

effective April 1, 1967. In the absence of specific legislation covering the program, these regulations were broadened to include many of the provisions which were later included in the Adult Occupational Training Act.

The effect of this procedure was to initiate and define a program of adult educational training by means of regulations for which the underlying authority was an Appropriation Act for interim supply which is concerned exclusively with money needs and is not regarded as otherwise legislating.

The issue here is that the vote was never passed before expenditures were commenced and the authority claimed for it was based purely on interim supply.

Ex gratia payment to a special assistant to a Minister

Approximately six months after the resignation of a Minister, one of his special assistants advised that he had continued to report to his office in Quebec City but he was not being paid. The special assistant's employment automatically ceased on the resignation of the Minister, December 17, 1965, in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Service Act and he would normally have received a month's pay to compensate for leave not taken, overtime, etc., but because this employee continued to report regularly for work and carried out the duties assigned to him by the former Minister he was paid an amount of \$2,876 for the period December 17, 1965, to March 31, 1966.

Your Committee is of the opinion that in this case there was a definite laxity in the Minister's office which should have notified this employee of his termination of employment on the Minister's resignation and it should be mandatory to bring to the attention of such employees, the terms of their employment under the Public Service Act. The Committee is also of the opinion that the Treasury Board should not have agreed to pay this amount out of the public treasury without having obtained more complete information.

Joint auditing arrangements with respect to provincial corporations financed from federal funds

Your Committee approves of the system of joint auditing arrangements which were established concerning Newstart Corporations established in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan and Alberta where the Auditor General has been appointed Joint Auditor, and satisfying himself as to the adequacy and scope of the auditing program.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Accounting for advances to Indian bands for housing construction

This is a program of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development for the construction of houses on Indian reserves and conditions had been established under which responsibility for the program and related financial resources would be transferred to Indian bands considered capable of managing their own affairs and interested in doing so.

One of the conditions approved by the Treasury Board was that "25% of the funds for the total annual program will be advanced at the start of construction and the balance will be advanced as and when required pursuant to the Band submitting a certified statement of account".

In 1966-67 approximately \$100,000 was advanced from the Department's Vote 35 and further advances amounting to \$329,000 were recorded as expendi-