

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

March 20, 2007

MINUTE NO. 44

10:35 a.m. - Room 8

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

Provincial Auditor's Office

Fred Wendel, Provincial Auditor
Ed Montgomery, Deputy Provincial Auditor
Kelly Deis, Principal
Kim Lowe, Principal

Provincial Comptroller's Office

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

2. The committee proceeded to consider Chapter 3 (Learning) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)*. Mr. Montgomery of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Departments of Learning and Advanced Education and Employment officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Department of Advanced Education and Employment:

Bonnie Durnford, Deputy Minister
Rob Cunningham, Assistant Deputy Minister
Karen Allen, Executive Director, Corporate Services
Raman Visvanathan, Executive Director, Institutions Branch
Tammy Bloor Cavers, Executive Director, Student Financial Assistance Branch
Marlys Tafelmeyer, Executive Director, Human Resources Branch

Department of Learning:

Wynne Young, Deputy Minister
Dr. Helen Horsman, Assistant Deputy Minister
Rosanne Glass, Executive Director, Policy and Evaluation Branch
David Tulloch, Director, Corporate Services

3. The committee concurred with recommendation 3-1 made at page 119 of Chapter 3 (Learning) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Department of Learning's human resource plan should:

- Quantify its human resource needs;
- Provide details on the human resource gap between actual and required resources;
- Provide details on plans to implement the major strategies.

The committee noted that the Department of Learning is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

4. The committee concurred with recommendation 3-2 made at page 120 of Chapter 3 (Learning) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Department of Learning's human resource plan should sign a service level agreement with the Information Technology Office. The committee noted that the Department of Learning is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
5. The committee concurred with recommendation 3-3 made at page 123 of Chapter 3 (Learning) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission should sign a service level agreement with the Information Technology Office for the delivery of information technology services. The committee noted that the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
6. The committee adjourned at 11:43 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 27, 2007.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk

Elwin Hermanson
Committee Chair