

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

April 15th, 1999

MINUTE NO. 46

10:00 a.m. — Room 10

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Gantefer in the Chair and Members, Draude, Goohsen, Hillson, Jess, Koenker, Shillington, Stanger and Thomson.

Provincial Auditor's Office

Wayne Strelloff, Provincial Auditor

Fred Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor

Bob Black, Principal

Mike Heffernan, Executive Director

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:

PAC 46/23 – Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming: 1994 Problem Gambling Study (response to the November 25th, 1998 meeting).

PAC 47/23 – Department of Environment and Resource Management: Department Corporate Plan 1998-99, Department 5-year Plan Document 1997-2002, Redefining the Department report, August, 1998, Scrap Tire Program Briefing Notes, List of Registered Scrap Tire Processors, January, 1998, Game Farming Briefing Note (response to the November 26th, 1998 meeting).

PAC 48/23 – Department of Agriculture and Food: Formula used to determine agricultural lease rates on cultivated Crown land (response to the January 4th, 1999 meeting).

PAC 49/23 – Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: Total amount received from break open ticket sales from the Hospital Foundations (response to the January 6th, 1999 meeting).

PAC 50/23 – Saskatchewan Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing: Associated Entities Fund (response to the January 6th, 1999 meeting).

PAC 51/23 – SaskEnergy: TransGas policy on compensation for easements, number of environmental damage claims against SaskEnergy/TransGas (response to the November 25th, 1998 meeting).

3. The Committee considered a proposed business agenda. It was moved by Mr. Shillington:

That the request for a special investigation by the Provincial Auditor regarding the Regina Health District cost overruns be deleted from the Standing Committee on Public Accounts agenda.

A debate arising, and the question being put, the motion was agreed to. The item was dropped from the agenda.

4. The Committee considered its reply to the government's response to the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts. It was agreed, given the passage of time since the Second Report was tabled, it would be appropriate to simply acknowledge receipt of the government's response. Therefore, it was moved by Mr. Shillington:

That the government's response to the Second Report be received.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

5. The Committee proceeded to consider a draft of its Third Report. Amendments to recommendation 65 and the deletion of Appendix B (formal response to government's response to last report) were agreed to. It was then moved by Mr. Thomson:

That the draft Third Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be adopted, as amended, and present to the Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. It was agreed that the report should be presented to the Assembly on Monday April 19th, 1999.

6. It was moved by Mr. Jess:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. The Committee adjourned at 10:52 a.m. to the call of the chair.