



April 29, 2021

Trent Wotherspoon, Chair
Standing Committee on Public Accounts
Room 162, Legislative Building
REGINA, SK S4S 0B3

Colleen Young, Deputy Chair
Standing Committee on Public Accounts
Room 203, Legislative Building
REGINA, SK S4S 0B3

Dear Sir and Madam:

Re: Fourth Quarter Financial Forecast

As required by Section 10.7 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*, I am pleased to submit to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts the Office of the Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan's Fourth Quarter Financial Forecast for the year ending March 31, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Ferguson".

Judy Ferguson, FCPA, FCA
Provincial Auditor

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Enclosure

cc: R. Park, Procedural Clerk, Procedural Services, Legislative Assembly (via email)



Office of the
Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan
4th Quarter Financial Forecast

Year Ending March 31, 2021

Provincial Auditor

Vote 28

(thousands of dollars)

Expenditures	2020-21 Approved Budget ²	4 th Quarter Forecast To Year End	Budget to Forecast Variance	Variance Explanation (Note)	2020-21 Year Ending March 31 st Actual (unaudited)
Provincial Auditor (PA01)					
Operations (non-statutory)					
Salaries	\$ 5,229	\$ 5,501	\$ (272)	A	\$ 5,501
Goods and Services	2,749	2,437	313	B	2,437
Total Operations (non-statutory)	7,978	7,938	41		\$ 7,938
Provincial Auditor's Salary (statutory)	230	235	(5)		235
Total Provincial Auditor (PA01)	\$ 8,208	\$ 8,173	\$ 35		\$ 8,173
Unforeseen Expenses (PA02)¹					
Salaries	\$ 537	\$ -	\$ 537	C	\$ -
Total Appropriation	\$ 8,745	\$ 8,173	\$ 572		\$ 8,173

Reasons for Significant Variances:

A – Includes economic salary adjustments provided staff to align with the economic adjustments made to salaries of public servants announced by Government subsequent to the preparation of our 2021 budget and the impact of lower staff turnover than anticipated.

B – Includes the reduction in audit and training related travel expenses due to COVID-19 Pandemic and reduced need for contracted services resulting from lower staff turnover.

C – No unforeseen expenses requiring use of this appropriation.

¹ Provides for unforeseen expenses pursuant to Section 10.1 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*

² The Standing Committee on Public Accounts approved the Office's budget on December 4, 2019. The Standing Committee on House Services approved the Office's budget on June 29, 2020. The Office's budget is included on page 143 of the Government's *2020-21 Estimates*.