

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

### MINUTE NO. 20

Wednesday, November 23, 1983 at 8:30 a.m.

1. PRESENT: Mr. Shillington in the Chair and members Glauser, Katzman, Martens and Morin

Officials Present:

Provincial Auditor's Office:

W. Lutz, Provincial Auditor

F. Wendel, Deputy Provincial Auditor

Comptroller's Office:

G. Kraus, Comptroller

G. Crook, Administrative Analyst

P. Knecht, Director of Central Accounting Branch

2. The following documents were tabled:

PAC 51 History of events in connection with the Golden Acres Motel supplied by Sedco.

PAC 52 Report dealing with the claiming of revenue associated with Inter-Provincial Cost Sharing Agreements provided by G. Kraus, Comptroller.

PAC 53 Report on contracts issued during the year ended March '82 for Department of Northern Saskatchewan provided by Saskatchewan Housing Corporation.

PAC 54 Response from Saskatchewan Community Legal Services Commission to questions asked during hearing of May 17 and 18, 1983.

PAC 54 Addendum to PAC 54 — Correction of Appendix A.

PAC 55 Saskatchewan Culture & Recreation's response to questions raised re Audit Activity — Old Facilities Grant Program.

PAC 56 Response from Department of Northern Saskatchewan — Written Information Related to Review of Department of Northern Saskatchewan 1981-82 Public Accounts.

PAC 57 Response to Committee's request re the Provincial Auditor's Report as it Pertains to MCIC.

PAC 58 Report from Comptroller on Cost Sharing Process in Saskatchewan.

PAC 59 Social Services Response to request for Reports on (1) Family Allowance and Federal Indian Affairs Payments; (2) Legal Status of Saskatchewan Assistance Plan Overpayments; (3) Acceptable Error Rates, and (4) Client versus Departmental Errors.

PAC 60 Department of Social Services Cost Sharing Report as requested by the Committee on March 1, 1983.

- PAC 61      Comptroller's Report on the Department of Social Services Report on Cost Sharing.
- PAC 62      Booklet on Comprehensive Auditing Concepts, Components and Characteristics.
- PAC 63      Response to Committee's request on July 1, 1983 from Saskatchewan Urban Affairs.
- PAC 64      House of Commons Public Accounts Committee 19th and 20th Reports on the Accountability of Crown Corporations.
- PAC 65      Office of Rentalsman's response to committee's request of December 9, 1982 re Rent Increase and Number of Staff in Office of Rentalsman and Provincial Mediation Board for 1980-81, 1981-82.
- PAC 66      Comptroller's Report.
- PAC 67      Report on Teacher's Superannuation Commission — (Actuarial Study) as requested by committee on May 5, 1983.
- PAC 68      Saskatchewan Development Fund Corporation's response to committee's request of December 7, 1982 re Mutual Fund Market and Percentage of Market in Annuities Held and Sold, etc.
- PAC 69      Department of Northern Saskatchewan's Written response to outstanding information requested re Investigation into Conflict of Interest; Economic Development Loans; Jobs Created; and Office Space Held by DNS.
- PAC 70      Response from Supply and Services to questions asked May 25, 1983.

3. It was moved by Mr. Katzman:

That PAC 6 — Saskatchewan Economic Development Corporation's response to committee request for information on Golden Acres Motel be released.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

- 4. Messrs. Shillington and Katzman, delegates to the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committee Annual Conference, reported on the conference which was held in Toronto in July 1983.
- 5. The committee received the follow up report on requests for information as follows:

PAC 71      Report by Clerk on committee requests for information in the 1982 and 1983 meetings.

The committee agreed to wait to receive the outstanding request for information from Saskatchewan Housing Corporation before completing its final report.

The committee requested the committee Clerk to invite Saskatchewan Housing Corporation to meet with the committee on Wednesday, November 30 at 8:30 a.m.

- 6. The committee considered the Comptroller's Report PAC 66 respecting implementation of the PAC report covering the 1980-81 fiscal year.

7. The committee considered the Department of Social Services reports PAC 59, 60 and 61.

The committee requested the Comptroller to ensure that the Department of Social Services put in place appropriate systems to guarantee an acceptable error rate in SAP payments. The committee decided to flag this request for the committee's final report.

8. The committee considered the Comptroller's Report on PAC 52 — Inter-provincial Cost-sharing Agreements and PAC 58 — Cost-sharing Process in Saskatchewan.
9. The committee considered the Department of Northern Saskatchewan's reports PAC 56 and PAC 69.
10. The committee considered the Teachers' Superannuation Commission report PAC 67.
11. The committee considered the Department of Health's report PAC 49.
12. The committee considered the Medical Care Insurance Commission report PAC 57.

The committee decided to flag this item for the final report.

13. The committee considered PAC 70 — Response from Supply and Services to questions asked May 25, 1983.

The committee decided to call Supply & Services next Wednesday, November 30 at 8:30 a.m. to deal with the issues of surplus land and rental space as identified.

14. It was moved by Mr. Katzman:

That all materials and reports requested by the committee be submitted to the committee in standard format — 8 ½" x 11" size.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

15. The committee adjourned at 10:16 a.m. until next Wednesday, November 30, 1983 at 8:30 a.m.