

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

April 4, 2006

MINUTE NO. 31

10:30 a.m. - Room 8

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Hermanson in the Chair and Members Borgerson, Cheveldayoff, Chisholm, Crofford, Iwanchuk and [Trew](#).

Other Member

Mr. McMorris

Provincial Auditor's Office

Fred Wendel, Provincial Auditor

Mike Heffernan, Deputy Provincial Auditor

Rosemarie Volk, Principal

Kim Lowe, Manager

Provincial Comptroller's Office

Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller

Chris Bayda, Executive Director, Financial Management Branch

2. The following document was tabled:

PAC 35/25 – Department of Health: Responses to questions raised at the March 9, 2006 meeting of the committee, re: length of police investigation into MACSI, amount of funds under investigation, and size of MACSI board of directors, dated March 31, 2006.

3. The committee proceeded to consider Chapter 2C (Regional Health Authorities) of the *2005 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)*. Mr. Heffernan of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Department of Health officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

John Wright, Deputy Minister

Duncan Fisher, Assistant Deputy Minister

Max Hendricks, Assistant Deputy Minister

Bonnie Blakley, Executive Director, Workforce Planning Branch

Bert Linklater, Executive Director, Regional Accountability Branch

Ted Warawa, Executive Director, Finance and Administration Branch

Rod Wiley, Executive Director, Regional Policy Branch

Garth Herbert, Financial Management Consultant / Internal Auditor, Finance and Administration Branch

Gina Clark, Masters of Public Administration Intern Student

4. The committee concurred with recommendation 2C-1 made at page 73 of Chapter 2C (Regional Health Authorities) of the *2005 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Prince Albert Regional Health Authority should follow its processes to ensure that employees are paid only for work done.

5. The committee concurred with recommendation 2C-2 made at page 73 of Chapter 2C (Regional Health Authorities) of the *2005 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Kelsey Trail Regional Health Authority should appropriately segregate the duties of employees making payments.
6. The committee concurred with recommendation 2C-3 made at page 73 of Chapter 2C (Regional Health Authorities) of the *2005 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Kelsey Trail Regional Health Authority should set purchase dollar limits for employees authorized to order goods and services.
7. The committee concurred with recommendation 2C-4 made at page 74 of Chapter 2C (Regional Health Authorities) of the *2005 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Regina Qu'Appelle Regional Health Authority should assess whether it needs an internal auditor.
8. The committee adjourned at 11:43 a.m. to the call of the chair.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk

Elwin Hermanson
Committee Chair