

Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit

Indigenous Law and Justice Inquiry

Terms of Reference

As part of its statutory responsibility to examine reports from the Auditor-General, the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit is expanding its review of *Audit Report No. 13, 2003-2004, AT SIS Law and Justice Program*—including its four components of Legal Aid; Law and Justice Advocacy; Family Violence Prevention; and Prevention, Diversion and Rehabilitation—to inquire and report on issues including:

- a) the distribution of the resources of Indigenous legal aid services between criminal, family and civil cases;
- b) the coordination of Indigenous legal aid services with Legal Aid Commissions through measures such as memoranda of understanding;
- c) the access for Indigenous women to Indigenous-specific legal services; and
- d) the ability of Law and Justice program components to recruit and retain expert staff.

The Committee will take into account the 2004 tender for Indigenous legal aid services.