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FROM: Auditor General, Office of the Auditor General
TO: Office of the Governor General, Chief Justice, Solicitor General, Financial Secretary, Cabinet Secretary, Chief Executive Officers and Heads of Department

Subject: TIMELINE FOR DETAILED ACTIVITIES FOR EXAMINATION OF AUDIT REPORTS BY THE JOINT PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

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Reference Standing Orders of the House of Representatives (1966), Section 74 (1) states the Powers and Duties of Standing Committees and it reads: “All proposed legislation, messages, petitions, reports, motions and other matters relating to the subjects hereinafter mentioned under the title of each Standing Committee shall be referred by the House to such Committee for examination, consideration and report to the House, and the Committee shall, as far as practicable, make such report within sixty (60) days.”

Furthermore, Section 74 (1) (11) provides that the (Joint) Public Accounts Committee (JPAC) shall have the duty of examining, considering and reporting on:

- (a) The accounts showing the appropriation of the sums granted by the National Assembly to meet the public expenditure of the country,
 - (b) Such other accounts as may be referred to the Committee by the House or under any Law; and
 - (c) **The report of the Auditor General on any such accounts.**
2. In compliance with the above, the JPAC has a timeline for detailed activities of the life cycle of the Annual Audit Reports and Special Reports. Reference Section 81 (4) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives (1966), the JPAC should produce a report that is to be presented to the House by the Chairman or other Member deputized by the Committee and shall be ordered to be laid on the Table, and be printed, without question put.
 3. Reference section 17 of the Control and Public Expenditure Handbook, the JPAC is one of the most important safeguards in the financial system. It is assisted by the advice of the Auditor General.

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