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[The committee met at 15:00.]

**The Deputy Chair:** — All right. Good afternoon, everybody. We'll call to order the Standing Committee on House Services. I am the Chair, or sitting in the Chair for now, for this portion of the meeting as Deputy Chair. We also have here Mr. Brkich, Ms. Carr, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. McCall joining us this afternoon.

I'd like to inform the committee that pursuant to rule 139(5), the following 2018-2019 estimates for the legislative branch of government were deemed referred to the Standing Committee on House Services on April 18th, 2018: vote 76, Advocate for Children and Youth; vote 34, Chief Electoral Officer; vote 57, Conflict of Interest Commissioner; vote 55, Information and Privacy Commissioner; vote 21, Legislative Assembly; vote 56, Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner; vote 28, Provincial Auditor.

And also pursuant to the rules, rule 139(6), specifically: "The Speaker shall not preside during the examination of bills or estimates . . ." in this committee, which is why I am filling in as Chair for this moment in time. However, the Speaker is here for the consideration of estimates for the Legislative Assembly and officers of the Legislative Assembly.

**General Revenue Fund  
Advocate for Children and Youth  
Vote 76**

**The Deputy Chair:** — So with that, we will begin with consideration of vote 76, Advocate for Children and Youth, central management and services, subvote (CA01). Are there any questions?

And seeing none, we will move on to the vote.

So vote 76, Advocate for Children and Youth. Advocate for Children and Youth, subvote (CA01) in the amount of 2,456,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Carried. Advocate for Children and Youth, vote 76, 2,456,000.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — I will now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2019, the following sums for Advocate for Children and Youth in the amount of 2,456,000.

Ms. Carr. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Carried.

**General Revenue Fund  
Chief Electoral Officer  
Vote 34**

**The Deputy Chair:** — All right, we'll move on now to vote 34, Chief Electoral Officer. Chief Electoral Officer, subvote (CE01) in the amount of 4,720,000. There is no vote, as this is statutory. Non-appropriated expense adjustment in the amount of 246,000. Non-appropriated expense adjustments are non-cash adjustments presented for informational purposes only, so no amount is to be voted.

All right, easy enough.

**General Revenue Fund  
Conflict of Interest Commissioner  
Vote 57**

**The Deputy Chair:** — Moving on now to vote 57, Conflict of Interest Commissioner. Conflict of Interest Commissioner, subvote (CC01) in the amount of 544,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Carried. Conflict of Interest Commissioner, vote 57, 544,000.

I will now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31, 2019, the following sums for Conflict of Interest Commissioner in the amount of 544,000.

**Mr. Lawrence:** — I so move.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Thank you, Mr. Lawrence. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Carried.

**General Revenue Fund  
Information and Privacy Commissioner  
Vote 55**

**The Deputy Chair:** — Okay, we'll now move on to vote 55, Information and Privacy Commissioner. Information and Privacy Commissioner, subvote (IP01) in the amount 1,601,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Carried. Non-appropriated expense adjustment in the amount of 18,000. Like I said before, non-appropriated expense adjustments are non-cash adjustments presented for informational purposes only. No amount is to be voted.

Information and Privacy Commissioner, vote 55, 1,601,000. I will now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31, 2019, the following sums for Information and Privacy Commissioner in the amount of 1,601,000.

Mr. Forbes. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Carried.

**General Revenue Fund  
Legislative Assembly  
Vote 21**

**The Deputy Chair:** — All right, moving on to vote 21, Legislative Assembly, central management and services, subvote (LG01) in the amount of 3,357,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Carried. Office of the Speaker and Board of Internal Economy, subvote (LG07) in the amount of 437,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Carried. Legislative Assembly services, subvote (LG03) in the amount of 5,465,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Carried. Payments and allowances to individual members, subvote (LG05) in the amount of 15,705,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

Committees of the Legislative Assembly, subvote (LG04) in the amount of 418,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Carried. Caucus operations, subvote (LG06) in the amount of 2,170,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

Non-appropriated expense adjustment in the amount of 154,000. Non-appropriated expense adjustments are non-cash adjustments presented for informational purposes only, so no amount is to be voted.

Legislative Assembly, vote 21, 9,677,000. I will now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2019, the following sums for Legislative Assembly in the amount of 9,677,000.

**Hon. Mr. Brkich:** — I so move.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Mr. Brkich. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Carried.

**General Revenue Fund  
Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner  
Vote 56**

**The Deputy Chair:** — Okay moving on to vote 56, Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner. Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner, subvote (OM01) in the amount of 3,753,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Carried. Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner, vote 56, 3,753,000. I'll now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2019, the following sums for Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner, the amount of 3,753,000.

**Mr. Lawrence:** — I so move.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Mr. Lawrence. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**General Revenue Fund  
Provincial Auditor  
Vote 28**

**The Deputy Chair:** — Carried. Okay. Last but not least, moving to vote 28, Provincial Auditor. Provincial Auditor, subvote (PA01) in the amount of 7,922,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Carried. Unforeseen expenses, subvote (PA02) in the amount of 535,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Carried. Provincial Auditor, vote 28, 8,457,000. I will now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2019, the following sums for Provincial Auditor in the amount of 8,457,000.

**Hon. Mr. Brkich:** — I so move.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Mr. Brkich. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Carried. All right. Committee members, you have before you a draft of the 10th report of the Standing Committee on House Services. We will need a member to move the following motion:

That the 10th report of the Standing Committee on House

Services be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

**Hon. Mr. Brkich:** — I so move:

That the 10th report of the Standing Committee on House Services be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Thank you, Mr. Brkich. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Carried. All right, so that concludes our agenda for this meeting this afternoon. I'd like to thank all of the committee members for being here this afternoon. I'd like to thank the Speaker for joining us as well. Also as always, thank those who are working behind the camera and Hansard and those who dutifully help us as committee staff. Thank you so much. I'll get a motion to adjourn.

**Ms. Carr:** — I so move.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Ms. Carr. All right, so this meeting is adjourned, and the committee is adjourned to the call of the Chair.

[The committee adjourned at 15:11.]