

From the Department of Regional Economic Expansion:

Mr. J. D. Love, Deputy Minister
Mr. M. Fitzgerald, Executive Director, Western Region

November 30, 1971:

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Mr. J. D. Love, Deputy Minister
Mr. J. P. Francis, Assistant Deputy Minister, Planning
Mr. W. J. Lavigne, Assistant Deputy Minister, Incentives
Mr. D. W. Franklin, Director General, Evaluation and Administration

December 2 and 7, 1971:

From the Department of National Health and Welfare:

Dr. Joseph W. Willard, Deputy Minister, National Welfare
Dr. J. Maurice Leclair, Deputy Minister, National Health
Dr. P. M. Bird, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Health
Dr. J. H. Wiebe, Assistant Deputy Minister, Medical Services
Mr. J. A. Blais, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Security
Mr. G. Lahaie, Director of Fitness and Amateur Sports
Mr. W. J. Trudeau, Director General, Social Insurance
Mr. S. Mansbridge, Assistant Deputy Minister, Administration
Mr. H. Frederiksen, Director, Financial Administration
Mr. G. H. Aubut, Director, Management Review

From the Auditor General's Office at various times:

Mr. A. M. Henderson, Auditor General
Mr. George R. Long, Assistant Auditor General
Mr. E. Cooke, Audit Director
Mr. A. G. Cross, Audit Director
Mr. C. F. Gilhooly, Audit Director
Mr. H. E. Hayes, Audit Director
Mr. A. Rudy, Audit Director
Mr. J. A. Wyatt, Audit Director

Your Committee gave consideration to the following paragraphs in the Report of the Auditor General for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1970:

Crown Corporations:

Paragraphs 235, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 253, 254, 255, 257 and 258.

Department of Agriculture:

Paragraphs 60, 61, 62, 222, 276, 277 and 278.

Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce:

Paragraphs 72, 73, 74 and Item 36 of Appendix 1.

Department of Manpower and Immigration:

Paragraph 78.

Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration:
Paragraphs 155 and 156.

Department of Regional Economic Expansion:
Paragraphs 157, 158, 159 and 228.

Department of National Health and Welfare:
Paragraphs 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 189 and 281.

Your Committee also devoted two meetings to consideration of paragraph 7, Speeding up Production of the Public Accounts and the Report of the Auditor General and has set up a Subcommittee to study and report further on this matter.

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PARAGRAPH 6—RECOMMENDATIONS AND OBSERVATIONS BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS NOT YET IMPLEMENTED OR DEALT WITH

At the request of the Committee, the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament has prepared a summary of recommendations and observations by the Public Accounts Committee from 1930 to 1970. In addition, the Chairman has written to Ministers of the Crown seeking information on what follow-up action has been taken on some of the more outstanding items and your Committee intends to give further attention to the replies received from the Ministers.

Your Committee hopes to give more detailed study to the useful report prepared by the Research Branch and to comment further at a later date.

PARAGRAPH 7—SPEEDING UP PRODUCTION OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND THE REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

As mentioned in the introductory portion of this report, your Committee devoted two meetings to consideration of this paragraph.

To follow up further on this matter, your Committee has appointed a subcommittee to study and report back to this Committee on ways and means of speeding up the preparation, presentation and consideration of the Public Accounts of Canada and the Auditor General's Report thereon. Representation on the subcommittee consists of four members of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts: the Auditor General; the Secretary of the Treasury Board; the Deputy Minister of Services and a representative of the Department of Finance.

In view of the fact that this question is at present under study by the subcommittee, your Committee will await receipt of the subcommittee's report before commenting on this matter.