

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**  
**Tuesday, January 20, 2009**

**MINUTE NO. 14**  
**9:30 a.m. – Room 8**

1. **Present:** Mr. Harry Van Mulligen in the Chair and Members Fred Bradshaw, Michael Chisholm, Jeremy Harrison, Warren Michelson, John Nilson and Jim Reiter.

**Provincial Auditor's Office**

Fred Wendel, Provincial Auditor  
Brian Atkinson, Assistant Provincial Auditor  
Angèle Borys, Principal, Support Services  
Heather Tomlin, Data Systems Administrator

2. The following document was tabled:

**PAC 8/26 – Ministry of Social Services:** Responses to questions raised at the December 9, 2008 meeting of the committee re: numbers of children in care March 2004 to March 2008, dated December 16, 2008.

3. The committee received a presentation entitled “Maximizing the Effectiveness of Public Accounts Committees: An Effective Public Accounts Committee: Basic Criteria” from the following CCAF-FCVI Inc. representatives: Michael Eastman, Executive Director; Antonine Campbell, Director of Parliamentary and International Programs; and Geoff Dubrow, Senior Manager, Assurance and Advisory Business Services, Ernst & Young LLP.

4. The following document was tabled:

**PAC 9/26 – CCAF-FVVI Inc:** Presentation entitled “Maximizing the Effectiveness of Public Accounts Committees: An Effective Public Accounts Committee: Basic Criteria” dated January 20, 2009.

5. The committee recessed from 10:15 until 10:30 a.m.
6. The CCAF-FCVI representatives responded to questions from committee members.
7. The committee recessed from 11:45 until 1:30 p.m.
8. The committee resumed consideration of the *Business and Financial Plan of the Office of the Provincial Auditor* for the year ended March 31, 2009.
9. The following document was tabled:

**PAC 10/26 – Office of the Provincial Auditor:** Report to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts Regarding the “Request to Amend the Provincial Auditor’s Funding Request January 2009”, dated January 15, 2009.

10. The committee considered PAC 10/26. The Provincial Auditor answered questions.

11. It was moved by Mr. Nilson:

That the 2009-2010 Estimates of the Office of the Provincial Auditor (Vote 28, subvote PA01 – Provincial Auditor) be approved, as submitted, in the amount of \$6,805,000.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

12. It was moved by Mr. Nilson:

That the 2009-2010 Estimates of the Office of the Provincial Auditor (Vote 28, subvote PA02 – Unforeseen Expenses) be approved, as submitted, in the amount of \$463,000.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

13. It was moved by Mr. Nilson:

That the Estimates as approved be forwarded to the Speaker as Chair of the Board of Internal Economy, pursuant to section 10.1(4) of *The Provincial Auditor Act*.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

14. It was moved by Mr. Michelson:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

15. The committee adjourned at 1:57 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Iris Lang  
Committee Clerk

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Harry Van Mulligen  
Committee Chair