

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1997

## MINUTE NO. 23

9:30 a.m. — Room 10

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Aldridge in the Chair and Members Draude, Haverstock, Jess, Koenker, Pringle, Sonntag, Stanger and Thomson.

### **Other Member Present**

Mr. D'Autremont

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

Wayne Strelloff, Provincial Auditor

Fred Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor

Judy D. Ferguson, Executive Director

Robert Black, Director-Value for Money

Jolene Beblow, Auditor

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

Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller

Chris Bayda, Director, Financial Management Branch

2. The following documents received since the last meeting of the committee were tabled:

**Addendum to PAC 14/23 - Department of Education, Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training:** Administrative guidelines and appendices used to administer the Canada-Saskatchewan student loan program (1991-1996).

**PAC 20/23 - Department of Education, Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training:** Written responses to questions raised at the December 11, 1996 meeting.

**PAC 21/23 - Department of Economic Development:** Written responses to questions raised at the December 10, 1996 meeting.

**PAC 22/23 - Department of Municipal Government:** Written responses to questions raised at the December 12, 1996 meeting.

3. The Chair welcomed Mr. Jess and Ms. Draude to the Committee. The members were added to the committee on April 7<sup>th</sup> and April 11<sup>th</sup> respectively.

4. The Provincial Auditor and Ms. Ferguson provided an orientation about the roles and responsibilities of the Office of the Provincial Auditor. A discussion ensued and the Provincial Auditor and his staff responded to questions put by committee members. The Provincial Auditor provided the following documents to the committee:

**PAC 23/23 ~ Office of the Provincial Auditor:** Strategic Direction (1996-1999).

**PAC 24/23 ~ Office of the Provincial Auditor:** “Two Sides of the Same Coin”; Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants’ Guidance on Control and CCAF’s Effectiveness Reporting Framework.

5. The Committee considered regular meeting times for the duration of the sittings of the second Session of the Twenty-Third Legislature. After some discussion the Committee agreed to postpone a final decision until its next meeting. In consideration of a next meeting date, it was moved by Ms. Haverstock:

That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts meet next Tuesday, April 22, 1997, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

6. The Committee considered a business agenda for its next series of meetings. It was agreed that the Chair and Vice-Chair would prepare a recommendation to be taken into consideration at the next meeting. It was further agreed that the Committee should consider making a report to the Assembly on its concluded business. The Committee Clerk was asked to provide a draft report to members of the Committee before the next meeting.
7. The Committee adjourned at 11:10 a.m. until Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in Room 10.