

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

March 30, 1989

MINUTE NO. 4

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

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

Officials

Provincial Auditor's Office

W. Lutz, Provincial Auditor

F. Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor

M. Heffernan, Deputy Provincial Auditor

Comptroller's Office

G. Kraus, Provincial Comptroller

T. Paton, A/Director, Financial Management Branch

2. The Chairman introduced Mr. Charles Robert, Table Officer on secondment from the House of Commons.

3. The following document was Tabled:

PAC 2/89 – Parks, Recreation & Culture—answers to questions arising from the hearing of February 8, 1989.

4. It was moved by Mr. Rolfes:

That the hearing on the Department of Finance be concluded subject to recall, if necessary, for further questions.

A debate arising, it was moved in amendment thereto by Mr. Lyons:

That the following words be added to the motion:

and that no blame be attached to the officials of the Department of Finance for what was obviously a politically motivated “mis-forecast” by the Minister of Finance in dealing with the finances of the Province of Saskatchewan.

The debate continuing and the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

The debate continuing on the main motion, Mr. Lyons moved that the debate be adjourned.

The question being put, the committee agreed.

4. **Public Hearing: Department of Executive Council**

Witnesses:

Larry Martin, Deputy Minister to the Premier and Cabinet Secretariat
Ron Hewitt, Associate Deputy Minister and Clerk of Executive Council
Don Wincherauk, Director of Administration
Bonita Heidt, Administration Officer

6. At the request of Mr. Rolfes, the Office of Executive Council agreed to provide an itemized list of computer equipment supplied to Executive Council, including the suppliers, all tenders for the contract and the name of the lowest tender. (in reference to contract noted in the Provincial Auditor's report, p. 134, para. 27.03 and 27.04)
7. On the motion of Mr. Rolfes, Committee adjourned at 10:25 a.m. until Tuesday, April 4, 1989 at 8:30 a.m.

Gregory Putz
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

HEARINGS CONCLUDED SUBJECT TO RECALL

Department of Parks & Renewable Resources and Department of Culture & Recreation (now Parks, Recreation & Culture)
Department of Finance (including Department of Revenue and Financial Services and Municipal Employees)