

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

April 26, 1984

MINUTE NO. 10

April 26, 1984 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Officials Present:

Provincial Auditor's Office

F. Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor

B. Atkinson, Deputy Provincial Auditor

Comptroller's Office

G. Benson, Deputy Comptroller

G. Crook, Analyst

Observer: P. Witteman, Analyst

2. An *in camera* briefing session was held on Executive Council, Industry and Commerce and Crown Investments Corporation.
3. An *in camera* briefing session on committee participation at the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees annual meeting in Charlottetown on July 9-11, 1984, was delayed until Wednesday, May 2, 1984, at 8:00 a.m.
4. **Public Hearing: Executive Council**

Witnesses:

G. Smith-Windsor, Cabinet Secretary and A/Deputy Minister to the Premier

E. Crosthwaite, Clerk of the Executive Council

B. Leibel, A/Director of Administration

B. Halbwachs, Executive Director of Administration

L. Schellenberg, Administrative Assistant

5. It was moved by Mr. Katzman:

That the Department of Executive Council be treated by the Public Accounts Committee as others that have appeared before it.

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

6. The committee requested the Cabinet Secretary to provide 15 copies to the committee Clerk of the number of employees retained by the Government of Saskatchewan on indeterminate contracts and to provide the government's policy regarding this practice for the year under review.
7. Executive Council: Hearing completed.
8. **Public Hearing: Department of Industry and Commerce**

Witnesses:

D. Folstad, Deputy Minister, Tourism and Small Business
K. McNabb, Assistant Deputy Minister, Tourism and Small Business
R. Hynd, Director, Program Management, Tourism and Small Business
B. Baron, Director, Investment Development, Economic Development and Trade
H. Murchison, Director, Administration, Economic Development and Trade
A. Selby, Manager, Financial Management Unit

9. Department of Industry and Commerce: Hearing completed

10. Public Hearing: Crown Investments Corporation

Witnesses:

C. Hindle, President
G. Wells, Senior Vice-President, Finance
G. Mrazek, Director, Accounting Services
H. McEwen, Manager, Administration Division

11. Crown Investments Corporation: Hearing completed

12. The following documents were Tabled in the committee:

PAC29/84 Memorandum from the Department of Tourism and Small Business to the Provincial Auditor, dated April 4, 1984, on internal control weaknesses and other accounting matters, year ended March 31, 1983 — Department of Industry and Commerce.

PAC30/84 Letter from the Provincial Auditor to the Minister in Charge of Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan, dated March 27, 1983, regarding the Corporation's retained earnings.

PAC31/84 Letter from the Provincial Auditor to the Minister in Charge of Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan, dated June 30, 1983, regarding the audit of the Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan Pension Plan 39562 fund.

13. The committee adjourned at 11:40 a.m. until Wednesday, May 2, 1984 at 8:00 a.m.

Agenda:

8:00 — 8:15 a.m. — *in camera* briefing session
8:15 — 9:00 a.m. — Department of Finance
9:00 — 10:00 a.m. — Department of Highways

Thursday, May 3, 1984

8:00 — 11:00 a.m. — *in camera* briefing session — consideration of the committee's final report