

Appendix III

Limited Assurance Attestation Engagement Description and Conclusion

In January 2022, we completed an independent limited assurance attestation engagement on the status of audit recommendations included in our October 2016 joint audit Report on the Atlantic Lottery Corporation. Our objective was to provide limited assurance, as of December 31, 2021, on those recommendations assessed as completed, do not intend to implement, or action no longer applicable, to determine if the assessment was free from material misstatement. We did not perform any procedures, and provide no assurance, on recommendations noted in this Report as not completed.

The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed.

The Atlantic Lottery Corporation shareholder governments were responsible for assessing their status of implementing recommendations of the Auditors General. For recommendations they assessed as completed, we substantiated the assessment through interviews and examination of documentation. We evaluated the implementation status using criteria based on whether the supporting information provided by the organization addressed the audit recommendation, and whether the information was relevant, complete, reliable, neutral, and understandable. Our work was based on qualitative characteristics of information as described in the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada (CPA) Handbook.

For a recommendation assessed as 'do not intend to implement' or 'action no longer required,' we focused on the reasons why the entity chose not to implement the recommendation or why the entity believes the recommendation is no longer applicable. If the rationale appeared reasonable, we removed the recommendation from our statistics and will not conduct further follow-up work on it.

All work in this engagement was performed to a limited assurance level of assurance in accordance with the Canadian Standard on Assurance Engagements (CSAE) 3000 – Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. We obtained sufficient and appropriate evidence on which to base our conclusions in New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island on February 18, 2022.

As auditors, we applied Canadian Standard on Quality Control 1, and, accordingly, maintained a comprehensive system of quality control, including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards, and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

In conducting our work, we complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the relevant rules of professional conduct applicable to the practice of public accounting in Canada.

Conclusion on completed recommendations – Based on the limited assurance procedures performed and evidence obtained, no matters have come to our attention to cause us to believe the status of the recommendations reported as completed have been materially misstated. Additional information provided in this Report is not intended to take away from our overall conclusion.