

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
February 4, 1988

MINUTE NO. 20
February 4, 1988 at 9:30 a.m.

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

Provincial Auditor's Office

W. Lutz, Provincial Auditor
G. Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor
M. Heffernan, Deputy Provincial Auditor

Comptroller's Office

T. Paton, Acting Provincial Comptroller
B. Swystun, Financial Analyst

2. The following documents were tabled:

PAC 45/86-87-88 — Departments of Education and Advanced Education and Manpower response to questions asked at the hearings of October 8 and 14, 1987;

PAC 46/86-87-88 — Statement of the Provincial Auditor re Saskatchewan Water Corporation (a response)

3. An in camera briefing session was held re Westank

4. **PUBLIC HEARING: WESTANK WILLOCK**

A. Jackson, President
D. Feasby, Vice President, Finance

Saskatchewan Economic Development Corporation

D. Price, President and CEO
L. Larsen, Vice President, Finance and Administration
M. Hinds, Director, Corporate Affairs

5. Hearing Completed: Westank Willock

6. An in camera briefing session was held on the Department of Social Services

7. **PUBLIC HEARING: DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

S. Sojonky, Deputy Minister
H. Kutarna, Assistant Deputy Minister
A. Hansen, Assistant Deputy Minister
R. Barnard, Executive Director, Support Services Division
S. Keer, Manager, Revenue and Programs Support
D. Perrins, Executive Director, Family Support Division
N. Gardner, Executive Director, Income Security Division
L. Koback, Provincial Director, Young Offenders Programs
D. Bryck, Assistant Director, Day Care Branch

8. The Committee requested the Department of Social Services to provide the following information:
 - (a) for the Public Accounts 1985-86 for Social Services, a breakdown of expenditures under the following headings in Subvote 1 — MLA Other Allowances and Support Staff, Honorariums, Special Services and Fees, Travel Expenses (out-of-province, purpose, cost, destination and kind of expense), Provisions and Business Expenses;
 - (b) for Subvote 5 — Child Care, a breakdown of "Contractual Services (Other)";
 - (c) a copy of any report resulting from the grant to the St. Charles Research and institute for Policy Studies together with a description of the institute, who its members are and its purpose;
 - (d) for Family Services, Subvote 50, a breakdown of "Contractual Services (Other)";
 - (e) with regard to Family Counselling Services, a list of expenditures to private counselling services or individuals.
9. Hearing Completed: Department of Social Services
10. An in camera briefing was held on the Department of Economic Development and Trade.
11. PUBLIC HEARING: DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE

G. Adamson, Director of Trade Promotion, Acting in the absence of the Acting Deputy Minister, R. Volk
T. Tarowski, Director of Administration
12. The Committee requested the Department of Economic Development and Trade to provide the following information:
 - (a) with regard to the Hong Kong Trade Office, the size of the office and the residential accommodation and a breakdown of the total expenditures connected to the Hong Kong office in 1985-86;
 - (b) under Subvote 1 — Administration (1985-86) a breakdown of the following items: MLA Other Allowances and Support Staff, Professional and Technical Services, Travelling Expenses, Contractual Services (Other) and Provisions and Business Expenses;
 - (c) provide breakdown of travel expenses in Subvote 6 — Policy and Planning, Subvote 8 — Communications, Subvote 11 — International Operations;
 - (d) under Subvote 20 — Aid to Trade Program, give details of the following expenditures:

Jack, Peter
Mercury Graphics Corporation
Pan-Brick Inc.
Roman Marble Products Ltd.
SaskTel CMR
5-H Management;
 - (e) a copy of the information prepared for schools through the Canadian Foundation for Economic Education;
 - (f) a breakdown of the total costs of the New York Trade Office in 1985-86;
 - (g) under Schedule of Payments — Other Expenses, a breakdown of the expenses under Dome Advertising Ltd. and Dome Media Buying Services Ltd.;
 - (h) under Schedule of Payments — Other Expenses, the names of the principals of N W Management Consultants and a copy of any report that resulted from the contract;

(i) with regard to Remail Investments Co. Ltd., a copy of the feasibility study prepared;

(j) under Prairie Advertising Distributors Ltd., details of the payment;

(k) a list of the principals of the following companies — Strategic Decisions Associates and Strategic Decisions Group;

(l) for all of the studies funded by the Department regarding the potential for establishing of business or industry, an outline of the follow-up and results of the project;

(m) a list of the principals of Harvest Foods Ltd.

13. Hearing Completed: Department of Economic Development and Trade

14. The Committee adjourned at 3:05 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

HEARINGS COMPLETED

Agricultural Credit Corporation (1985-86)
Agriculture (1985-86)
Crown Management Board
Economic Development and Trade (1985-86)
Education (1985-86) including Advanced Education and Manpower (1984-85 and 1985-86)
Finance (1984-85 and 1985-86) including Revenue and Finance Services (1985-86) and Municipal Employee's Superannuation Commission (1985-86)
Health (1985-86)
Indian & Native Affairs Secretariat (1984-85 and 1985-86)
Justice (1984-85 and 1985-86) including Consumer and Commercial Affairs (1985-86)
Saskatchewan Crop insurance (1985-86)
Saskatchewan Forest Products (1984-85)
Saskatchewan Housing Corporation (1985-86)
Saskatchewan Power Corporation (1985-86)
Social Services (1985-86)
Supply & Services (Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation) (1985-86)
Tourism and Small Business (1984-85)
Westank Industries — SEDCO (1985-86)