

TO THE HONOURABLE THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

Your Standing Committee on Public Accounts presents the following as its First Report.

Meetings

Your Committee met on the following occasions:

- September 7, 2004
- September 8, 2004
- November 25, 2004
- November 28, 2005
- December 6, 2006
- December 14, 2006
- February, 22, 2007
- August 15, 2007

All meetings were held in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration at the August 15, 2007 meeting

- Auditor General's Report – Investigation of Hydra House Ltd. and A Review of the Related Department of Family Services and Housing Financial Accountability Framework dated June 2004
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-up on Previously Issued Recommendations on Business Planning and Performance Measurement Report dated December 2003
- Auditor General's Report – An Examination of RHA Governance in Manitoba dated January, 2003
- Auditor General's Report – Environmental Audits – Review of the Province of Manitoba's Management of Contaminated Sites and the Protection of Well Water Quality in Manitoba dated November 2005

Committee Membership

Committee Membership for the September 7, 2004 meeting:

- Mr. AGLUGUB
- Hon. Mr. GERRARD
- Ms. IRVIN-ROSS
- Mr. LOEWEN
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Mrs. MITCHELSON
- Ms. OSWALD
- Mr. REIMER (*Chairperson*)
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Mrs. TAILLIEU

Committee Membership for the September 8, 2004 meeting:

- Mr. AGLUGUB
- Hon. Mr. GERRARD
- Ms. IRVIN-ROSS
- Mr. LOEWEN
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Mrs. MITCHELSON
- Ms. OSWALD
- Mr. REIMER (*Chairperson*)
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Mrs. TAILLIEU

Substitutions received during committee proceedings at the September 8, 2004 meeting:

- Mrs. ROWAT for Mrs. MITCHELSON

Committee Membership for the November 25, 2004 meeting:

- Mr. AGLUGUB
- Ms. BRICK
- Mr. CUMMINGS
- Hon. Mr. GERRARD

- Ms. IRVIN-ROSS
- Mr. LOEWEN
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Mr. REIMER (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. SWAN
- Mrs. TAILLIEU

Committee Membership for the November 28, 2005 meeting:

- Mr. CALDWELL
- Mr. CUMMINGS
- Mr. HAWRANIK
- Mr. MAGUIRE
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF
- Mr. REIMER (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. SANTOS
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER

Committee Membership for the December 6, 2006 meeting:

- Mr. AGLUGUB
- Mr. CUMMINGS
- Mr. DERKACH
- Hon. Mr. GERRARD
- Mr. HAWRANIK
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Mr. SANTOS
- Mr. SCHULER
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Mr. SWAN

Your Committee elected Mr. DERKACH as the Chairperson at the December 6, 2006 meeting.

Committee Membership for the December 14, 2006 meeting:

- Mr. AGLUGUB
- Mr. CUMMINGS
- Mr. DERKACH (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. HAWRANIK
- Mr. LAMOUREUX
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Mr. SANTOS
- Mr. SCHULER
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Mr. SWAN

Committee Membership for the February 22, 2007 meeting:

- Mr. AGLUGUB
- Mr. DERKACH (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. FAURSCHOU
- Mr. HAWRANIK
- Mr. LAMOUREUX
- Mr. MAGUIRE
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Mr. SANTOS
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Mr. SWAN

Committee Membership for the August 15, 2007 meeting:

- Mr. DERKACH
- Mrs. DRIEDGER

- Mr. FAURSCHOU
- Ms. HOWARD
- Ms. KORZENIOWSKI
- Mr. LAMOUREUX
- Mr. MAGUIRE
- Mr. MALOWAY
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Mr. SWAN

Your Committee elected Mr. DERKACH as the Chairperson at the August 15, 2007 meeting.

Your Committee elected Mr. MALOWAY as the Vice-Chairperson at the August 15, 2007 meeting.

Motions

Your Committee agreed to the following motions at the November 25, 2004 meeting:

- *THAT the Public Accounts Committee call forward Bonnie Mitchelson, Member for River East, and the Minister of Health to respond to questions on the issue of Hydra House.*
- *THAT this Committee adjourn, with the agreement that at the next meeting of the Public Accounts Committee, Mrs. Mitchelson continue to answer questions regarding the Auditor General's report on Hydra House Ltd.*

Your Committee agreed to the following motion at the December 6, 2006 meeting:

- *That the Public Accounts Committee deal with the Auditor General's Report – Examination of the Crocus Investment Fund until 8:15 p.m. and at that time deal with the Environmental Audit until 9:00 p.m., and that the Committee also meet until 9:30 p.m. to consider the Crocus Report, following the review of the Province of Manitoba's management of contaminated sites which will conclude at 9:00 p.m. at the latest.*

Your Committee agreed to the following motions at the February 22, 2007 meeting:

- *That the letter tabled by the member for Lac du Bonnet be added to the agenda and dealt with not later than 6:45 p.m. tonight.*
- *That this committee request that the Auditor General, in accordance with her discretion under section 16(1) of the Auditor General Act, consider an examination and audit into the "Spirited Energy" campaign.*

Officials Speaking on Record

Officials speaking on the record at the September 7, 2004 meeting:

- Mr. Jon Singleton, Auditor General
- Ms. Bonnie Lysyk, Deputy Auditor General and Chief Operating Officer

Officials speaking on the record at the September 8, 2004 meeting:

- Mr. Jon Singleton, Auditor General
- Ms. Bonnie Lysyk, Deputy Auditor General and Chief Operating Officer

Officials speaking on the record at the November 25, 2004 meeting:

- Mr. Jon Singleton, Auditor General
- Ms. Bonnie Lysyk, Deputy Auditor General and Chief Operating Officer
- Mrs. MITCHELSON

Officials speaking on the record at the December 6, 2006 meeting:

- Carol Bellringer, Auditor General
- Bonnie Lysyk, Deputy Auditor General and C.O.O.
- Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS
- Don Cook, Deputy Minister of Conservation

Officials speaking on the record at the December 14, 2006 meeting:

- Hon. Mr. RONDEAU
- Hon. Ms. MELNICK

Officials speaking on the record at the February, 22, 2007 meeting:

- Hon. Ms. MELNICK
- Carol Bellringer, Auditor General

Officials speaking on the record at the August 15, 2007 meeting:

- Martin Billinkoff, Deputy Minister of Family Services and Housing
- Carol Bellringer, Auditor General
- Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH
- Hon. Ms. OSWALD
- Heather Reichert, Acting Deputy Minister of Health
- Don Norquay, Acting Deputy Minister of Water Stewardship

Reports Considered and Passed

At the August 15, 2007 meeting your Committee considered and passed the following reports as presented:

- Auditor General's Report – Investigation of Hydra House Ltd. and A Review of the Related Department of Family Services and Housing Financial Accountability Framework dated June 2004
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-up on Previously Issued Recommendations on Business Planning and Performance Measurement Report dated December 2003
- Auditor General's Report – Environmental Audits – Review of the Province of Manitoba's Management of Contaminated Sites and the Protection of Well Water Quality in Manitoba dated November 2005

Reports Considered but not Passed

At the August 15, 2007 meeting your Committee considered the following report but did not pass it:

- Auditor General's Report – An Examination of RHA Governance in Manitoba dated January, 2003

Submitted by,

Mr. DERKACH, Chairperson
August 15, 2007