SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO PREVENT THE ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN THROUGH THE SEX TRADE October 13, 2000

MINUTE NO. 21 7:45 a.m. – Lloydminster

1. **PRESENT**: Ms. Julé and Mr. Prebble in the Chair and Members Draude, Harper, Jones, Toth and Yates.

Staff to the Committee

Randal Pritchard, Technical Advisor

2. The Committee considered its schedule of public hearings. It was agreed that the previously agreed to schedule for November would be expanded over a larger number of days. Two additional weeks, at the end of November and the start of December, would be held to accommodate the public hearings in Regina and Saskatoon.

It was further agreed that each presenter would be scheduled at one hour intervals to better facilitate a presentation and a question and answer period. Press conferences are to be scheduled immediately before the start of a public hearing and the powerpoint presentation will be given at that time.

- 3. Committee Members were directed to forward any research projects to their caucus Co-chairs who in turn will forward these to the Technical Advisor for action.
- 4. The Committee considered whom else they might wish to hear from. It was agreed that input from teachers should be sought. It was further agreed to try to set up a meeting with representatives of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations or, in the alternative, invite these representatives to present a submission at a future meeting.

Committee Members then deliberated on whether it would be useful to obtain the advice of former johns on issues related to addressing the behaviour of johns. The Committee agreed to seek out one or more suitable witnesses.

- 5. The Committee directed that the Legislative Counsel and Law Clerk be requested to provide an opinion on how the views of judges might be obtained and the most appropriate manner in which to approach them.
- 6. The Committee directed the Technical Advisor to research the average number of sexual assault charges laid, the rate of conviction on these charges, and the penalties imposed over a reasonable period of time.
- 7. It was agreed that a short meeting would be added at the start of the next week of hearings to address various administrative and procedural issues.

8. The Committee adjourned at 8:45 a.m. until Monday, November 6, 2000.	
Arlene Julé Committee Co-chair	Peter Prebble Committee Co-chair
Margaret A. Woods Committee Clerk	