

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

April 3, 1990

MINUTE NO. 1

April 3, 1990 at 8:30 a.m.

1. PRESENT: Mr. Van Mulligen in the Chair and the following Members: Anguish, Baker, Britton, Hopfner, Muller, Lyons, Rolfes, Sauder and Swan.

Officials

Provincial Auditor's Office

Fred Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor
Brian Atkinson, Acting Assistant Provincial Auditor

Comptroller's Office

G. Kraus, Comptroller
T. Paton, Director, Financial Management Branch.

2. The Committee agreed to sit from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the Session unless the Committee decides otherwise.
3. The following documents were received and distributed to Members since the Committee last met:

PAC 46/89 – SASKATCHEWAN ENERGY AND MINES — response to information requested at its hearing on August 15, 1989

PAC 47/89 – PROVINCIAL AUDITOR — Report by the Provincial Auditor to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts Regarding Oil and Gas Incentive Credits, August 21, 1989

PAC 48/89 – SASKATCHEWAN FINANCE — response to information requested at its hearing on March 21, 1989

PAC 49/89 – SASKATCHEWAN FINANCE — response to information requested at its hearing on August 3, 1989

PAC 50/89 – SASKATCHEWAN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD — response to questions raised at its hearing on August 15, 1989

PAC 51/89 – “Guidelines for Public Accounts Committees in Canada” — working document adopted at the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees Conference at Halifax in 1988

PAC 52/89 – SASKATCHEWAN SOCIAL SERVICES — responses to questions asked at its hearing on May 18, 1989

4. The following documents were Tabled:

PAC 1/90 – Public Accounts, 1988/89, Volumes 1, 2 and 3

PAC 2/90 – Briefing Notes on the Public Accounts Committee

5. The Committee agreed to the following list of Departments and Agencies to be called with respect to the 1987-88 Auditor's Report:

1. Crown Investments Corporation
2. Department of Education
3. Department of Health
4. Department of Social Services
5. Department of Supply and Services
6. Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation
7. Executive Council

6. It was moved by Mr. Hopfner:

That the hearing of the Department of Energy and Mines (1987-88 Auditor's Report) be concluded subject to recall, if necessary, for further questions.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

7. **Public Hearing: Crown Investment Corporation** (1987-88 Auditor's Report) (continuing)

Officials in Attendance:

W.B. Gibson, President and Chief Executive Officer
J. Leslie Wright, Director of Accounting Services

8. The following document was tabled:

PAC 3/90 – Crown Investment Corporation: Responses requested by the Public Accounts Committee at the July 27, 1989 hearing regarding the Coopers and Lybrand Study.

9. A question was raised regarding the Committee's authority to order that the Coopers and Lybrand Study commissioned by the Crown Investment Corporation be tabled in the Committee. The Chairman stated that to request the study was within the powers of the Committee but that this did not mean that the Minister and the Board would necessarily accede to the request.

The Member for Lloydminster raised a Point of Order regarding whether further questions could be asked when the witnesses had replied that the document was an internal study. The Chairman ruled that questions regarding why the document was considered an internal study not available to the Committee could be asked as long as the questions did not amount to badgering the witness.

10. The President of CIC agreed to consult with the Board of Directors regarding whether the Board minutes on the Coopers & Lybrand Study and the Study itself could be tabled in the Committee.

11. It was moved by Mr. Rolfes:

That the Public Accounts Committee request that a copy of the Coopers & Lybrand Study commissioned by Crown Management Board on March 12, 1987, be made available to the

Public Accounts Committee.

A debate arising, the Committee adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

12. The Committee adjourned at 10:30 a.m. until Thursday, April 5, 1990 at 8:30 a.m.

Agenda:

Crown Investment Corporation (continuing)