

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

October 10<sup>th</sup>, 1996

## MINUTE NO. 15

9:30 a.m. — Room 10

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Gantefoer in the Chair and Members Flavel, Haverstock, Koenker, Pringle, Sonntag, Stanger and Thomson

### **Provincial Auditor's Office**

Wayne Strelloff, Provincial Auditor

Fred Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor

Robert Black, Director-Value for Money

Judy D. Ferguson, Executive Director (*for Department of Social Services*)

Jane Knox, Principal (*for Department of Social Services*)

Bashar Ahmad, General Director (*for Department of Agriculture and Food*)

Bill Harasymchuk, Manager (*for Department of Agriculture and Food*)

### **Provincial Comptroller's Office**

Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller

Chris Bayda, Director, Financial Management Branch

2. The Committee proceeded to deliberate on Section O of the *Schedule of Provincial Audit Recommendations (Department of Social Services)*. Officials of the Department of Social Services responded to questions put by Members.

The following Department of Social Services officials appeared before the Committee:

Con Hnatiuk, Deputy Minister

Bill Duncan, Director, Financial Services Branch

Phil Walsh, Director, Income Security

Bob Wihlidal, Director, Budget Branch.

3. The Committee concurred with recommendation O.1 of the *Schedule of Provincial Audit Recommendations*, concerning the written guidelines for case plans. The Committee noted that the Department is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
4. The Committee concurred with recommendation O.2 of the *Schedule of Provincial Audit Recommendations*, concerning the establishment of criteria to identify clients most likely to benefit from case planning. The Committee noted that the Department is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

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5. The Committee concurred with recommendation O.3 of the *Schedule of Provincial Audit Recommendations*, concerning the establishment of a system to record current case planning information. The Committee noted that the Department is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
6. The Committee concurred with recommendation O.4 of the *Schedule of Provincial Audit Recommendations*, concerning the evaluation of the effect of case planning. The Committee noted that the Department is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
7. The Committee recessed at 10:18 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.
8. The Committee proceeded to deliberate on Section L of the *Schedule of Provincial Audit Recommendations (Department of Agriculture and Food)*. Officials of the Department of Agriculture and Food responded to questions put by Members.

The following Department of Agriculture officials appeared before the Committee:

Murray McLaughlin, Deputy Minister  
Jack Zepp, Director, Administrative Services  
Ken Petruic, Department Accountant  
Roy White, Senior Marketing Officer, Marketing Development Branch.

9. The Committee concurred with recommendation L.1 of the *Schedule of Provincial Audit Recommendations*, concerning the timely submission by the Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission of its annual report. The Committee noted that the Department plans to submit legislative changes during the next session of the Legislative Assembly in order to remedy the problem.
10. The Committee adopted and agreed to report recommendation L.2 of the *Schedule of Provincial Audit Recommendations*, concerning the preparation of a complete financial plan by the Board of the SPI Marketing Group.
11. The Committee concurred with recommendation L.3 of the *Schedule of Provincial Audit Recommendations*, concerning approval of a financial plan by the Board of the SPI Marketing Group before the beginning of the fiscal year. The Committee noted that SPI Marketing Group has complied with the recommendation.

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12. The Committee adopted and agreed to report recommendation L.4 of the *Schedule of Provincial Audit Recommendations*, concerning the preparation of monthly financial statements that compare actual results with the approved financial plan for the Board of the SPI Marketing Group.
13. The Committee adopted and agreed to report recommendation L.5 of the *Schedule of Provincial Audit Recommendations*, concerning the preparation of written policies and procedure by management for the approval of the Board of the SPI Marketing Group.
14. The Committee adopted and agreed to report recommendation L.6 of the *Schedule of Provincial Audit Recommendations*, concerning the preparation of a financial plan by management for Moose Jaw Packers (1974) Ltd.
15. The Committee concurred with recommendation L.7 of the *Schedule of Provincial Audit Recommendations*, concerning approval of a financial plan by the Board of the Moose Jaw Packers (1974) Ltd. before the beginning of the fiscal year. The Committee noted that Moose Jaw Packers is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
16. The Committee adopted recommendation L.8 of the *Schedule of Provincial Audit Recommendations*, concerning the preparation of monthly financial statements that compare actual results with the approved financial plan for the Board of Moose Jaw Packers (1974) Ltd.
17. It was moved by Mr. Sonntag:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.
18. The Committee adjourned at 2:45 p.m.until 9:30 a.m. on Friday October 11<sup>th</sup>, 1996.

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Gregory A. Putz  
Committee Clerk

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Rod Gantefer  
Committee Chair