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## Main points

Part A of this chapter sets out the results of our audits of the Department and its Crown agencies. The Department needs better reports from regional health authorities (RHAs) to hold them accountable for their annual spending of \$1.8 billion. The Department does not have a capital asset plan to manage its \$900 million in capital assets. The Department did not give the Legislative Assembly the lists of persons (e.g., employees, suppliers) who received money from each RHA and the amounts the persons received.

Part B sets out six financial measures that help the Legislative Assembly and the public to assess the sustainability of health spending. A sound understanding of health spending is important for an informed debate about the health issues facing Saskatchewan. Those issues pertain to the affordability of programs and services and the maintenance of Saskatchewan's health care infrastructure of buildings and equipment.

Part C describes the results of the audits of the 12 regional health authorities (RHAs). Directors of RHAs need to improve how they set direction, monitor performance, safeguard public resources, comply with the law, and ensure adequate accountability to the Legislative Assembly.

Part D explains some of the key risks to the quality and cost of medical services. It also highlights how the Department manages these risks, including promoting evidence-based best-practice services; setting public policy; and analyzing medical services. In the future, we plan to audit the Department's processes to manage those risks.