

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

June 7, 1988

## MINUTE NO. 3

June 7, 1988 at 9:00 a.m.

- 1.--PRESENT: Mr. Van Mulligen in the Chair and Members Anguish, Hopfner, Martin, Muirhead, Muller, Neudorf, Prebble, Rolfes

### Officials

Provincial Auditor's Office

W. Lutz, Provincial Auditor

G. Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor

Comptroller's Office

G. Kraus, Provincial Comptroller

M. Robinson, Director, Systems Management Branch

T. Paton, A/Director, Financial Management Branch

C. Bayda, Analyst, Financial Management Branch

- 2.--The Committee considered documents PAC 5 & PAC 6 as tabled at the last meeting.
- 3.--The Committee considered PAC 7 — the Comptroller's report to the Committee on matters raised in the Committee's first and second reports to the legislature.
- 4.--The following documents were tabled:
- PAC 11/88-89 — Draft List of Standard Questions as proposed by Mr. Van Mulligen
- PAC 12/88-89 — Co-op Work Study Program — preliminary information by G. Barnhart.
- PAC 13/88-89 — Public Accounts Committees in Canada: A Comparison — excerpt from *Canadian Parliamentary Review*, Winter 1987-88.
- 5.--The Committee considered PAC 8/88-89 — Draft Paper for Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committee Conference respecting a Model Public Accounts Committee.
- 6.--The Committee requested that the following information be presented to the Committee:
- (1) Copies of the 1964 Report of the Special Committee on the Role of the Public Accounts Committee, Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan.
- (2) The First Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts tabled in the Assembly on November 23, 1982 regarding committee recommendations regarding its mandate.
- 7.--The Committee agreed that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman should review PAC 8 and other documents relating to the mandate of the Saskatchewan Committee and flag any items for further review by the committee or items which require further background information.

The Committee agreed to discuss at a later time, after the Public Accounts Council Conference, issues related to the role and mandate of the Public Accounts Committee utilizing whatever appropriate documents are available.

- 8.-- The Committee considered the list of Standard Public Accounts Questions as tabled in PAC 11/88-89. The list was amended by deleting Item No. 6 and the last clause of Item 7. The Committee agreed to forward in advance to each department called the amended list of questions to enable the department to bring the answers with them to the hearing.
- 9.-- The Committee agreed to initially establish the following list of departments to be called to be added to at a later time:
- Highways and Transportation
  - Supply and Services
  - Parks and Renewable Resources
  - Advanced Education and Manpower
  - Economic Development and Trade
10. The Committee agreed to review the introduction and the section on Current Issues of Importance in the Provincial Auditor's Report at the next meeting.
11. The Committee adjourned at 10:17 a.m. until Thursday, June 9, 1988 at 9:00 a.m.

### **Agenda**

Consideration of the Provincial Auditor's Report for the year ended March 31, 1987.