

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

**April 26, 2005**

**MINUTE NO. 19**

**10:45 a.m. - Room 8**

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Hermanson in the Chair and Members Bakken Lackey\*, Borgerson, Cheveldayoff, Hagel, Trew and Yates.

**Substituting Members**

Ms. Bakken Lackey for Mr. Krawetz

**Other Member**

Mr. Allchurch

**Provincial Auditor's Office**

Fred Wendel, Provincial Auditor

Bashar Ahmad, Deputy Provincial Auditor

Victor Schwab, Principal

Kim Lowe, Manager

**Provincial Comptroller's Office**

Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller

Chris Bayda, Executive Director, Financial Management Branch

2. The committee proceeded to consider Chapter 8 (Industry and Resources) of the *2004 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)*. Mr. Ahmad of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Departments of Industry and Resources and Northern Affairs officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Larry Spanner, Deputy Minister, Industry and Resources

Larry Steeves, Deputy Minister, Northern Affairs

Debbie Wilkie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Industry Development, Industry and Resources

Anita Jones, Executive Director, Planning and Financial Management, Northern Affairs

Hal Sanders, Executive Director, Investment and Corporate Resources, Industry and Resources

3. The committee concurred with recommendation 8-1 made at page 219 of Chapter 8 (Industry and Resources) of the *2004 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Department of Industry and Resources should document the roles and responsibilities of the agencies involved when it coordinates work with other government agencies in delivering a significant program. The committee noted that the Department of Industry and Resources has complied with the recommendation.
4. The committee adjourned at 11:47 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2005.

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Margaret A. Woods  
Committee Clerk

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Elwin Hermanson  
Committee Chair