

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

**April 13, 1989**

**MINUTE NO. 8**

April 13, 1989 at 8:30 a.m.

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

**Officials**

**Provincial Auditor's Office**

W. Lutz, Provincial Auditor  
F. Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor  
M. Heffernan, Deputy Provincial Auditor  
E. Montgomery, Audit Manager  
M. Ahmad, Audit Manager

**Comptroller's Office**

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

2. **Public Hearing: Department of Saskatchewan Energy and Mines**

**Witnesses:**

John Reid, Deputy Minister  
Ray Clayton, Assistant Deputy Minister  
Steve Zurawski, Director, Mineral Revenue Branch  
Janis Rathwell, Director, Personnel and Administration Branch  
Doug Koepke, Supervisor, Accounts

3. At the request of Mr. Rolfes, Mr. Reid agreed to provide the Committee with the review of the estimated \$400,000 loss cited in 11.15 of the Provincial Auditor's Report to see if it was accurate.
4. At the request of Mr. Anguish, Mr. Reid agreed to provide the Committee with the dates of the poll conducted by Tanka Research for the department.
5. At the request of Mr. Rolfes, Mr. Reid agreed to provide the Committee with the date when the Department of Energy and Mines completed its reply to an Order for a Return relative to the contract for the above-mentioned poll.
6. The following document was tabled by Mr. Reid:

PAC 7/88-89 Saskatchewan Energy and Mines, Communications — Detail, April 1, 1986 to March 31, 1987

7. At the request of Mr. Van Mulligen, Mr. Reid agreed to provide the Committee with information identifying the publisher of Prairie Skys.
8. At the request of Mr. Van Mulligen, Mr. Reid agreed to inform the Committee about whether certain advertisements actually ran in Prairie Skys and whether this complied with the Elections Act.
9. It was moved by Mr. Martens:  
  
That the hearing on the Department of Supply and Services/Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation be concluded subject to recall, if necessary, for further questions.  
  
The question being put, it was agreed to.
10. It was moved by Mr. Hopfner:  
  
That the hearing of the Department of Energy and Mines be concluded subject to recall, if necessary, for further questions.  
  
A debate arising, the Committee adjourned without the question being put.
11. The Committee adjourned at 10:30 a.m. until Tuesday, April 18, 1989 at 8:30 a.m.

**Agenda:**

8:30 a.m. — Department of Education and Department of Advanced Education  
9:30 a.m. — Department of Highways

## PRIORITY LIST OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO BE CALLED

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 Tourism)  
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  
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 Supply and Services and the Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation

## HEARINGS ADJOURNED SUBJECT TO RECALL

Department of Energy and Mines  
Department of Finance (including Department of Revenue and Financial Services and Municipal Employees)  
Office of Executive Council