

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
October 22, 1987

MINUTE NO. 14
October 22, 1987 at 8:00 a.m.

1. PRESENT: Mr. Tchorzewski in the Chair and Members Martin, Martens, Muller, Neudorf, Rolfes, Saxinger, Van Mulligen

Provincial Auditor's Office

W.G. Lutz, Provincial Auditor
G.F. Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor
J. Hunt, Deputy Provincial Auditor
B. Atkinson, Deputy Provincial Auditor

Comptroller's Office

G. Kraus, Comptroller
C. Bayda, Financial Analyst
M. Robinson, Director of Systems Management Branch

2. PUBLIC HEARING: DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (continued)

J. Vicq, Acting Deputy Minister
B. Jones, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Investment and Financial Services Division
D. Baldwin, Associate Director, Finance and Administration Branch, Investment & Financial Services Division
D. McCaslin, Associate Director, Investment Services Branch, Investment & Financial Services Division
B. Smith, Executive Director, Public Employees Benefits Agency
B. Van Sickle, Executive Director, Administration Division
E. Smith, Director, Financial Services Branch, Administration Division

3. It was moved by Mr. Rolfes:

That the Public Accounts Committee regrets that the Department of Finance refuses to make available to this committee the Hopkins Report which report deals with summary financial statements as requested by this committee some two years ago, and that this refusal be reported to the Legislative Assembly.

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

4. The Committee agreed to put an item on the Committee's agenda for the discussion of Summary Financial Statements with reference to recommendations in the Provincial Auditor's Report of 1984-85, page 25.
5. The Committee requested the Department to provide information regarding when the approval by Treasury Board for the establishment of the Local Government Finance Commission in 1984 occurred.
6. The Committee requested the Department to provide a breakdown of the destination, cost and name of individual included in travelling expenses in all subvotes of the Department of Finance Public Accounts for 1984-85.
7. The Committee requested the Department to provide information regarding the extra expenditure for positions established mid-year including the name of the individual employed, the salary, and the job description.

8. The Committee requested copies of the budget promotional material provided for in the 1985-86 Public Accounts.
9. The Committee requested information with respect to the travel and related expenses for Mr. D. Heron while an Associate Deputy Minister situated in Saskatoon, and including the cost of the Saskatoon office.
10. The Committee requested the Provincial Auditor to provide the Committee with the amount of the audit fee charged to each Crown Corporation for their 1985 year by the Office of the Provincial Auditor.
11. The Committee requested the Department to provide information regarding who directed that the investment be made of \$4 million in Pioneer Trust in January 1985.
12. The Department agreed to provide information as requested by the Committee regarding the background to January 1985 investments in Pioneer Trust.
13. The Committee adjourned at 10:20 a.m. until Tuesday, October 27, 1987 at 8:00 a.m.

Agenda:

Department of Finance (continued)

PRIORITY LIST OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO BE CALLED

Finance (1984-85 and 1985-86) including Revenue and Finance Services (1985-86) and Municipal Employee's Superannuation Commission (1985-86)
Justice (1984-85 and 1985-86)
Agricultural Credit Corporation (1985-86)
Agriculture (1985-86)
Consumer and Commercial Affairs (1985-86)
Health (1985-86) Social Services (1985-86)
Supply & Services (Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation) (1985-86)
Westank Industries — SEDCO (1985-86)
Saskatchewan Power Corporation (1985-86)
Economic Development and Trade (1985-86)
Saskatchewan Crop Insurance (1985-86)

HEARINGS CONCLUDED

Crown Management Board
Education (1985-86) including Advanced Education and Manpower (1984-85 and 1985-86)
Indian & Native Affairs Secretariat (1984-85 and 1985-86)
Saskatchewan Forest Products (1984-85)
Saskatchewan Housing Corporation (1985-86)
Tourism and Small Business (1984-85)