

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

MINUTE NO. 1

March 29, 1983 at 10:30 a.m.

1. PRESENT: Mr. Shillington in the Chair, and members Engel, Folk, Glauser, Meagher and Katzman.

Officials Present:

Provincial Auditor's Office:

W. Lutz, Provincial Auditor

F. Wendel, Deputy Provincial Auditor

J. Hunt, Deputy Provincial Auditor

Comptroller's Office:

G. Benson, Deputy Comptroller

2. The following documents were tabled in the committee:

PAC 1 — Saskatchewan Urban Affairs — response to committee request

PAC 2 — Saskatchewan Social Services — response to committee request

PAC 3 — Accounting for our Money: Standards — How we Keep Score and the Rules of the Game, tabled by the Comptroller

PAC 4 — Report of the Provincial Auditor for the year ended March 31, 1982

PAC 5 — Compendium of Management Letters — Provincial Auditor

3. The committee agreed to meet Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday — 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Tuesdays and 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays.
4. The committee agreed to request the Comptroller to report by early September. The committee agreed to tentatively meet on Monday, September 19, 1983 to consider the report which should be distributed to members one week prior to the meeting.
5. The committee began consideration of the report of the Provincial Auditor for the year ended March 31, 1982 as follows:

Current issues of Importance and

1.2 The Independence of the Legislative Auditor:

The committee requested advice on how proposed legislation for the Offices of the Provincial Auditor could be brought before the committee for consideration.

1.3 Auditors Other Than the Provincial Auditor Auditing Saskatchewan Crown Agencies:

The committee agreed to consider this issue further once the proposed Auditor's legislation was brought down, with the Department of Finance present.

2.1.1 Virements:

The committee agreed to call the Department of Finance to discuss these matters.

2.1.2 Department of Social Services — Day Care Program:

The committee agreed to call the Department once the report requested by the committee at its last meeting for July 1, 1983 was received.

2.1.3 Legal Assistance:

The committee agreed to call the officials at an early meeting.

2.1.4 Conditional Grants and Loans:

The committee agreed to call the Department of Industry and Commerce.

6. The committee requested the Clerk to provide each Department or agency with relevant excerpts from the Auditor's Report and the Compendium of Management Letters when they are called and to request the officials to provide a copy of the Auditor's Management letter and their response to the committee 48 hours prior to the meeting when possible.
7. The committee agreed to delay further meetings until Tuesday, April 12, 1983.
8. The committee adjourned at 11:45 a.m. until Tuesday, April 12, 1983 at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda: Consideration of the Provincial Auditor's Report.