

FW: KPMG media response

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Here's the statement we'll be sharing with Gallery shortly – pushes the 'difference of professional judgement' message. This is what was shared with Matt from the Globe over the weekend.

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We would like to highlight two key points: The concerns referred to by the AGO result from a difference of professional judgement. Secondly, KPMG has been transparent with the AGO and made every effort to be responsive to the AGO's requests for meetings and information.

The concerns referred to by the AGO result from a difference of professional judgement. The AGO has taken issue with an accounting standard and in the way the standard is being applied. The standards for public sector organizations such as IESO are principles based standards and, accordingly, require the exercise of considerable professional judgement. In many cases, there is more than one acceptable approach that is compliant with the applicable standards.

On the basis of our extensive research, deliberations and an opinion from another major accounting firm, we believe that the accounting policies adopted by IESO are in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

KPMG has been transparent with the AGO, and made themselves fully available to consider the concerns raised by the AGO. The AGO was aware of all changes to the accounting policies of the IESO in March of 2017, which was more than 4 months before the completion of their audit of the Province.

KPMG and IESO have made every effort to be responsive to the AGO's requests for meetings and information and have repeatedly invited the AGO to provide any input she feels relevant, all of which has been carefully considered by KPMG.

We appreciate the importance of this matter, and believe that the concerns expressed by the AGO result from a difference of opinion in the application of professional judgement.