

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

April 11, 1984

MINUTE NO. 7

April 11, 1984 at 8:05 a.m.

1. PRESENT: Mr. Shillington in the Chair and members Glauser, Katzman, Meagher, Morin, Petersen, and Weiman.

Officials Present:

Provincial Auditor's Office

J. Hunt, Deputy Provincial Auditor
P. Hall, Director of Computer Auditing
W. Bucknall, Deputy Provincial Auditor
C. McFarlane, Audit Manager
G. Martens, Audit Manager
R. Gascoyne, Assistant Director, Computer Auditing

Comptroller's Office

G. Benson, Deputy Comptroller
G. Crook, Analyst
B. Swystun, Analyst
G. Anderson, Analyst

2. An *in camera* briefing session was held with Mr. John Riggs (Brown and Riggs) relating to the audit of West Side College.
3. Mr. Peterson (PC (Kelvington-Wadena)) was welcomed to the committee.
4. **Public Hearing: West Side College**

Witnesses:

M. Onyskevitch, Principal
J. Law, Acting Deputy Minister, Advanced Education & Manpower
H. Kutarna, Executive Director, Administration & Financial Services, Advanced Education and Manpower
R. McKay, Director, Northern Branch, Advanced Education & Manpower

The Acting Deputy Minister of Advanced Education and Manpower is to write to the committee Clerk concerning the Department's ability to rectify the past accounting procedures of West Side College.

5. West Side College: Hearing completed.
6. **Public Hearing: Department of Social Services (continued)**

Witnesses:

W. Podiluk, Deputy Minister
D. Cunningham, Assistant Deputy Minister, Support Services
G. Craig, Assistant Director of Administration
A. Uhren, Director of Administration

C. Hnatiuk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Program Services

The committee resumed its consideration of this Department.

7. Department of Social Services: Hearing completed.
8. The committee requested the issue of controlling disbursements in the Child Care Program be flagged for the committee's final report.
9. The Chairman requested a ten-minute recess.
10. PAC21/84 Memorandum to members of the Public Accounts Committee, dated April 5, 1984, respecting committee procedures
- PAC22/84 Memorandum from the Provincial Auditor dated December 9, 1983, on internal control and other legislative matters to the Department of Urban Affairs and their response dated March 14, 1984
- PAC23/84 Memorandum from the Provincial Auditor dated January 17, 1984, on internal control of the Department of Finance and their response dated March 15, 1984
- PAC24/84 Memorandum on Accounting and Disclosure Matters for the year ended March 31, 1983, from the Provincial Auditor, relative to the Department of Finance, and their response dated April 2, 1984
- PAC25/84 Memorandum from the Department of Agriculture to the Provincial Auditor on internal control and other accounting matters for the year ended March 31, 1983
11. An *in camera* hearing on computer security by the Saskatchewan Computer Utility Corporation was held. A special audio visual presentation was given by the officials of Sask Comp.
- Witnesses:
 A. Nelson, Acting General Manager
 B. Nell, Assistant General Manager, Computer Services
 K. Fitch, Controller
 G. Swystun, Manager, Security
12. Saskatchewan Computer Utility Corporation: Hearing Completed.
13. The issue of MLA expenditure details appearing in Public Accounts was queried by some members with an answer by Finance officials deferred to another meeting.
14. The committee adjourned at 11:36 a.m. until Thursday, April 12, 1984 at 8:00 a.m.

Agenda:

8:00 a.m. — *in camera* briefing session
8:15 a.m. — Department of Agriculture
9:15 a.m. — Department of Urban Affairs
Standby — Saskatchewan Housing Corporation

Craig James
Committee Clerk

E.B. Shillington
Chairman