

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
June 22, 2000

MINUTE NO. 5
9:15 a.m. — Room 10

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Krawetz in the Chair and Members Gantefer, Higgins, Jones, Kwiatkowski, Lorje, Stewart, Trew and Wakefield.
Mr. Thomson substituted for Mr. Wartman

Provincial Auditor's Office

Fred Wendel, Acting Provincial Auditor
Brian Atkinson, Executive Director
Mobasher Ahmad, Executive Director
Rodd Jersak, Manager
Gordon J.K. Neill, Q.C., Legal Counsel

Provincial Comptroller's Office

Chris Bayda, Director, Financial Management Branch
Lori Taylor, Senior Analyst, Financial Management Branch

2. The following document was tabled by the Provincial Comptroller, in response to a request of Committee made in November 1998.

PAC 5/24 Office of the Provincial Comptroller: A Process for Achieving Appropriate Public Disclosure for Government Organizations.

3. The following document was tabled by the Acting Provincial Auditor, in response to a request of Committee made on June 13, 2000.

PAC 6/24 Office of the Provincial Auditor: Report Showing the Spending Trends of the Provincial Auditor's Office Compared to the Government's Spending Trends.

4. In consideration of the Committee's meeting agenda, which was indicated to members by the Chair as part of the notice of meeting, Mr. Kwiatkowski moved the following motion:

That the agenda of the Public Accounts Committee be expanded to include the following:
Discussion with the Provincial Auditor on issues with regard to the misappropriation of public funds by officials at the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority as item number 3.

A debate arising, and the question being put the motion was negatived.

5. The Committee considered a business agenda for future meetings, including the process for appointment of a Provincial Auditor and other proposed changes to *The Provincial Auditor Act*; as well as review of the reports of the Provincial Auditor and Public Accounts. It was agreed that the Chair and Vice-Chair should meet to establish the business agenda, dates and times.

6. The Committee acknowledged an invitation to participate in the 1999 conference of the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees to be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, from September 17th through September 19th, 2000. It was moved by Mr. Gantefer:

That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts authorize the attendance of the Chair, the Vice-Chair, a government member of the Committee, an opposition member of the Committee, and the Committee Clerk, at the Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees to be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Sunday, September 17 through Tuesday, September 19, 2000, and further that if the Chair or Vice-Chair cannot attend, they be authorized to designate another committee member to attend in their place.

A debate arising and the question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. It was moved by Mr. Thomson:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

8. The Committee adjourned at 10:32 a.m. to the call of the Chair.