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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ACT

MR. PASHAK

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to , 1991)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the
Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Definitions

1 In this Act, unless a contrary intention appears,

(a) "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Standing
Committee on Public Accounts of the Legislative Assembly of
Alberta;

(b) "Committee" means the Standing Committee on Public
Accounts of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta;

(c) "Deputy Chairman" means the Deputy Chairman of the
Committee;

(d) "Member" means a member of the Committee.

Committee

2 The Committee appointed by the Legislative Assembly shall
consist of 11 members inclusive of the Chairman.

Representatives

3 Each party represented in the Legislative Assembly shall be
represented on the Committee in as close a proportion as possible
to the number of Members of that party in the Legislative
Assembly.

Term

4 Each member of the Committee shall hold office for the term
of the Legislature in which he was appointed.

Chairman

5 The Chairman of the Committee shall be a member of the
Official Opposition.

6 The Committee shall

(a) examine the accounts of the receipts and expenditures of the Government of Alberta and each statement and report transmitted to the Legislative Assembly by the Auditor General in pursuance of the Auditor General Act;

(b) report to the Legislative Assembly, with such comment as it thinks fit, any items or matters in those accounts, statements and reports, or any circumstances connected with them, to which the Committee is of the opinion that the attention of the Legislative Assembly should be directed;

(c) report to the Legislative Assembly any alteration which the Committee thinks desirable in the form of the public accounts or in the method of keeping them, or in the mode of receipt, control, issue or payment of public monies;

(d) inquire into any matter in connection with the expenditure or planned expenditure of money by the Government of Alberta;

(e) report to the Legislative Assembly any concerns that the Committee may have concerning any expenditure or planned expenditure of money by the Government of Alberta;

(f) inquire into any matter in connection with the Budget Estimates;

(g) report to the Legislative Assembly any concerns that the Committee may have concerning the Budget Estimates; and

(h) inquire into any matter in connection with the public accounts, Budget Estimates, or expenditure or planned expenditure of money by the government of Alberta which is referred to it by the Legislative Assembly, and to report to the Legislative Assembly upon that matter.

7(1) Subject to sub-section (2), the Committee may appoint a sub-committee or sub-committees of three or more of its members to inquire into and report to the Committee upon such matters with which the Committee is concerned as the Committee directs.

(2) Not more than two sub-committees shall be in existence at the same time.

(3) A sub-committee shall report in writing as soon as practicable on each matter referred to that sub-committee by the Committee.

(4) A sub-committee may sit at any time notwithstanding that the Committee is sitting at the same time.

Witnesses

8(1) The Committee may summon a person to appear before it to give evidence and produce documents.

(2) A summons to a witness shall be signed by the Chairman or Deputy Chairman.

(3) A summons to a witness may be served upon the witness either personally or by being left at, or sent by double-registered mail to, his usual place of business or abode.

Continuance of evidence

9 Where the Committee as constituted at any time, or a sub-committee of the Committee as constituted at any time, has taken evidence in relation to a matter, but the Committee as so constituted has ceased to exist before reporting on the matter, the Committee as next constituted may consider that evidence as if it had been given before it.

Commencement

10 This Act comes into force upon Proclamation.