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[The committee met at 13:30.]

The Chair: — Welcome to the Human Services Committee. Today we will be completing the estimates, and we will be starting with vote no. 37, Advanced Education, which is on page 5 of the budget presentation, the Estimates.

With us today we have MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly] Mark Docherty, MLA David Buckingham, MLA Hugh Nerlien; and substituting for Ms. Rancourt, we have MLA Carla Beck.

**General Revenue Fund
Advanced Education
Vote 37**

The Chair: — The first item, as I said, is vote no. 37, Advanced Education, on page 26, central management and services (AE01). The budget amount to be voted is 14,611,000. This includes the statutory amount of the minister's salary of 49,000.

Would someone move that vote? Mr. Docherty. Okay. Agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Okay, post-secondary education (AE02) in the amount of 651,841,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Student supports (AE03) in the amount of 49,735,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Non-appropriated expense adjustment. Non-appropriated expense adjustments are non-cash adjustments presented for information purposes only, in the amount of 167,000. No vote.

Okay, Advanced Education, vote 37 in the amount of 716,187,000. I'll now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for 12 months ending March 31, 2018, the following sums for Advanced Education in the amount of 716,187,000.

Someone move that? Mr. Buckingham. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

**General Revenue Fund
Education
Vote 5**

The Chair: — Okay. Next is vote no. 5, Education. You will find that on page 47, central management and services, vote (ED01). This includes statutory amounts. The amount to be

voted is 12,748,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. K to 12 education, vote (ED03) in the amount of 1,500,270,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. That "b" scared me. Early years, vote (ED08) in the amount of 79,521,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Literacy, vote (ED17) in the amount of 1,858,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Provincial library, vote (ED15) in the amount of 7,928,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Teachers' pensions and benefits, vote (ED04). This subvote includes a statutory amount. The amount to be voted is 34,803,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Non-appropriated expense adjustment. Non-appropriated expense adjustments are non-cash adjustments presented for information only, in the amount of 548,000.

Education, vote 5, 1,637,128,000. I will now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for 12 months ending March 31st, 2018, the following sums for Education in the amount of 1,637,128,000.

Someone move that? Mr. Nerlien. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

**General Revenue Fund
Health
Vote 32**

The Chair: — Health, vote 32, on page 75, central management and services, vote (HE01). This subvote includes statutory amounts. The amount to be voted is 9,963,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Provincial health, vote (HE04) in the amount of 209,397,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Regional health services, vote (HE03) in the amount of 3,706,473,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Medical services and medical education programs, vote (HE06) in the amount of 894,966,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Provincial infrastructure projects, vote (HE05) in the amount of zero. This is for information purposes only and no vote is needed.

Drug plan and extended benefits, vote (HE08) in the amount of 384,490,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Non-appropriated expense adjustments. Non-appropriated expense adjustments are non-cash adjustments presented for information only, in the amount of 771,000.

Health, vote 32, 5,205,289,000. I will now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for 12 months ending March 31st, 2018, the following sums for Health in the amount of 5,205,289,000.

Is that agreed?

Mr. Docherty: — I so move.

The Chair: — Mr. Docherty has moved. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

**General Revenue Fund
Labour Relations and Workplace Safety
Vote 20**

The Chair: — Labour relations and workplace safety, vote 20, on page 95. Central management and services, vote (LR01) in the amount of 5,412,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Occupational health and safety, vote (LR02) in the amount of 8,559,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Employment standards, vote (LR03) in the amount of 3,105,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Labour Relations Board, vote (LR04) in the amount of 1,021,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Labour relations and mediation, vote (LR05) in the amount of 707,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Workers' advocate, vote (LR06) in the amount of 840,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Non-appropriated expense adjustment. Non-appropriated expense adjustments are non-cash adjustments presented for information only, in the amount of 42,000.

Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, vote 20, 19,644,000. 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, 2018, the following sums for Labour Relations and Workplace Safety in the amount of 19,644,000.

Would someone move that please? Mr. Buckingham. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

**General Revenue Fund
Social Services
Vote 36**

The Chair: — Social Services, vote 36, on page 111, central management and services, vote (SS01). This vote includes statutory amounts. The amount to be voted is 49,066,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Child and family services, vote (SS04) in the amount of 256,348,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Income assistance and disability services, vote (SS03) in the amount of 795,566,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Client support, vote (SS05) in the amount of 12,429,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Housing, vote (SS12) in the amount of

7,721,000, is that agreed.

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Non-appropriated expense adjustment. Non-appropriated expense adjustments are non-cash adjustments presented for information only, in the amount of 6,181,000.

Social Services, vote 36, 1,121,130,000. 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, 2018, the following sums for Social Services in the amount of 1,121,130,000.

Would someone move that? Mr. Nerlien. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

**General Revenue Fund
Lending and Investing Activities
Advanced Education
Vote 169**

The Chair: — Vote 169, Advanced Education, found on page 146. Loans to Student Aid Fund (AE01) in the amount of 70,000,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

[13:45]

The Chair: — Carried. Okay. Advanced Education, vote 169, 70,000,000. I would now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for 12 months ending March 31st, 2018, the following sums for Advanced Education in the amount of 70,000,000.

Someone move that, please? Mr. Docherty. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

**General Revenue Fund
Supplementary Estimates — March
Advanced Education
Vote 37**

The Chair: — Vote 37. These are supplementary estimates. Vote 37, Advanced Education, page 9, post-secondary education, subvote (AE02) in the amount of 1,968,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Student supports, subvote (AE03) in the amount of 2,500,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Advanced Education, vote 37, 4,468,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. I will now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for 12 months ending March 31st, 2017, the following sums for Advanced Education in the amount of 4,468,000.

Would someone move that please?

Mr. Buckingham: — I so move.

The Chair: — Mr. Buckingham. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

**General Revenue Fund
Supplementary Estimates — March
Education
Vote 5**

The Chair: — Okay. Supplementary estimates, vote 5, Education, page 9, teachers' pension and benefits, subvote (ED04) in the amount of 12,657,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

**General Revenue Fund
Supplementary Estimates — March
Health
Vote 32**

The Chair: — Supplementary estimates, vote 32, Health, found on page 10, regional health services, subvote (HE03) in the amount of 13,900,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Medical services and medical education program, subvote (HE06) in the amount of 2,100,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Health, vote 32, 16,000,000. I will now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for 12 months ending March 31st, 2017, the following sums for Health in the amount of \$16 million.

Someone move that? Mr. Nerlien. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

Standing Committee on Human Services fourth report. Committee members, you have before you a draft of the fourth report of the Standing Committee on Human Services. We require a member to move the following motion:

That the fourth report of the Standing Committee on Human Services be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

Mr. Docherty: — I so move.

The Chair: — Mr. Docherty. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Okay, I would like to thank all of the members for remaining here this afternoon to complete this work. And if someone would move that we adjourn? Mr. Buckingham. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Agreed. The committee stands adjourned to the call of the Chair.

[The committee adjourned at 13:52.]