

CANADA'S PROGRESS REPORT

The *Federal Accountability Act*, passed in December 2006, tightened a number of rules in order to increase accountability in the federal public sector. Since then, a number of measures of the *Federal Accountability Act* have come into force, including the following:

- The *Public Servants Disclosure Protection Act* came into force on April 15, 2007.
- Some of the provisions expanding the application of the *Access to Information Act* came into force on April 1, 2007. Others will come into force on September 1, 2007.
- The requirement to create internal audit committees in each department, and the assignment of Accounting Officer responsibility to Deputy Ministers and Heads of Crown Corporations, are in effect.
- New offences of fraud against the government came into force on February 1, 2007.
- The provisions expanding the mandate of the Auditor General to allow the inquiry into the use of funds by recipients of government funding came into force in December 2006.
- The provisions creating the Public Prosecution Service as a government institution separate from the Department of Justice came into force in December 2006.
- Some of the provisions on political party financing – those concerning gifts to candidates and transfer of trust funds to a candidate – came into force on June 12, 2007.

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