

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

November 27, 1990

MINUTE NO. 21

November 27, 1990 at 9:05 a.m.

Morning Sitting

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

Officials

Provincial Auditor's Office

Wayne Strelieff, Provincial Auditor
Fred Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor
B. Atkinson, Deputy Provincial Auditor
Ray Bohn, Audit Principal

Comptroller's Office

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

2. The Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Provincial Auditor for the year ended March 31, 1989.
3. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Chapter 7, Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan of the Provincial Auditor's Report for the year ended March 31, 1989.
4. **Public Hearing: Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan (Provincial Auditor's Report 1988-89)**

Witnesses:

William B. Gibson, President, Crown Management Board
J. Leslie Wright, Director, Accounting Services, Crown Management Board

5. The Chairman advised the witnesses of their rights and obligations.
6. The witnesses answered questions.

And a point of order having been raised regarding the nature of the questions directed to the witnesses and the role and mandate of the committee with respect to questions which are only indirectly related to matters and issues raised by the Provincial Auditor in his Report.

The Chairman commented that the Committee is empowered to look at any matter referred to in the Public Accounts of the Province or in the Report of the Provincial Auditor. He stated that the Committee is to examine, assess and report on matters of financial administration including the reliability and appropriateness of information in the Public Accounts. The Committee is concerned with efficient functioning of departments and agencies, cost effectiveness of programs, compliance with proper financial administration and accountability procedures, and economy. The Committee can of course ask questions on matters not directly reported upon by the Provincial Auditor in seeking information required to understanding an issue raised in the Provincial Auditor's Report. It is up to the Committee to decide whether a question is in order or not, and in the case of crown

corporations, whether the question would be more appropriately be asked in another committee.

7. At 10:20 a.m. the sitting was suspended.
8. At 10:35 a.m. the sitting resumed.
9. Questioning of the witnesses and of the Provincial Auditor was resumed.
10. The Comptroller answered questions.
11. It was moved by Mr. Hopfner:

That the hearing of the Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan be concluded subject to recall, if necessary, for further questions.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

12. At 12:04 p.m. the Committee adjourned until 2:00 p.m.

Afternoon Sitting

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

Officials

Provincial Auditor's Office

Wayne Strelloff, Provincial Auditor
Fred Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor
J. Hunt, Deputy Provincial Auditor
Ray Bohn, Audit Principal
Mobasher Ahmad, Audit Principal

Comptroller's Office

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

2. The Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Provincial Auditor for the year ended March 31, 1989.
3. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Chapter 14, the Department of Health of the Provincial Auditor's Report for the year ended March 31, 1989.
4. **Public Hearing: Department of Health (Provincial Auditor's Report 1988-89)**

Witnesses:

Dr. William MacDonald, Deputy Minister
Roy West, Associate Deputy Minister
Glenda Yeates, Associate Deputy Minister
Neil Gardner, Associate Deputy Minister
Lawrence Krahn, Executive Director, Medical Care Insurance Branch
Kathy Langlois, Executive Director, Finance Administration Branch
Velma Geddes, Manager of Accounting, Finance and Administration Branch

5. The Chairman advised the witnesses of their rights and obligations.
6. The witnesses answered questions.
7. The Provincial Auditor answered questions.
8. It was moved by Mr. Hopfner:

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

9. At 4:05 p.m. the sitting was suspended.
10. At 4:15 p.m. the sitting resumed.
11. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Chapter 30, Saskatchewan Housing Corporation of the Provincial Auditor's Report for the year ended March 31, 1989.
12. **Public Hearing: Saskatchewan Housing Corporation (Provincial Auditor's Report 1988-89)**

Witnesses:

Ron Styles, President
Larry Boys, Executive Vice-President
Maureen Yeske, Director, Corporate and Inter-governmental Services

13. The Chairman advised the witnesses of their rights and obligations.
14. The witnesses answered questions.
15. The Provincial Auditor answered questions.
16. The Comptroller answered questions.

17. It was moved by Mr. Hopfner:

That the hearing of the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation be concluded subject to recall, if necessary, for further questions.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

18. At 5:05 p.m. the Committee adjourned until November 28, 1990 at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda:

9:00-12:00 Noon — Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation

2:00-5:00 p.m. — Saskatchewan Transportation Company