



## OIPC Statement

### Summary of the Department of Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services' Implementation of Recommendations in Investigation Report IR19-01

This represents the final follow up with the Department of Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services (Department) on its implementation of recommendations flowing from the investigation report into the Government of Nova Scotia's largest privacy breach up to that date which involved the government's online access to information portal.

It remains the Department's responsibility to comply with its statutory obligation to make reasonable security arrangements to protect Nova Scotians' privacy. As an independent agency mandated to oversee compliance with the access and privacy laws of Nova Scotia, the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for Nova Scotia (OIPC) cannot approve in advance any policy, practice, or proposal from a public body. We must maintain our ability to independently investigate any complaints or requests for review. My assessment of the Department's implementation of this office's recommendations does not fetter or bind this office with respect to any matter. Should any matter that resembles these scenarios come to the OIPC as a review or complaint, we will keep an open mind and look at the matter with fresh eyes.

#### Recommendation implementation status as of September 9, 2020:

<b>Recommendation #1:</b> Strengthen privacy leadership in government and due diligence in privacy impact assessments	<b>Complete</b>
<b>Recommendation #2:</b> Contain the breaches	<b>Complete</b>
<b>Recommendation #3:</b> Correct under notification of affected individuals	<b>Complete</b>
<b>Recommendation #4:</b> Conduct internal post-incident review	<b>Complete</b>
<b>Recommendation #5:</b> Review other technologies for security vulnerabilities	<b>Partially Complete</b>
<b>Recommendation #6:</b> Clarify and strengthen the role of the Architecture Review Board	<b>Complete</b>