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Report of the review of expense claims covering the period April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005, pursuant to the <u>Cabinet Ministers' and Opposition Leaders'</u> <u>Expenses Review and Accountability Act, 2002</u>

> TORONTO, ONTARIO June 1, 2005

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

## RE: THE REVIEW OF EXPENSE CLAIMS SUBMITTED BETWEEN APRIL 1, 2004 AND MARCH 31, 2005, 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, 2004 to March 31, 2005 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.

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2005.

The Honourable Coulter A. Osborne