

FALL 2015 REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF CANADA

DEPARTMENTAL ACTION PLAN IN RESPONSE TO AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN
CHAPTER 3: Implementing the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement – Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA

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Recommendation	INAC Response	Action Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.77 Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, in cooperation with the Nunatsiavut Government, the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, and other federal entities (such as the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation) should identify a solution to address the lack of a federal housing program for Inuit south of the 60th parallel. (3.69–3.76) 	<p>Agreed. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada and other federal departments and agencies, in partnership with the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Nunatsiavut Government, will examine potential solutions to address the issue of housing for the Labrador Inuit south of 60. An appropriate forum for this discussion would be the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement Implementation Committee.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget 2016 announced that \$15M will be provided to the Nunatsiavut Government for housing over 2 years (2016-17, 2018-19). Consultations on a National Housing Strategy will be undertaken with indigenous groups in the context of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement Implementation Committee. • On March 16, 2016, the Implementation Committee for the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement agreed to create a tripartite working group to discuss potential solutions to the housing situation in Nunatsiavut.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.90 Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, in collaboration with other government departments and agencies, should set a firm deadline to validate obligations and complete improvements to the Treaty Obligation Monitoring System. (3.78–3.89) 	<p>Agreed. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada expects that the current validation process and revised system will be in place by March 2017.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada is working closely with other federal departments and agencies to complete the validation process by March 2017. In addition, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada is upgrading the Treaty Obligation Management System (TOMS V2) to better equip federal officials in managing and fulfilling their obligations. TOMS V2 will create a complete qualitative life cycle management system geared toward communication and implementation among federal departments and agencies. • TOMS V2 will provide a central and accessible modern treaty obligation life cycle management tool to improve interdepartmental coordination, awareness and accountability in the fulfillment of modern treaty obligations. Given that TOMS V2 has been expanded to include additional capabilities, the full implementation of TOMS V2 is anticipated to be completed by March 2018.