

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

May 11, 1989

MINUTE NO. 11

May 11, 1989 at 8:30 a.m.

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

Officials

Provincial Auditor's Office

W. Lutz, Provincial Auditor
F. Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor

M. Heffernan, Deputy Provincial Auditor
E. Montgomery, Audit Manager
B. Atkinson, Deputy Provincial Auditor

Comptroller's Office

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

2. It was moved by Mr. Martin:

That Mr. Hopfner be appointed Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

3. The following documents were Tabled:

PAC 10/88-89 - Provincial Auditor's response to question at the April 20 meeting of the Public Accounts Committee on out of court settlements.

PAC 11/88/89 - Department of Energy and Mines' response to questions asked at the April 13 meeting of the Public Accounts Committee.

PAC 12/88/89 - Provincial Comptroller's response to questions raised at the Public Accounts Committee meeting on salaries of employees on secondment.

PAC 13/88/89 - Department of Economic Development and Tourism response on information requested at the hearing on April 20 on Northern Saskatchewan Economic Development Revolving Fund

PAC 14/88/89 - Provincial Auditor's further response regarding information requested at the April 20 meeting of the Public Accounts Committee on out of court settlements.

PAC 15/88-89 - Department of Justice response on information requested by the Committee during the course of their appearance this day.

PAC 16/88-89 - Employment Development Agency presented information detailing their consolidated fund budgetary expenditures in response to questions put to them during their

appearance this day.

4. **Public Hearing: Department of Tourism and Small Business (now Department of Economic Development and Tourism)**

Witnesses:

Dr. David C. Rothwell, Deputy Minister
Ken McNabb, Assistant Deputy Minister
Harvey Murchison, Director of Administration
Leona Gorr, Director of Corporate Affairs
Tom Young, Director of Tourism Development
Linda Martin, Manager, Financial Services
Roy Hynd, Director of Program Management

5. **Chairman's Ruling:**

The Chairman ruled on a Point of Order raised at the previous meeting regarding a request to disclose certain confidential information.

In view of the explanation provided by the departmental officials, the Chairman ruled that the Committee was not entitled to the information.

6. **It was moved by Mr. Martens:**

That the hearing of the Department of Tourism and Small Business (now Department of Economic Development and Tourism) be concluded subject to recall, if necessary, for further questions.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

6. **Public Hearing: Office of the Provincial Secretary**

Witnesses:

Bill Clarke, Deputy Provincial Secretary
Bill Hoover, Director of Administration

7. **At the request of Mr. Rolfes, Mr. Clarke agreed to provide the Committee with written answers to several questions.**

8. **It was moved by Mr. Neudorf:**

That the hearing of the Office of the Provincial Secretary be concluded subject to recall, if necessary, for further questions.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

9. **Public Hearing: Department of Justice**

Witnesses:

Jim Benning, Assistant Deputy Minister, Administration
Terry Thompson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corrections and Justice Services
Darryl Bogdasavich, Executive Director, Civil Law
Twyla Meredith, Director, Administration
Linda Hahn, Administrative Assistant

10. At the request of Mr. Rolfes, Mr. Benning agreed to provide the Committee, if possible, with written answers to questions.

11. **Public Hearing:** Department of Labour

Witnesses:

Gerry Meier, Deputy Minister
Judy Moore, Assistant Deputy Minister, Labour Division
Ron Kruzeniski, Assistant Deputy Minister, Human Resources and Employment
Pat More, Director, Administrative Services Branch
Anne McFarlane, Executive Director, Employment Opportunities Branch
Rick Pawliw, Manager, Youth Services Unit, Employment Opportunities Branch
Natalia Carroll, Provincial Co-ordinator, Employment Fairness Branch
Joan Greaves, Director, Women's Directorate

12. At the request of Mr. Rolfes, Mr. Meier agreed to provide the Committee, if possible, with written answers to several questions put by Members.

13. It was moved by Mr. Wolfe:

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

14. It was moved by Mr. Hopfner:

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

15. The Committee adjourned at 10:29 a.m. until Tuesday, May 16, 1989 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 10.

Agenda:

To be determined.

PRIORITY LIST OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO BE CALLED

Department of Highways
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
Department of Energy and Mines
Department of Education & Department of Advanced Education
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)

HEARINGS ADJOURNED SUBJECT TO RECALL

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