TORONTO STAFF REPORT

July 5, 2004

To:	Audit Committee
From:	Auditor General
Subject:	Oracle Database Review – Management Response Timetable

Purpose:

To advise Audit Committee of a timetable for a management response to the report entitled "Oracle Database Reivew - Security Controls and Other Issues", dated December 12, 2003.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that in accordance with previous Council directives, all City Departments, Agencies, Boards and Committees be required to respond to the Auditor General's report entitled "Oracle Database Review – Security Controls and Other Issues", dated December 12, 2003. Such response to be submitted to the September 2004 meeting of Audit Committee.

Background:

The Auditor General issued a report dated December 12, 2003, entitled "Oracle Database Review – Security Controls and Other Issues". The purpose of the report was to review security controls relating to the City's Oracle databases managed by the Information and Technology Division of the Corporate Services Department.

The report contained 11 recommendations, including a recommendation that "City Council direct that this report be forwarded to all City Departments, Agencies, Boards and Commissions. These entities be required to review the recommendations in this report to determine whether or not they have relevance to their operations and report to the July 2004 meeting of Audit Committee on the results of their reviews including any action taken."

Comments:

We have been advised that management generally concurs with the content of the report entitled "Oracle Database Review – Security Controls and Other Issues." The response to the report is currently in process, but is not available for the July 2004 Audit Committee. We have been advised that it will, however, be available for the September 2004 meeting of Audit Committee.

Conclusions:

The report entitled "Oracle Database Review – Security Controls and Other Issues", dated December 12, 2003, while specific to databases managed by the Information and Technology Division of the Corporate Services Department, contained recommendations which are likely applicable to databases managed by other City Departments, Agencies, Boards and Commissions.

City Departments, Agencies, Boards and Commissions will respond to the recommendations of the report at the September 2004 meeting of Audit Committee.

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