

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

MINUTE No. 3

April 13, 1983 at 9:30 a.m.

1. PRESENT: Mr. Shillington in the Chair, and members Dutchak, Glauser, Katzman, Meagher and Young.

Officials Present:

Provincial Auditor's Office:

W. Lutz, Provincial Auditor

J. Hunt, Deputy Provincial Auditor

Comptroller's Office:

G. Kraus, Comptroller

G. Benson, Deputy Comptroller

2. The committee resumed consideration of the matter of calling the Department of Northern Saskatchewan with respect to items on page 17 and 19 of the Provincial Auditor's Report.

The committee agreed to call witnesses with regard to 2.2.2 — Economic Development Loans, but no further action will be taken with regard to 2.2.3 — Construction of Northern Schools.

3. The committee continued its consideration of the report of the Provincial Auditor for the year ended March 31, 1982 as follows:

2.2.8 Mail and Telecommunications Branch

The committee agreed to call the Department of Revenue, Supply and Services.

2.2.9 Teachers' Contribution Ledger

The committee agreed to call the Teachers' Superannuation Commission.

2.3.1 Tax Assessment Activities

The committee agreed to call the Department of Revenue, Supply and Services.

2.3.2 Leases of Commercial Space — Provincially Owned Buildings

The committee requested the Clerk to phone the Department of Government Services to determine whether there is a legal dispute and whether the tenants are withholding their rent as a result of this legal dispute.

The Clerk was requested to report at the next meeting of the committee.

2.3.3 Corporate Capital Tax Collections

The committee agreed to discuss this item when representatives of the Department of Revenue, Supply and Services are before the committee.

2.2.1.1 Department of Northern Saskatchewan — Imprest Bank Accounts

No further action.

2.4.1.2 Appropriation Exceeded — Purchase of Property

No further action.

2.4.2 Overcommitments of Appropriation

The committee agreed to call the Department of Finance and related agencies.

2.4.3.1 School Grants

No further action.

2.4.3.2 Teachers' Superannuation Administration Expenses

The committee agreed to review this issue when the Teachers' Superannuation Commission is before the committee.

2.4.3.3 Beef Stabilization Payments to Producers

No further action.

2.4.3.4 Special ARDA Program Grant

No further action.

2.4.3.5 Living Allowances — Department of Northern Saskatchewan

No further action.

2.4.3.6 Grants to Northern Schools

No further action

2.4.3.7 Arts Board Grants

No further action.

2.4.3.8 Loans — Department of Agriculture — Agricultural Supplies Advance Account

No further action.

2.4.3.9 Deposit Accounts — Land Titles Offices

No further action.

2.4.3.10 Superannuation Allowances

The committee agreed to call the Municipal Employees Superannuation Commission.

2.4.4 Borrowing Authority Exceeded

The committee agreed to discuss this issue with the officials of the Department of Finance when they are before the committee.

2.4.5 Special Warrants

No further action.

2.5 Reservations of Professional Opinion on Financial Statements

(a) No further action.

(b), (c) and (d) — The Vice-Chairman agreed to check as to whether there are ongoing negotiations with the federal government on these matters and agreed to report back to the committee. The committee will decide on whether or not to call this department at a later date.

(e) No further action.

(f) No further action.

(g) No further action.

2.6.1 Authorization for the Underwriting of Guaranteed Life Annuity Contracts — Public Employees' Superannuation Plan

No further action.

2.6.2 Deficit Payment — Department of Agriculture — Agricultural Supplies Advance Account

No further action.

2.6.3 Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan

The committee requested the Clerk to write to the Chairman of the Crown Corporations Committee bringing to his attention, the items as reported in the Provincial Auditor's Report.

2.6.4 Authorization of Transactions — Saskatchewan Housing Corporation

The committee agreed to call the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation.

4. The committee agreed that there will be no meeting on Thursday, April 14, and that they will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 19 with the Department of Finance on the agenda.

The committee requests the Department of Finance to prepare a short presentation on the method of handling government accounts, including such processes as appropriation, virements and special warrants.

5. The committee considered the future plans of the committee and agreed to try to finish its work on the fiscal year ended March 1982, prior to conclusion of the present session.
6. The committee agreed to call the remainder of the departments as outlined in the order raised in the Provincial Auditor's report.
7. The committee adjourned at 11:55 a.m. until Tuesday, April 19, 1983, at 10:30 a.m.

Agenda: The Department of Finance

GORDON BARNHART
Committee Clerk

E.B. SHILLINGTON
Chairman