

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS

January 16, 2002

### MINUTE NO. 22

9:32 a.m. - Room 10

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. McCall in the Chair and Members Addley, Brkich, Huyghebaert, Jones, McMorris, Prebble, Wall and Yates.

Ms. Atkinson substituting for Mr. Thomson

Member, not of the Committee, present: Mr. Forbes

#### **Provincial Auditor's Office**

Mobashar Ahmad, Executive Director

Andrew Martens, Principal

2. The Committee resumed its consideration of the annual reports of Saskatchewan Government Insurance and its subsidiaries for the years ending December 31, 1998, December 31, 1999 and December 31, 2000. The following officials were in attendance.

Larry Fogg, President

Earl Cameron, Vice-President, Claims

John Dobie, Vice President Finance

3. The corporate officials responded to questions put by Members.
4. At 10:44 a.m., the Committee recessed until 11:02 a.m.
5. At 11:35 a.m., the Committee recessed until 11:39 p.m.
6. A point of order having arisen, the Chair made the following ruling:

In discussion with the Clerk of the committee, we went to the report that was adopted by the legislature on May 5, 1994 and to the terms of reference that this committee presently operates under. And I would refer you to rule 100(1):

*The Standing Committee on Crown Corporations is empowered to review the annual reports and financial statements of the various Crown corporations and related agencies, as received; and the said Committee is authorized to question the operations of the Crown corporations and related agencies for periods outside of the year under review.*

So the distinction here to be made is whether or not the question posed by Mr. Wall to Mr. Fogg is a question concerning operations or concerning that of policy formulation, which is more properly the realm of questioning the minister. And certainly Mr. Wall is familiar with questioning the minister.

And in consultation with the Clerk of the committee, it seems to me that Mr. Wall's question is in fact more over in the realm of policy formulation as opposed to pertaining strictly to the operations of the corporation. Now the member may not like that but that is my ruling.

So if you wish to address the same topic in a different way with a different question that bears more strictly to the operations of the corporation, then you're certainly welcome to do so.

7. It was moved by Mr. Yates:

That the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations conclude its review of the annual reports and financial statements of Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) and its subsidiaries for the years ending December 31, 1998, December 31, 1999 and December 31, 2000.

The question being put on the motion, it was carried.

8. It was moved by Ms. Jones:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put on the motion, it was carried.

9. The Committee adjourned at 11:44 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2002.

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Viktor Kaczkowski  
Committee Clerk

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Warren McCall  
Committee Chair