

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Monday, May 6, 2019

MINUTE NO. 54
3:00 p.m. — Legislative Chamber

1. **Present:** Dan D’Autremont in the chair and members Muhammad Fiaz, Todd Goudy, Nicole Rancourt,* Warren Steinley, and Hon. Nadine Wilson.

Substituting Members

Nicole Rancourt for Danielle Chartier

2. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Social Services.

The Minister of Social Services and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Paul Merriman, Minister

Tammy Kirkland, Deputy Minister

Lynn Allan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance and Corporate Services

Natalie Huber, Assistant Deputy Minister, Child and Family Programs

Tracey Smith, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Assistance

Raynelle Wilson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Disability Programs and Housing

Raymond Arscott, Executive Director, Finance

Janice Colquhoun, Executive Director, Service Delivery

Tobie Eberhardt, Executive Director, Community Services

Tim Gross, Executive Director, Housing Development

Joel Kilbride, Executive Director, Program and Service Design;

Bob Martinook, Executive Director, Community Living Service Delivery

Doris Morrow, Executive Director, Program and Service Design

Shelley Reddekopp, Executive Director, Program and Service Design

Jeff Redekop, Executive Director, Service Delivery

Natasha Sebastian, Executive Assistant

3. The committee recessed from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.
4. The committee resumed consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Social Services.
5. The committee recessed from 8:30 p.m. until 8:37 p.m.
6. The committee resumed consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Social Services.
7. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Social Services. On motion of Hon. Ms. Wilson:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2020, the following sum:

For Social Services \$1,236,929,000

8. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Advanced Education.
9. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Advanced Education. On motion of Mr. Steinley:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2020, the following sum:

For Advanced Education \$727,568,000

10. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Education.
11. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Education. On motion of Mr. Goudy:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2020, the following sum:

For Education \$2,090,409,000

12. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Health.
13. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Health. On motion of Mr. Fiaz:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2020, the following sum:

For Health..... \$5,553,992,000

14. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety.
15. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety. On motion of Mr. Steinley:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2020, the following sum:

For Labour Relations and Workplace Safety \$19,530,000

16. The committee considered the lending and investing activities estimates for the Ministry of Advanced Education.
17. The committee concluded consideration of the lending and investing activities estimates for the Ministry of Advanced Education. On motion of Hon. Ms. Wilson:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2020, the following sum:

For Advanced Education \$75,000,000

18. The committee considered the 2018-2019 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Advanced Education.

19. The committee concluded consideration of the 2018-2019 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Advanced Education. On motion of Mr. Goudy:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2019, the following sum:

For Advanced Education \$12,000,000

20. The committee considered the 2018-2019 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Health.

21. The committee concluded consideration of the 2018-2019 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Health. On motion of Hon. Ms. Wilson:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2019, the following sum:

For Health..... \$45,000,000

22. It was moved by Hon. Ms. Wilson:

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

23. The committee considered Bill No. 145, *The Residential Services Act, 2018*.

The Minister of Social Services and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

- Hon. Paul Merriman, Minister
- Tammy Kirkland, Deputy Minister
- Lynn Allan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance and Corporate Services
- Raynelle Wilson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Disability Programs and Housing
- Raymond Arscott, Executive Director, Finance
- Joel Kilbride, Executive Director, Program and Service Design
- Shelley Reddekopp, Executive Director, Program and Service Design

24. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 21, they were agreed to.

25. During consideration of clause 22, it was moved by Mr. Steinley:

Amend Clause 22 of the printed Bill:

- (a) in subsection (2) by adding “and duties” after “powers”; and
- (b) in subsection (3) by adding “and duties” after “unless those powers”.

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 22 as amended, it was agreed to.

26. The questions being put on clauses 23 to 42, they were agreed to.

27. It was moved by Mr. Steinley:

That the committee report Bill No. 145, *The Residential Services Act, 2018* with amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

28. It was moved by Mr. Steinley:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

29. The committee adjourned at 10:20 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Anne Drake
Committee Clerk

Dan D'Autremont
Chair