF EXPENSE CLAIMS SUBMITTED BETWEEN  
APRIL 1, 2003 AND MARCH 31, 2004, PURSUANT TO THE CABINET  
MINISTERS' AND OPPOSITION LEADERS' EXPENSES REVIEW AND  
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT, 2002**

*The Accountability for Expenses Act (Cabinet Ministers and Opposition Leaders) 2002* (the “Act”) requires the Integrity Commissioner to review and approve expenses claimed by those covered by the *Act*, direct repayment or recommend other remedial action. The only expenses covered by the *Act* are those incurred for travel, hotels, meals and hospitality.

The *Act* provides that all expenses incurred by ministers, parliamentary assistants, leaders of the opposition and their staff must be filed with the Integrity Commissioner by the end of April in each year and that the Integrity Commissioner is to report annually to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

A review of all expense claims for the period April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004 has been completed, and I am pleased to report that all requests for reimbursements were complied with and all expense claims reviewed were subsequently approved.

In my report dated June 9, 2003, I stated:

*“I have written to all three party leaders outlining in more detail the problem areas [in the administration of the Act] and I propose, after receiving the benefit of any feedback, to issue a Directive that, I hope, will clarify these issues.”*

Having had a year to administer this *Act*, it appears to me that the process contemplated by the Act and the *Rules Governing the Expenses, Cabinet Ministers, Opposition Leaders and other persons* are working satisfactorily as a result of education sessions and the cooperation of those involved.

I am grateful for the cooperation of all those who have responded to our requests for further information about the expense claims.

DATED at Toronto this 3rd day of June, 2004.

“Coulter A. Osborne”

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The Honourable Coulter A. Osborne