

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
January 17, 1994

MINUTE NO. 18
1 p.m. — Room 10

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

Other Members:

Mr. Goohsen

Provincial Auditor's Office

Wayne Strelloff, Provincial Auditor

Fred Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor

Ray Bohn, Operation Director

John Hunt, Executive Director

Provincial Comptroller's Office

Gerry Kraus, Provincial Comptroller

Terry Paton, Director, Financial Management Branch

2. The following document was tabled:

PAC 81/22 — Provincial Auditor: Report on Matters Included in our 1992 Annual Report That Have Been Corrected, January 14, 1994.

3. 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.
4. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Chapter 15 — the **Department of Finance**.

Witnesses from Department of Finance

John Wright, Deputy Minister

Rae Haverstock, Director, Capital Markets Branch, Treasury & Debt Management Division

Brian Smith, Executive Director, Public Employees Benefits Agency

Bill Van Sickle, Executive Director of Administration

Gerry Kraus, Provincial Comptroller.

5. The Provincial Auditor made a statement and answered questions.
6. The witnesses from the Department of Finance answered questions.
7. It was moved by Mr. Cline:

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

8. The Committee recessed from 3:10 p.m. until 3:35 p.m.
9. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Chapter 14 — the **Department of Executive Council**.
10. **Witnesses from Department of Executive Council**
Ronald Clark, Deputy Minister to the Premier and Cabinet Secretary
Don Wincherauk, Director of Administration
Bonita Heidt, Administrative Budget and Personnel Officer
Myron Kuziak, Chief Electoral Officer
Janice Baker, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer
11. The Provincial Auditor and witnesses answered questions.

12. It was moved by Mr. Van Mulligen:

That the hearing on the **Department of Executive Council** be concluded subject to recall, if necessary, for further questions.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

13. The Committee recessed from 4 p.m. until 4:15 p.m.

14. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Chapter 18 — the **Department of Justice**.

15. **Witnesses from Department of Justice**

W. Brent Cotter, Q.C., Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General

Keith Laxdal, Associate Deputy Minister, Finance and Administration Division

Twyla Meredith, Director, Administrative Services Branch

Stella LaRocque, A/Assistant Director, Administrative Services Branch

Terry Thompson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Solicitor-General Division

Barb Hookenson, Executive Director, Court Services

16. The Provincial Auditor and witnesses answered questions.

17. It was moved by Ms. Crofford:

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

18. The Committee adjourned at 5:28 p.m. until Tuesday, January 18, 1994 at 9 a.m. in Room 10.