

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Monday June 25, 2012

### MINUTE NO. 4

8:30 a.m. – Māwawapiwin Room (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Trent Wotherspoon in the Chair and Members Jennifer Campeau, Herb Cox, Glen Hart, Warren Michelson, Scott Moe and Corey Tochor.

#### **Provincial Auditor's Office**

Bonnie Lysyk, Provincial Auditor

Mark Anderson, Principal

Kelly Deis, Principal

Jeff Kress, Principal

Kim Lowe, Principal

Melissa Yanyu, Manager

#### **Provincial Comptroller's Office**

Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller

Chris Bayda, Executive Director, Financial Management Branch

Lori Taylor, Manager, Financial Management Branch

2. The Chair presided over the election of a Deputy Chair. Mr. Moe was nominated for the position. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Mr. Michelson:

That Mr. Scott Moe be elected to preside as Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

3. The following document was tabled:

**PAC 13/27 – Virtus Group:** Correspondence outlining the terms of engagement to audit the Office of the Provincial Auditor, dated June 13, 2012.

4. The Chair advised the committee that pursuant to Rule 141(2), the following report was deemed referred to the committee:

*2012 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* (June 7, 2012)

5. The committee considered Chapter 18 (Labour Relations and Workplace Safety) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*. Ms. Lysyk and Mr. Anderson of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Labour Relations and Workplace Safety officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

#### Witnesses

Mike Carr, Deputy Minister

Glennis Bihun, Executive Director, Occupational Health and Safety Division

Laurier Donais, Executive Director, Central Services

Ray Anthony, Director, Safety Services, Occupational Health and Safety Division

6. The committee concurred with recommendation 18-1 made at page 363 of Chapter 18 (Labour Relations and Workplace Safety) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety sign a shared service agreement with the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration. The committee noted that the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
7. The committee concurred with recommendation 18-2 made at page 363 of Chapter 18 (Labour Relations and Workplace Safety) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety establish an agreement with the Public Service Commission for providing payroll services that clearly assigns responsibilities for key payroll activities. The committee noted that the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety has complied with the recommendation.
8. The committee concurred with recommendation 18-3 made at page 371 of Chapter 18 (Labour Relations and Workplace Safety) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety document and use a comprehensive, risk-based approach to address workplace non-compliance with *The Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993* and related regulations. The committee noted that the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
9. The committee concurred with recommendation 18-4 made at page 372 of Chapter 18 (Labour Relations and Workplace Safety) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety analyze why employers and/or employees do not comply with *The Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993* and related regulations. The committee noted that the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
10. The committee concurred with recommendation 18-5 made at page 374 of Chapter 18 (Labour Relations and Workplace Safety) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace consistently use stop work orders under *The Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993* to address situations where workers are at immediate risk of harm. The committee noted that the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
11. The committee concurred with recommendation 18-6 made at page 375 of Chapter 18 (Labour Relations and Workplace Safety) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety monitor the timeliness of progress reports (e.g., from employers) to promptly enforce orders under *The Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993*. The committee noted that the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
12. The committee concurred with recommendation 18-7 made at page 376 of Chapter 18 (Labour Relations and Workplace Safety) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety regularly evaluate the results and effectiveness of its processes for enforcing *The Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993* and related regulations. The committee noted that the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

13. The committee considered Chapter 7 (Information and Technology Office) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)*. Ms. Lysyk of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Central Services officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ron Dedman, Deputy Minister  
Robert Guillaume, Associate Deputy Minister  
Tim Kealey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services  
Rebecca Sengmany, Director, Finance

14. The committee concluded consideration of Chapter 7 (Information and Technology Office) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)*.
15. The committee considered Chapter 16 (Information and Technology Office) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*. Ms. Lysyk and Mr. Kress of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Central Services officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ron Dedman, Deputy Minister  
Robert Guillaume, Associate Deputy Minister, Information Technology Office  
Tim Kealey, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services  
Rebecca Sengmany, Director, Finance

16. The committee concurred with recommendation 16-1 made at page 336 of Chapter 16 (Information Technology Office) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Information Technology Office follow its established procedures for removing user access to its computer systems and data. The committee noted that the Information Technology Office is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
17. The committee concurred with recommendation 16-2 made at page 341 of Chapter 16 (Information Technology Office) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Information Technology Office finalize defining the security requirements its service provider needs to follow. The committee noted that the Information Technology Office is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
18. The committee concurred with recommendation 16-3 made at page 341 of Chapter 16 (Information Technology Office) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Information Technology Office monitor whether its service provider meets its security requirements. The committee noted that the Information Technology Office is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
19. The committee considered Chapter 20 (Protecting Saskatchewan Data – the *USA Patriot Act*) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*. Ms. Lysyk and Mr. Anderson of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Central Services and Justice and Attorney General officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ron Dedman, Deputy Minister, Central Services  
Robert Guillaume, Associate Deputy Minister, Information Technology Office  
Rick Hischebelt, Executive Director, Civil Law, Ministry of Justice and Attorney General  
Dave Tulloch, Executive Director, Corporate Services, Ministry of Justice and Attorney General  
Darcy McGovern, Director, Legislative Services, Ministry of Justice and Attorney General

20. The committee concurred with recommendation 20-1 made at page 411 of Chapter 20 (Protecting Saskatchewan Data – the *USA Patriot Act*) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General consider the benefits, in consultation with Saskatchewan's Information and Privacy Commissioner, of changes to Saskatchewan's general access and privacy legislation, which could serve to mitigate risks related to the *USA Patriot Act*. In particular, Saskatchewan's Information and Privacy Commissioner has expressed concerns and made recommendations regarding the "duty to protect" personal information and data in prior years.
21. The committee concurred with recommendation 20-2 made at page 411 of Chapter 20 (Protecting Saskatchewan Data – the *USA Patriot Act*) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Information Technology Office document its analysis of risks related to the *USA Patriot Act*. The committee noted that the Information Technology Office is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
22. The committee considered Chapter 5 (Government Services) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)*. Ms. Lysyk and Mr. Deis of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Government Services officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ron Dedman, Deputy Minister, Central Services  
Allen Mullen, Assistant Deputy Minister  
Richard Murray, Assistant Deputy Minister, Facility Management  
Shelley Reddekopp, Assistant Deputy Minister  
Greg Lusk, Executive, Commercial Services

23. The committee adjourned consideration of Chapter 5 (Government Services) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)*.
24. It was moved by Mr. Moe:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

25. The committee adjourned at 10:28 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Kathy Buriandyk  
Committee Clerk

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Trent Wotherspoon  
Committee Chair