

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
October 28, 1993

MINUTE NO. 15
9 a.m. — Room 10

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Martens in the Chair and Members Cline, Crofford, Haverstock, Kujawa, Sonntag and Van Mulligen

Provincial Auditor's Office

Wayne Strelloff, Provincial Auditor
Fred Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor
John Hunt, Executive Director

Provincial Comptroller's Office

Gerry Kraus, Provincial Comptroller
Chris Bayda, Senior Analyst, Financial Services

2. The Committee resumed consideration of the Annual Report of the Provincial Auditor for the year ended March 31, 1992 and the Public Accounts, 1991-92.
3. The Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 3 — The Financial Management Review Commission.
4. The Provincial Auditor answered questions.
5. On Recommendation 3.26, the Committee will note in its Report to the Assembly that this issue was discussed and reiterates the recommendation as provided in its Third Report to the Legislative Assembly, March 1993, at paragraph No. 15 on this issue.
6. It was agreed that the Chair of the Committee write to Chair of the Crown Corporations Committee outlining the issues with respect to this recommendation for the Crown Corporation Committee's consideration.
7. On Recommendations 3.37 and 3.40, it was agreed that the Committee will note that the issues raised in these Recommendations are being discussed by the Provincial Auditor and other relevant parties.
8. Recommendation 3.45 carried.
9. Recommendation 3.47 carried.
10. On Recommendation 3.53, it was agreed that consideration of this issue be postponed until after the Task Force on Roles, Responsibilities and Duties of Auditors has reported.
11. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Chapter 4 — "Ability to Fulfil Our Role."
12. The Provincial Auditor answered questions.
13. The Committee recessed from 10:30 a.m. until 10:53 a.m.
14. It was agreed that consideration of this Chapter be postponed until after the Task Force on Roles, Responsibilities and Duties of Auditors has reported.
15. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Chapter 5 — "Standing Committees of the Legislative Assembly."
16. Recommendation 5.10 carried.
17. The Committee agreed not to adopt Recommendation 5.13 due to financial constraints.
18. Recommendation 5.16 carried.
19. Recommendation 5.21 carried.

20. The Committee adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Afternoon Sitting

21. **PRESENT:** Mr. Martens in the Chair and Members Boyd, Cline, Crofford, Haverstock, Kujawa, Sonntag and Van Mulligen

Provincial Auditor's Office

Wayne Strelloff, Provincial Auditor
Fred Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor
John Hunt, Executive Director
Brian Atkinson, Executive Director
Judy Ferguson, Executive Director

Provincial Comptroller's Office

Gerry Kraus, Provincial Comptroller

22. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Chapter 6 "Special Assignment."

23. The Provincial Auditor answered questions.

24. On Recommendation 6.18, the Committee agreed to reiterate its Recommendation 10 on this subject as provided in its Second Report to the Legislative Assembly, March 1993.

25. The Committee agreed to adopt Recommendations 6.22, 6.23 and 6.24.

26. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Chapter 7 — "Board of Directors Pay and Expenses."

27. On Recommendation 7.05, the Committee reiterated its Recommendation 18 on this subject, as provided in its Third Report to the Legislative Assembly, March 1993.

28. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Chapter 8 — "Annual Reports of Government Departments."

29. Judy Ferguson from the Provincial Auditor's Office, briefed the Committee on the Provincial Auditor's examination and assessment of the 1990-91 and 1991-92 Annual Reports of government departments.

30. The Committee recessed from 3:20 p.m. until 3:45 p.m.

31. The Committee adopted Recommendations 8.09 and 8.10.

32. The Committee agreed not to adopt Recommendation 8.11.

33. The Committee agreed to adopt the following:

Upon tabling in the Legislative Assembly, all annual reports of government departments and agencies reporting to Treasury Board be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts to assist them in their review of Public Accounts and the Report of the Provincial Auditor.

34. The Committee adjourned at 4 p.m. until Friday, October 29, 1993 at 9 a.m.