

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

April 3, 2007

MINUTE NO. 46
10:30 a.m. - Room 8

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Hermanson in the Chair and Members Chisholm, Crofford, D'Autremont*, Harper*, Iwanchuk and Trew.

Substituting Members

Mr. Harper for Mr. Borgerson

Mr. D'Autremont for Mr. Cheveldayoff

Other Member

Mr. Cheveldayoff

Provincial Auditor's Office

Fred Wendel, Provincial Auditor

Mark Anderson, Principal

Jeff Kress, Principal

Kim Lowe, Principal

Victor Schwab, Principal

Provincial Comptroller's Office

Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller

Chris Bayda, Executive Director, Financial Management Branch

2. The committee proceeded to consider Chapter 6 (Information Technology Office) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)*. Mr. Kress of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Information Technology Office officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Don Wincherauk, Deputy Minister and Chief Information and Services Officer

Rory Norton, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Information Services

Richard Murray, Executive Director, Policy and Planning

Fred Antunes, Executive Director, Corporate and Customer Services

Carla Feld, Director and Chief Financial Officer, Business Development, Corporate and Customer Services

Troy Smith, Financial Analyst, Business Development, Corporate and Customer Services

3. The committee concurred with recommendation 6-1 made at page 213 of Chapter 6 (Information Technology Office) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Information Technology Office should perform quality assurance tests to ensure its security policies and procedures are followed. The committee noted that the Information Technology Office is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

4. The committee concurred with recommendation 6-2 made at page 214 of Chapter 6 (Information Technology Office) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Information Technology Office should follow its security policies and procedures
5. The committee concurred with recommendation 6-3 made at page 215 of Chapter 6 (Information Technology Office) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Information Technology Office should protect its systems and data from security threats. The committee noted that the Information Technology Office is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
6. The committee concurred with recommendation 6-4 made at page 216 of Chapter 6 (Information Technology Office) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Information Technology Office should have a disaster recovery plan for its data centre and client systems. The committee noted that the Information Technology Office is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
7. The committee adjourned at 11:46 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2007.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk

Elwin Hermanson
Committee Chair