

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

December 1, 2005

MINUTE NO. 26

9:00 a.m. - Room 8

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

Provincial Auditor's Office

Fred Wendel, Provincial Auditor
Judy Ferguson, Deputy Provincial Auditor
Ed Montgomery, Deputy Provincial Auditor
Corrine Rybchuk, Principal
Charlene Drotar, Senior Manager
Kim Lowe, Senior Manager

Provincial Comptroller's Office

Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller
Chris Bayda, Executive Director, Financial Management Branch

2. The following document was tabled:

PAC 27/25 – Department of First Nations and Métis Relations: Response to questions raised at the October 26, 2005 meeting of the committee, re: trustees of the First Nations Trust and the breakdown of funding provided by the First Nations Fund to individual Indian Bands, dated November 15, 2005.

3. The committee proceeded to consider the *Understanding the Finances of the Government - 2005 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*. Mr. Montgomery of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Departments of Finance officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ron Styles, Deputy Minister
Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller
Joanne Brockman, Executive Director, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch, Budget Analysis Division

4. The committee next considered its First Report. It was moved by Mr. Yates:

That the First Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be adopted.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

5. The committee adjourned at 10:07 a.m. to the call of the chair.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk

Elwin Hermanson
Committee Chair