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

**TORONTO, ONTARIO
June 9, 2003**

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

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

On January 31st, 2003, my report of the review of expense claims covering the period June 26, 1995 to December 31, 2002, was filed with the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Cabinet Ministers' and Opposition Leaders' Expenses Review and Accountability Act, 2002 (the 'Act'). In that Report it was noted:

The expense claims of cabinet ministers, parliamentary assistants and staff were put on hold as of December 10, 2002 so that this review could be completed in an orderly way. Expense claims of opposition leaders and staff were put on hold as of December 13, 2002. All of these expense claims will be included in my report on reviewable expenses to March 31, 2003.

Section 9 of the Act provides for the review of all expense claims made for reviewable expenses incurred between January 1, 2003 and March 31, 2003. Apart from the historic review of the expense claims during the 1995 to 2002 period, this most recent review has given me an opportunity on an on-going basis to identify problems that inhibit the efficient review of expense claims of those covered by the Act.

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

I am pleased to report that all expense claims made for the period January 1st to March 31st, 2003, met the requirements of the Act and the Rules Governing the Expenses of Cabinet Ministers' Opposition Leaders and other persons.

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

DATED at Toronto this 9th day of June, 2003.

The Honourable Coulter A. Osborne