

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

June 9, 1988

MINUTE NO. 4

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

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

Officials

Provincial Auditor's Office

W. Lutz, Provincial Auditor

G. Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor

Comptroller's Office

G. Kraus, Provincial Comptroller

T. Paton, A/Director, Financial Management Branch

C. Bayda, Analyst, Financial Management Branch

2. The following document was tabled:

PAC 14/88-89 — Information on the University of Regina Co-operative Work Study Programs

3. The Committee discussed the matter of utilizing the University of Regina Co-operative Work Study Program as a means of providing research assistance to the Committee.

The Committee agreed to consider the matter at a later date.

4. The Committee considered the introductory sections of the Provincial Auditor's Report for the year ended March 31, 1987 as follows:

Introduction

Parliamentary Accountability

Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation

Tabling of the 1987 Public Accounts

Non-compliance with Statutory Tabling Requirements

5. The Committee requested the Comptroller to provide a status report on the outstanding reports and financial statements noted in section 2.20 of the Provincial Auditor's Report.
6. The Committee agreed to write to the Department or agency and to the responsible Minister in each case to indicate that the Committee would be seeking an explanation of the reasons for non-compliance with statutory tabling requirements as noted in section 2.20 of the Provincial Auditor's Report when the department or agency is called to appear before the Committee.
7. Mr. Rolfes gave notice that he would move the following motion at the next meeting.

That this Committee indicate to the Legislative Assembly its concern about numerous instances where financial statements have not been tabled in the Legislative Assembly as required by statute and listing the statements as follows:

The instances are described further in chapters 6.34, 7.36, 13.21, 13.29, 15.00, 18.30, 18.71, 18.95 and 28.05 of this report.

8. The Committee considered staff resources available to the Provincial Auditor in the fiscal year 1987 and requested information regarding the process of how it was determined which positions were to be cut.

The Provincial Auditor agreed to that he would seek advice from his legal Counsel and respond at the next meeting.

9. The Committee adjourned at 11:00 a.m. until Tuesday, June 14, 1988 at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda:

Consideration of Provincial Auditor's Report for 1986-87 continued.