

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

April 29<sup>th</sup>, 1997

### MINUTE NO. 25

9:30 a.m. — Room 10

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

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

Wayne Strelloff, Provincial Auditor  
Fred Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor  
Robert Black, Director-Value for Money  
Brian R. Atkinson, Executive Director  
Corinna Mitchell, Supervisor  
Deann Dickin, Administrative Assistant

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

Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller  
Chris Bayda, Director, Financial Management Branch

2. The Committee proceeded to consider Chapter 2 (Understanding the Finances of Government) of the *Fall 1996 Report of the Provincial Auditor*. Mr. Strelloff and Mr. Atkinson provided an overview of the chapter and responded to questions put by Members.
3. In consideration of the recommendations made at paragraphs 2.17, 2.19 and 2.22, it was moved by Mr. Thomson:

That the Public Accounts Committee notes the Provincial Auditor's recommendations outlined in paragraphs 17, 19 and 22 of the Fall 1996 Report and reaffirms its position of December 12, 1996 that "it is premature for the government to consider moving towards multi-year government wide planning information until such time as there have been standards and consistency developed for reporting of this information."

A debate arising and the question being put, the motion was agreed to on division.

4. In consideration of the recommendations made at paragraphs 2.27, 2.34 and 2.35, it was moved by Mr. Thomson:

That the Public Accounts Committee notes the Provincial Auditor's recommendations contained in paragraphs 27, 34 and 35 of the Fall 1996 Report and reaffirms its position of December 12, 1996 that "the committee rejects the Auditor's recommendation that the government publish a government wide annual report."

A debate arising and the question being put, the motion was agreed to on division.

5. It was moved by Ms. Haverstock:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

6. The Committee adjourned at 10:50 a.m. until Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in Room 10.

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Gregory A. Putz  
Committee Clerk

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Gerard Aldridge  
Committee Chair