

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

November 26, 2001

MINUTE NO. 21

10:30 a.m. - Room 10

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Krawetz in the Chair and Members Atkinson*, Gantefer, Hamilton*, Harper, Jones, Kwiatkowski, McCall*, Stewart and Wakefield.

Substituting Members

Ms. Atkinson for Ms. Higgins

Ms. Hamilton for Ms. Junor

Mr. McCall for Mr. Wartman

Provincial Auditor's Office

Fred Wendel, Acting Provincial Auditor

Brian Atkinson, Acting Assistant Provincial Auditor

Judy Ferguson, Executive Director

Jane Knox, Principal

Mark Anderson, Manager

Victor Schwab, Manager

Provincial Comptroller's Office

Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller

Chris Bayda, Executive Director, Financial Management Branch

2. The Committee agreed to meet *in camera* to discuss the selection process of a Provincial Auditor and the appointment of the Audit Committee.
3. The Committee recessed from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.
4. The Committee proceeded to consider Chapter 16 (Working together to gather information for public reports) of the *Fall 1999 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*. Mr. Anderson of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following officials of the Saskatchewan's Action Plan for Children intersectoral initiative appeared before the Committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Bonnie Durnford, Deputy Minister, Department of Social Services

Shelley Hoover, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy, Department of Social Services

5. The Committee endorsed the process outlined in this chapter and encourages the Government to use this model for preparing public reports when other intersectoral initiatives are contemplated.
6. The Committee recessed from 2:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

7. The Committee proceeded to consider Chapter 4 (An overview of infrastructure risks) of the *Fall 2000 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*. Ms. Ferguson of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Government officials appeared before the Committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Glen Veikle, Assistant Deputy Minister, Treasury Board Branch, Department of Finance

Naomi Mellor, Executive Director, Performance Management Branch, Department of Finance

Blair Swystun, Executive Director, Finance, Finance and Administration Division, Crown

Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan

Bonita Cairns, Director, Administration and Information Systems, Department of the Executive Council

Jim Nicol, Acting Director, Senior Management Services and Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister, Department of the Executive Council

8. The Committee adjourned at 3:31 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 27, 2001.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk

Ken Krawetz
Committee Chair