

## SUMMARY

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### **COMMON DISBURSEMENT PAYMENT SYSTEM REVIEW**

The Ministry of Education requested the Office of the Comptroller General-Internal Audit and Advisory Services review its Common Disbursement Payment System.

The Common Disbursement System was implemented in 2005 to issue and monitor government transfer payments to public schools, post secondary institutions, independent schools and public libraries.

The purpose of this review was to ensure effective processing of transfer payments by the Common Disbursement Payment System. The review considered the risks to effective processing and assessed how the existing system controls assisted in addressing those risks.

We found that the Common Disbursement Payment System does process payments effectively. Recommendations were made to strengthen internal controls over system security and enhance business processes. All recommendations have been accepted.

As a result of this review and the implemented improvements, all stakeholders will gain increased confidence that payments are issued effectively.

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