

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
May 22, 1985

MINUTE NO. 12
May 22, 1985 at 8:45 a.m.

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Shillington in the Chair, and Members Glauser, Katzman, Meagher, Morin, Muller, Weiman

Provincial Auditor's Office

W. Lutz, Provincial Auditor
F. Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor
J. Hunt, Deputy Provincial Auditor
B. Atkinson, Deputy Provincial Auditor
W. Bucknall, Deputy Provincial Auditor
B. Braaten, Audit Manager
M. Ahmed, Audit Manager

Comptroller's Office

G. Kraus, Comptroller

2. An *in camera* briefing session regarding today's agenda was held.

3. **Public Hearing: Department of Revenue & Financial Services**

Witnesses

Keith Laxdal, Deputy Minister
Barry Halbwachs, Assistant Deputy Minister
Allan Palmer, Executive Director, Public Employees Benefits Agency
Bill Van Sickle, Executive Director, Administration Division
Colleen Laing, Manager, Financial Services, Public

4. The Committee requested the Deputy Minister of the Department of Revenue and Financial Services to send to the Clerk for distribution to the Committee whether a Saskatchewan MLA will receive superannuation benefits upon becoming a MP or Senator in Ottawa.
5. The Committee requested the Comptroller to send to the Clerk for distribution to the Committee the following information:
 1. A list of all government pension plans in Saskatchewan
 2. Their actuary date
 3. Their unfunded liability
 4. The number of actual and potential recipients
 5. The unfunded liability divided by the number of superannuates
6. Department of Revenue and Financial Services: Hearing completed.
7. **Public Hearing: Department of Social Services**

Witnesses

Dan Cunningham, Assistant Deputy Minister
Art Uhren, Executive Director of Administration

Graham Craig, Assistant Director of Administration

8. The Committee flagged the issue of payment recovery by the Department of Social Services.
9. Department of Social Services: Hearing adjourned.
10. The Committee adjourned at 11:01 a.m. until Thursday, May 23, 1985 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 10.

Agenda:

1. Department of Social Services
2. Saskatchewan Housing Corporation
3. Saskatchewan Transportation Company
4. Department of Agriculture (Standby)

Craig James
Committee Clerk

E.B. Shillington
Chairman

PROGRESS

The following departments, boards, commissions, agencies, or crown corporations have been selected for committee scrutiny, pursuant to issues raised in the 1984 Provincial Auditor's Report, the Public Accounts of the Province of Saskatchewan and the respective agency's annual reports for the year under review. The anticipated hearing section is subject to change.

HEARINGS CONCLUDED

Western Development Museum
Department of Culture and Recreation
Department of Parks and Renewable Resources
Kelsey Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences
Department of Advanced Education and Manpower
Saskatchewan Computer Utility Corporation
Saskatchewan Teachers' Superannuation Commission
Saskatchewan Pork Producers Marketing Board
Saskatchewan Sheep and Wool Marketing Commission
Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute
Department of Highways and Transportation
Saskatchewan Forest Products Corporation
Department of Revenue and Financial Services

ANTICIPATED HEARINGS

Department of Finance
Department of Rural Development
Saskatchewan Government Insurance
Saskatchewan Housing Corporation
Saskatchewan Telecommunications
Saskatchewan Transportation Company
Department of Agriculture
Department of Social Services
Saskatchewan Power Corporation