

## Overview and Objectives

The Honourable Don Scott, Associate Minister of Accountability, Transparency and Transformation attended the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners and met with international privacy experts as part of his mandate to review the province's efforts to increase government transparency and enhance the protection of personal information.

## Accomplishments

Minister Scott was able to speak to numerous privacy experts during the conference and uncover best practices used in other jurisdictions and understand common challenges faced by all jurisdictions, in the areas of data protection, privacy, cyber security and educating the public on protecting their privacy in the digital world. This was an excellent forum through which Minister was able to raise awareness of the work being undertaken in Alberta to further enhance the protection of privacy.

## Summary of the Minister's meetings

### **Meeting with Polish NGO's**

Discussed the impact of Polish privacy laws on civil society, issues around compliance and public education.

### **Meeting with Poland's Ministry of Administration and Digitization**

Discussed common challenges relating to privacy legislation, including challenges created by a federal model, and the finalization of EU wide approach to privacy legislation.

### **Meeting with Polish department of Foreign Affairs Officials**

Discussed challenges related to varying degrees of protection between EU member countries and other related data protection issues.

### **Meeting with Poland's Deputy Inspector General, GIODO/ Office of the Inspector General for Personal Data Protection**

Discussions included the impact of recent technological developments on data protection and the complaint process.

### **Meeting with Head of Policy from the ICO (UK)**

Examined the process through which government information is made public in the UK and their efforts to develop open government portals.

### **Meeting with Australian Information Commissioner**

Examined the process through which government information is made public in Australia and the access to information request process.

### **Meeting with various Provincial Privacy Commissioners and Federal Privacy Commissioner**

Numerous Canadian Commissioners were in attendance at the conference. This provided the opportunity for an exchange of approaches to emerging issues.