

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

February 6, 1989

MINUTE NO. 6

February 6, 1989 at 1:30 p.m.

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Van Mulligen in the Chair and Members Anguish, Hopfner, Lingenfelter, Martens, Martin, Muller, Neudorf and Prebble

Officials

Provincial Auditor's Office

W. Lutz, Provincial Auditor
F. Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor
J. Hunt, Deputy Provincial Auditor
M. Ahmad, Audit Manager

Comptroller's Office

G. Kraus, Provincial Comptroller
T. Paton, A/Director, Financial Management Branch
C. Bayda, Analyst, Financial Management Branch

2. The following documents tabled were previously distributed:

PAC 20/88-89 — Department of Finance response to information requested by the Public Accounts Committee at its October 22, 1987 meeting on the local Government Commission and copies of budget promotional material provided for in the 1985-86 Public Accounts

PAC 21/88-89 — Report by the Provincial Auditor to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts June 17, 1988 re error in 1987 annual report

PAC 22/88-89 — Report by the Provincial Auditor to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts regarding Transmittal Dates, June 20, 1988

PAC 23/88-89 — Response by the Provincial Auditor to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts regarding the Provincial Auditor's Access to Information, June 27, 1988

PAC 24/88-89 — Minister of Agriculture's response to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on matters related to the Saskatchewan Vegetable Marketing Commission

PAC 25/88-89 — Minister of Finance's response to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on non-compliance with Statutory Tabling Requirements

PAC 26/88-89 — Provincial Secretary's response to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on non-compliance with Statutory Tabling Requirements with respect to the Members of the Legislative Assembly Superannuation Fund

PAC 27/88-89 — Auditor's Report on results of examination of the Office of the Provincial Auditor for the year ended March 31, 1988

PAC 28/88-89 — CICA Handbook Section 6930 — Reliance on Another Auditor in response to PAC 23/88-89

3. The Committee agreed to the proposed agenda for the meetings of February 6 — February 10, 1989.
4. It was moved by Mr. Martens:

That the standard list of questions referred to in Minute #3 (June 7, 1988) of this committee be rescinded and that Minute #3, item 8 be stricken; and further that henceforth any document tabled in this committee shall be attached to the minutes of the meeting unless otherwise directed by the committee.

The motion was divided into two parts. A debate arising and the question being put on the first part, it was agreed to. A debate arising and the question being put on the second part, it was agreed to.

5. The Committee resumed consideration of the introductory sections of the provincial Auditor's Report for the year ended March 31, 1988.

6. Mr. Prebble moved a motion that was divided and considered as indicated in the following items.

7. It was moved by Mr. Prebble:

That this Committee expresses its concern about the lack of cooperation the Provincial Auditor has received from the Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan.

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

8. It was moved by Mr. Prebble:

That this Committee requests that the September 17, 1987 minutes of the CIC Board denying the Auditor access to CIC minutes be rescinded by the Minister responsible for the CIC and by the CMB and that the Minister be requested to ensure the Provincial Auditor has access to the CIC minutes in the future.

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

9. It was moved by Mr. Prebble:

That this Committee indicate to the Legislative Assembly its concern about the lack of cooperation awarded to the Provincial Auditor by various agencies.

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

10. It was moved by Mr. Prebble:

That this Committee recommend to the Legislative Assembly that the Assembly call on the Government to enunciate a clear set of guidelines for all departments and agencies to ensure future cooperation with the Provincial Auditor.

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

11. The Committee adjourned at 4:58 p.m. until Tuesday, February 7 at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda

9:00 a.m. — Consideration of Auditor's Report continuing Department of Education and Department of Advanced Education

10:30 a.m. — Department of Highways

11:00 a.m. — Energy & Mines

Noon

1:30 p.m. — Department of Economic Development and Small Business

2:00 p.m. — Department of Tourism and Small Business

2:30 p.m. — Department of Supply and Services