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I am pleased to submit the State Auditor's Fraud Hotline Semiannual Report for the period January 1, 2023, to June 30, 2023.

A summary of the complaints is attached.

Sincerely,



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<http://www.maine.gov/audit/fraud/index.html>

Semiannual Report for the Period 1/1/2023 to 6/30/2023

Total number of complaints received	41
Complaint sequence: Complaints No. 1005 through No. 1045	
Number of complaints closed based on not meeting requirements for investigation	5
Number of complaints investigated by the Office of the State Auditor	11
Number of complaints referred to the Office of the Attorney General	7
Number of complaints referred to the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability	0
Number of complaints referred to Federal Agencies	2
Number of complaints still open	5
Number of complaints referred to State Agencies:	
Department of Health and Human Services – Fraud Investigation and Recovery Unit	16
Department of Labor	2
Bureau of Motor Vehicles	1
Maine Revenue Services	3
Maine State Housing Authority	5

Types of complaints investigated by the Office of the State Auditor:

- illegal acts affecting State government such as theft, fraud, and financial conflict of interest;
- financial fraud depleting resources or increasing expenditures of the State;
- significant abuse of State equipment or property;
- clear misuse of State property, programs, or work time for personal gain;
- gross misconduct with significant financial effects;
- consistent, wasteful conduct with significant financial implications; and
- kickbacks or similar acts involving return payments to State workers or vendors.

Types of complaints not investigated by the Office of the State Auditor; however, are generally referred to other State agencies or other government authorities:

- personal conflicts between individuals or threats of violence;
- alleged improper acts by Federal officials;
- complaints against State employees about personal matters;
- mistakes made by State personnel;
- insignificant matters or complaints without sufficient factual basis; and
- matters handled by other specific State investigation units.

The Office of the State Auditor does not have enforcement power. However, we work with governmental entities that do have enforcement power. This includes, but is not limited to, the Attorney General's Office and the District Attorneys' Offices.

A listing of the complaints investigated by the Office of the State Auditor personnel received from January 1, 2023, to June 30, 2023, begins on page three of this report.

ID	Type or Name of <u>Potential</u> Fraud	State Agency Complained of:	Potential Impact on Government:	Action taken by the Office of the State Auditor:	Substantiation of Complaint:
1010	Municipal Complaint	None	N/A	Closed – Referred to AG	Closed – To be Determined by AG
1020	Municipal Complaint	None	N/A	Closed – Referred to AG	Closed – To be Determined by AG
1022	Municipal Complaint	None	N/A	In Progress – In Contact with Complainant	Pending
1024	Municipal Complaint	None	N/A	In Progress – In Contact with Complainant	Pending
1025	Municipal Complaint	None	N/A	Closed – Referred to AG	Closed – To be Determined by AG
1026	Municipal Complaint	None	N/A	In Progress – In Contact with Complainant	Pending
1027	Municipal Complaint	None	N/A	In Progress – In Contact with Complainant	Pending
1029	Municipal Complaint	None	N/A	In Progress – In Contact with Complainant	Pending
1030	Municipal Complaint	None	N/A	Closed – Referred to Local Authorities	Closed
1035	State Government Fraud	DVEM ¹	Misuse of State Funds	Closed – Referred to Federal Agencies ²	Closed
1040	Municipal Complaint	None	N/A	Closed – Referred to Local Authorities	Closed

¹ Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management

² Federal Agencies referred to for this complaint include Department of Defense and Office of Inspector General