

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**  
**October 24, 1994**

**MINUTE NO. 28**  
**1 p.m. — Room 10**

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Martens in the Chair and Members Boyd, Cline, Crofford, Haverstock, Koenker, Serby, Sonntag and Upshall

**Other Member:**

Ms. Anita Bergman

**Provincial Auditor's Office**

Wayne Strelloff, Provincial Auditor

Fred Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor

John Hunt, Executive Director

Rodd Jersak, Audit Manager

**Provincial Comptroller's Office**

Gerry Kraus, Provincial Comptroller

Terry Paton, Executive Director

2. The following documents were tabled:

**PAC 95/22** - Minister of Finance: Government's Response to the Sixth Report of the Public Accounts Committee. (Distributed August 15, 1994)

**PAC 96/22** - Provincial Auditor: Auditor's Report pertaining to the Provincial Auditor (Distributed August 27, 1994)

3. The Committee considered its agenda. It was agreed that Chapters 1 through 7 of the Report of the Provincial Auditor for the year ended March 31, 1993 would be reviewed in consecutive order and that Chapter 8 would be reviewed Thursday, October 27, 1994. It was agreed that the officials of the Crown Investments Corporation would be called for the consideration of Chapter 8.
4. The Chair and Vice-Chair reported on the Sixteenth Annual Conference of the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees (CCPAC). The following report was tabled:
- PAC 97/22** - Delegates' Report on the Sixteenth Annual Conference of the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees, Charlottetown, P.E.I., July 10 to 12, 1994.
5. The Chair and Vice-Chair responded to questions about the Sixteenth Annual Conference of the CCPAC.

It was moved by Mr. Cline:

That the Delegates' Report of the Sixteenth Annual Conference of the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees be adopted.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

6. The Committee considered the Government's Response to the Sixth Report of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC 95-22).

The Committee proceeded to consider those matters in the Minister's response which might not be otherwise addressed in the course of review of the Provincial Auditor's 1993 report.

7. The Minister's response to paragraph 15 of its Sixth Report was considered. The Committee noted the Government's willingness to give further study to the recommendation respecting the legislative approval of new projects.
8. The Minister's response to paragraph 19 of its Sixth Report was considered. The Committee noted that the Government had made progress in providing mandate statements for Government organizations.
9. The Committee considered the response to paragraph 25 of its Sixth Report. In respect to research assistance, the Committee agreed to make do with the resources presently available through the Provincial Auditor's office and the Legislative Library.
10. The Committee accepted the Government response to paragraphs 30, 31 and 32 of its Sixth Report. In respect to paragraph 32, the Committee noted that the issue of policy compliance would be revisited during consideration of the Report of the Task Force on Roles, Responsibilities and Duties of Auditors.
11. In reply to the Minister's response to paragraph 38, the Committee requested the Chair to write to the Minister to encourage an amendment to the Tabling of Documents Act to facilitate the recommendation.
12. The Committee agreed to consider the Minister's other responses coincidentally with its review of the Report of the Provincial Auditor for the year ended March 31, 1993.
13. The Committee recessed at 2:50 p.m. until 3:13 p.m.
14. The Committee resumed consideration and concluded its review of Chapter 1 of the Report of the Provincial Auditor for the year ended March 31, 1993.
15. The Committee proceeded to review Chapter 2 of the Report of the Provincial Auditor for the year ended March 31, 1993.
16. In consideration of paragraph 2.11, the Committee agreed with the Provincial Auditor's recommendation and reiterated recommendation 10 of its Sixth Report.
17. In consideration of paragraph 2.16, the Committee concurs that the Government should consider providing the Assembly with Pension Cash Flow forecasts.
18. In consideration of paragraph 2.20, the Committee concurred with the Provincial Auditor's recommendation and noted that the Government had already complied.
19. It was moved by Mr. Sonntag:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.
20. The Committee adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Tuesday, October 25, 1994 at 9 a.m.

Gregory Putz  
Clerk of the Committee

Harold Martens, MLA  
Chair