

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

**March 28, 1995**

**MINUTE NO. 34**

**8:30 am—Room 10**

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Martens in the Chair and Members Cline, D'Autremont, Kujawa, Sonntag, Stanger, and Upshall

**Other Member**

Ms. Anita Bergman

**Provincial Auditor's Office**

Wayne Strelloff, Provincial Auditor

Fred Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor

John Hunt, Executive Director

Mobashar Ahmad, Audit Principal

**Provincial Comptroller's Office**

Gerry Kraus, Provincial Comptroller

2. The following document received since the last meeting was tabled:

**PAC106/22 - Department of Education, Training and Employment:** Response to questions asked during review of the Department of Education, Training and Employment on February 28, 1995.

3. The Committee resumed its review of Chapter 12 (Department of Education, Training and Employment) of the Provincial Auditor's Report for the year ended March 31, 1993.

**Witnesses**

Dan Perrins, Deputy Minister

Ken Horsman, Assistant Deputy Minister, K to 12 Education

Lily Stonehouse, Assistant Deputy Minister, Advanced Education and Employment

Mae Boa, Executive Director, Finance and Operations

John McLaughlin, Executive Director, Teachers' Superannuation Commission

Brady Salloum, Director, Student Financial Assistance

John Janzen, Financial Analyst, Student Financial Assistance

Jim Benning, CEO, Saskatchewan Communications Network

4. In Consideration of the Provincial Auditor's recommendation at paragraph 12.120, the Committee noted that the Department has taken steps to establish adequate rules and procedures for the preparation of timely and accurate financial statements.
5. In Consideration of the Provincial Auditor's recommendation at paragraphs 12.128 and 12.129, the Committee noted that the Department is taking steps to promptly determine the extent of ineligible loans and to establish procedures for verifying student information if ineligible loans are significant.
6. In consideration of the Provincial Auditor's recommendation at paragraph 12.137, which concerns an interest subsidy period for students who took loans in 1986/87, the Committee noted that students who subsequently requested a review of their repayment obligations did have the interest on the loan reduced to 6% for the repayment period.
7. In Consideration of the Provincial Auditor's recommendation at paragraph 12.143, the Committee noted that the Department has complied by establishing procedures for the timely write-off of student loans in default.

8. In Consideration of the Provincial Auditor's recommendation at paragraph 12.30, which concerns the timely filing of vacant management positions at the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology, the Committee noted that the problem has been resolved and that in future positions will be filled expeditiously.
9. The Committee adjourned its consideration of Chapter 12 of the Provincial Auditor's Report for the year ended March 31, 1993.
10. The Committee considered a communication from the House of Commons in Ottawa concerning the 1995 conference of the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees to be held in Ottawa from September 10 to September 12, 1995
11. It was moved by Mr. Upshall:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.
12. The Committee adjourned at 10 a.m. until April 4, 1995.