

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

March 21, 1989

MINUTE NO. 3

March 21, 1989 at 8:30 a.m.

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

Officials

Provincial Auditor's Office

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

Comptroller's Office

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

2. The Committee agreed to cancel the meeting of Thursday, March 23 because the Assembly will be sitting that morning.

The Committee also agreed that it would not sit next Tuesday morning if the House does not sit on Monday.

3. **Public Hearing: Department of Finance (Department of Revenue and Financial Services and Municipal Employees Superannuation Commission)**

Officials:

Art Wakabayashi, Deputy Minister of Finance
Bill Jones, Assistant Deputy Minister, Treasury and Debt Management
Bob Blackwell, Executive Director, Operations and Budget Review, Treasury Board Division
Doug Matthies, Director, Accounting and Administration, Saskatchewan Pension Plan
Brian Smith, Executive Director, Public Employees Benefits Agency
Bill Van Sickle, Executive Director, Administration Branch

4. The following document was tabled:

PAC 1/89 – Correction to Information Provided regarding the amount of expenditures authorized by the Special Warrant during 1986-87.

5. Mr. Lyons asked the Department to provide the monthly statements of expenditures and revenues during the year under review prepared by the Office of the Comptroller. The Deputy Minister refused to provide the documents on the grounds that it was long-standing government policy that the documents in question are internal and are not released. The Chairman ruled that the answer must be accepted and that the question was one which ought to be put to the Minister.

6. The Department agreed to provide the Committee with the per barrel figure used to estimate oil revenues in the year under review.
7. The Department agreed to provide the basis on which the estimate for 1986-87 Corporation's Income Tax was determined. The Department undertook to provide similar information on various other revenue items.
8. The Committee adjourned at 10:40 a.m. until either Tuesday or Thursday of next week.

Gwenn Ronyk
Committee Clerk

H.H. Van Mulligen
Chairman

PRIORITY LIST OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO BE CALLED

Department of Finance (including Department of Revenue and Financial Services and Municipal Employees Superannuation Commission)
Executive Council
Department of Supply and Services and the Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation
Department of Energy and Mines
Department of Education & Department of Advanced Education
Department of Highways
Department of Economic Development and Trade (now Department of Trade and Investment)
Department of Tourism and Small Business (now Department of Economic Development and Trade)
Provincial Secretary
Department of Justice
Employment Development Agency (now Human Resources Labour and Employment)
Department of Labour (now Human Resources Labour and Employment)
Saskatchewan Housing Corporation
Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Credit Corporation
Agricultural Development Corporation
Department of Social Services
Department of Health
Public Service Commission
Department of Environment
Department of Science and Technology
Crown Investments Corporation
Westank (SEDCO)
Department of Consumer and Commercial Affairs
Department of Parks & Renewable Resources and Department of Culture & Recreation (now Parks, Recreation & Culture) —
hearings began but may be called back
Office of the Provincial Auditor