

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

**January 6, 1992**

**MINUTE NO. 4**

**Morning Sitting**

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Swenson in the Chair and Members Anguish, Harper, Haverstock, Johnson, Murray, Serby, Sonntag, Van Mulligen

**Officials**

**Provincial Auditor's Office**

Wayne Strelloff, Provincial Auditor  
Fred Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor  
John Hunt, Deputy Provincial Auditor

**Comptroller's Office**

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

2. The Committee was given a presentation by John Wright, Deputy Minister of Finance; and John Law, Executive Director, Treasury Board Division, on the operation of the Department of Finance, the budget cycle and the preparation of the Estimates.
3. At 11:55 a.m. the Committee adjourned until 1:30 p.m.

**Afternoon Sitting**

1. **PRESENT:** Vice Chair, Mr. Van Mulligen in the Chair, and Members Anguish, Harper, Haverstock, Johnson, Muirhead, Murray, Serby, Sonntag

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2. The following document was tabled:

**PAC 4/91** - *Report by the Provincial Auditor* to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on the 1990 Annual Report

3. It was moved by Mr. Johnson:

That the Committee authorize the deletion from this morning's verbatim of John Wright's response to a question asked by Wayne Strelieff respecting interest rates.

After debate, Mr. Anguish moved in amendment thereto:

That the motion be amended by adding the following:

and further that the verbatim transcript from the morning meeting not be transcribed and that the tapes be erased.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

After further debate, the question being put on the motion as amended, it was agreed to.

4. The Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Provincial Auditor for the year ended March 31, 1990.

5. It was moved by Mr. Johnson:

That the Committee sit *in-camera* to discuss with the Provincial Auditor issues respecting the Department of Finance.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

6. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Chapter 17, the Department of Finance, of the Provincial Auditor's Report for the year ended March 31, 1990.

7. It was moved by Mr. Harper:

That the Committee now resume its public sitting.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

8. **Public Hearing: Department of Finance (Auditor's Report 1989-90)**

**Witnesses:**

John Wright, Deputy Minister of Finance  
Bill Jones, Associate Deputy Minister, Treasury and Debt Management Division  
Gerry Kraus, Provincial Comptroller  
Bill Van Sickle, Executive Director, Administration Division  
Brian Smith, Executive Director, Public Employees Benefits Agency  
Doug Matthies, General Manager, Saskatchewan Pension Plan

9. The witnesses answered questions.

10. The Provincial Auditor answered questions.

11. At 3:00 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

12. At 3:15 p.m. the sitting resumed.

13. The Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 17, the Department of Finance, of the Provincial Auditor's Report for the year ended March 31, 1990.

14. The witnesses answered questions.

15. The Provincial Auditor answered questions.

16. It was moved by Mr. Sonntag:

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

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

17. The Committee adjourned at 4:48 p.m. to Tuesday, January 7 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 10.

Agenda:

9:00 - 12:00    Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation

1:30 - 4:00    Crown Investment Corporation

4:00 - 5:00    Executive Council

7:00 - 9:00    Department of Education and Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST)

9:00 - 10:00   Rural Development

COMMITTEE CLERK  
Robert Vaive

CHAIRMAN  
R. Swenson