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[The committee met at 15:40.]

**Chair C. Young:** — All right, welcome everyone to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies. I'm Colleen Young. I'll be chairing the meeting this afternoon. We have members sitting in today: Kevin Kasun; Doug Steele; James Thorsteinson; Jordan McPhail; and sitting in for Erika Ritchie is Hugh Gordon; and then also sitting in for Don McBean is Leroy Laliberte. Thank you.

Today we will be considering the 2026-27 estimates for the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement until 6:30 p.m. Following our consideration of the SaskBuilds and Procurement estimates, we will consider resolutions for all estimates and supplementary estimates committed to this committee.

**General Revenue Fund  
SaskBuilds and Procurement  
Vote 13**

**Subvote (SP01)**

**Chair C. Young:** — We will begin with vote 13, SaskBuilds and Procurement, central management and services, subvote (SP01).

Minister Wilson is here with his officials. And I'll ask you to introduce yourselves the first time you speak at the mike along with your title, if you don't mind. And *Hansard* will turn them on for you. So, Minister, you can begin by introducing your officials that are sitting up there with you and any opening remarks you would like to make.

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair. I am pleased to present the estimates for the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement for '26-27.

Joining me today are, to my left, Deputy Minister Rebecca Carter; assistant ADM [assistant deputy minister] of corporate strategy and services Jill Zimmer; assistant deputy minister of infrastructure design and delivery Patrick Coulthard; assistant deputy minister of information and technology David Boehm; chief procurement officer Karen Cossitt; assistant deputy minister of operations and service delivery Rebekah Johnston; assistant deputy minister of the enterprise business modernization project Maire Coulthard; executive director of corporate services Hera Kang; executive director of strategic operations Rob Hembroff; senior director of fiscal planning Ryan West; director of asset management Kirsten Kovach; executive advisor to the deputy minister Meaghan O'Quinn; and lastly to my right, my chief of staff James Cherewyk.

I would like to thank the officials joining me today as well as their teams for their continuous hard work.

SaskBuilds and Procurement provides central coordination and delivery of property management, information technology, procurement, project management, transportation, and other support services to government ministries and agencies. In collaboration with the SaskBuilds Corporation, the ministry integrates, coordinates, and prioritizes infrastructure planning and delivery for the province of Saskatchewan.

Since becoming the minister in December, I've seen first-hand how essential it is to have one organization responsible for bringing these functions together. Take infrastructure, for example, one of the most critical responsibilities of any government. Each school and hospital we fund must move through planning, pre-design, design, procurement, construction, and its commissioning before it can begin to serve its community. I am proud to share that SaskBuilds and Procurement play a role at each stage, providing project continuity from concept to completion.

[15:45]

SaskBuilds and Procurement continues to play a vital role in protecting Saskatchewan by delivering the essential infrastructure that Saskatchewan people and communities need. Budget '26-27 is delivering one of the largest capital budgets of 4.3 billion for essential infrastructure, including schools, health care facilities, and roads.

This year's budget will invest in capital projects throughout the province with a \$1.8 billion budget for executive government, and more than 2.5 billion for the province's commercial Crown corporations. I'm pleased to inform the committee that due to this continued infrastructure investment, we are on track to meet our growth plan goal of investing 30 billion by 2030.

The Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement coordinates capital planning across executive government and leads the planning and delivery of major projects in multiple sectors, working closely with partner ministries, industry stakeholders, and sector partners.

The first of these sectors is health. This year's budget includes 635.7 million to support infrastructure improvements to ensure residents can access the right care in the right place at the right time. These funds will support several major projects, including 238.4 million for continued construction of the Prince Albert Victoria Hospital; 133.9 million for complex-needs facilities in North Battleford and Moose Jaw; additional urgent care centres in Saskatoon, Regina, Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, and North Battleford; and hospitals in Yorkton and Rosthern; and 100 million for continued construction of the Regina specialized long-term care facility. We look forward to continuing our work with our partners in delivering health infrastructure and services that meet the growing needs of our province.

The next sector I'd like to draw the committee's attention to is education. This year's budget includes an investment of 123.8 million in school infrastructure for the following projects: 83.5 million to support new and ongoing school capital projects in Martensville-Warman, Esterhazy, Balgonie, Carlyle, Saskatoon, Regina, Prince Albert, Pinehouse, Swift Current, and Shellbrook.

Additionally this year's budget includes 20 million for the relocatable classroom program to support student enrolment growth, and 18.5 million for minor capital improvements for school divisions to address structural repairs and renovations.

Our work on essential education infrastructure will continue this year and well into the future. This year's budget also includes

56.8 million, a 40 per cent increase, for post-secondary education infrastructure for the following projects: 10.4 million to continue expanding space for the new occupational therapy and speech language pathology programs at the University of Saskatchewan; 10 million to continue design and planning for the Saskatchewan Poly campus maintenance; 5.2 million in new funding to support various initiatives including expanding the welding, metal fabrication, and the machinist programs and introducing a millwright program at Saskatchewan Polytech's Regina campus; 4.6 million to support ongoing health human resources seat expansions at both Regina and Saskatoon Poly; 4.2 million for new program and expansions at Sask Poly, Western College of Veterinary Medicine, and Carlton Trail College.

It also supports ongoing planning for the new North West College in North Battleford and 24.6 million for the maintenance of post-secondary facilities to ensure they remain safe and continue to meet the needs of current and future students.

This year's budget also announced 323.2 million in government services infrastructure. This investment includes 210.1 million for information technology equipment, government buildings, and to purchase four repurposed air tanker aircraft through the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency to continue enhancing our province's wildfire response; 61.9 in water infrastructure for various dams, water supply channel projects, and irrigation projects; 20.2 million for various courts and correctional facilities projects across the province.

The Sask Housing Corporation will receive 15.9 million to repair and renovate provincially owned housing units and develop new supportive housing units with third-party organizations. And the government is also investing 15 million for capital improvements through the park system, with specific focus on repairing and replacing infrastructure lost to wildfires in 2025.

For transportation, the '26-27 capital budget included 417.2 million to be delivered by the Ministry of Highways. These funds will work to improve more than 850 kilometres of Saskatchewan provincial highway networks as well as various bridge rehabilitations and replacements.

And lastly, in partnership with rural and urban municipalities, this year's budget includes 239 million in municipal transfers through several federal programs.

I will now highlight what this year's budget means for our ministry's overall operations. As a central agency, SaskBuilds and Procurement support our clients and partners as they deliver program and services that serve the citizens of Saskatchewan.

The procurement management division conducts procurements above trade thresholds for goods and services, business and technology solutions, and construction. SaskBuilds and Procurement also proactively engages with industry and other stakeholders to ensure that the Government of Saskatchewan's procurement processes provide best value for taxpayers and fair treatment for Saskatchewan suppliers.

Our procurement team also plays a key role in ensuring that all Government of Saskatchewan procurements align with the province's commitments under the following trade agreements to which Saskatchewan is a signatory: the New West Partnership

Trade Agreement, the Canadian Free Trade Agreement, the Canada-European Union trade agreement, and the World Trade Organization Agreement.

I'd like to now turn to another critical area of our mandate — cybersecurity. As the information technology provider for the Government of Saskatchewan we are responsible for protecting government systems, information, and data. We continue to invest in enhancing cybersecurity to be able to protect citizens, data, and infrastructure from evolving and maturing threats, including ransomware, artificial intelligence, and attacks.

With this I'm excited to share that the Government of Saskatchewan will be creating a central artificial intelligence office to help ministries use AI [artificial intelligence] safely and efficiently. This office will bring together the right people, tools, and guidance so that the province can adopt AI in a consistent, responsible way.

Turning to a related matter, our operations and service delivery division supports both our government's clients and members of the public by providing safe, reliable, and professional management of our government buildings, facilities, and properties. SaskBuilds and Procurement operates and maintains hundreds of government-owned and -leased properties across Saskatchewan that are used by client ministries to provide programs and services to the public.

This division also includes the Saskatchewan air ambulance service, which provides province-wide emergency medical evacuation services 24 hours a day, 364 days a year. The Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement owns and operates a fleet of King Air 200 aircrafts, while medical services are administered by the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

Last year, a King Air B200 aircraft was upgraded to better serve patients with complex and urgent medical needs. The upgraded aircraft now has a larger entry door, a bigger stretcher with a new support system, and an electronic lift. These improvements now make it easier and safer for the emergency responders to move patients on and off the aircraft, supporting faster and more efficient emergency transport services across the province.

Since the first flight which took off from the base in Regina, the air ambulance service has transported nearly 78,500 people. I'm proud to share that in February that service reached its 80th anniversary.

The operations and service delivery division also provides transportation services through the central vehicle agency and telecommunications services across government.

As a central agency, SaskBuilds and Procurement is funded through two mechanisms. First we have an expense budget made up of funding appropriated directly to our ministry that is used to support our own operations. This year's total appropriated budget for the ministry is 190.4 million. We are also funded through a cost recovery whereby clients receive appropriated funding that we recover for the services we deliver.

Lastly SaskBuilds and Procurement also provides funding for the Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan. 5.1 million is included in this year's budget to protect and preserve Saskatchewan's rich

history.

To conclude, I'd like to acknowledge the essential work that the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement does, and I would like to thank every one of them for their tremendous contributions. Madam Chair, I would now be happy to take questions for the ministry's estimates for '26-27. Thank you.

**Chair C. Young:** — Thank you, Minister. I'll open the floor to questions from committee members now, and I'll recognize Mr. Gordon.

**Hugh Gordon:** — Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Mr. Minister. Thank you, ADM Carter — sorry, DM [Deputy Minister] Carter; my bad — your ADMs, and staff. Thank you for being here this evening. I appreciate that you're here to take our questions.

I'll start with this. SaskBuilds relies on a best-value model when it comes to procurement. What I'd like to know is, when it comes to awarding contracts, does that procurement process include that best-value model? Does it include awarding contracts to Saskatchewan-based companies with workers that live in Saskatchewan?

[16:00]

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — The Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement provides goods, construction, and information technology procurement services on behalf of executive government. The procurement management team works to ensure public procurement in Saskatchewan is fair, open, transparent, and based on trade agreements and best practice procurement processes in order to treat Saskatchewan suppliers fairly.

In most recent years, over 90 per cent of our work went to Saskatchewan contractors. We are tabulating the final numbers from this past year, and we are confident that number will be even higher.

A key criterion for a Saskatchewan-based company is employing Saskatchewan residents. And with that I'd just like to touch on Priority Sask. Priority Saskatchewan and stakeholder relations have a renewed focus on helping industry address emerging issues, providing procurement education and pathfinding for suppliers, addressing local supply chain gaps, and relationship management.

Priority Sask and stakeholder relations proactively engage local suppliers to increase capacity, share opportunities, and reduce barriers to doing business with government. Priority Sask and stakeholder relations leads important industry-focused initiatives such as the construction round table, which focuses on collaborative discussions in response to industry questions and concerns.

**Hugh Gordon:** — Thank you for that, Mr. Minister. This next question I hope I'll just have a simple yes or no answer. Does this procurement process, best-value procurement process also include Saskatchewan-sourced inputs and materials? And if you could also tell me how you keep track of that.

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — Thank you. Our record does speak for itself. We have over 90 per cent procurement in the province. We consult with the industry. Onerous requirements on source materials would create an unwanted expense to our industry. We are committed to working with our partners to create a positive work environment and an efficient work environment.

Our procurements are outcome based. We define requirements and performance expectations, but we do not prescribe where suppliers must source materials. Given the scale and complexity of our projects, often involving thousands of components, it's not practical or cost-effective to track every subtrade or third-party input. We maintain a regular dialogue with industry to better understand supply chain risks and trends.

**Hugh Gordon:** — Thank you. Just to add a few — quickly — answers, is that something that the ministry is keeping track of though? Or like you said, Mr. Minister, that that's something you can track, is what you're saying?

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — SaskBuilds and Procurement is not interested in any policies that will make onerous requirements for businesses to bid with us. We want our businesses bidding. Clauses like that could disincentivize them from bidding work in Saskatchewan.

**Hugh Gordon:** — I think my question though, Mr. Minister, is just more with respect to like, is that something that you're keeping track of internally so that you can make an assessment based on, you know . . . You provided the number of 90 per cent in terms of procurement. You must be keeping track of that in some fashion for that. I just was just curious if you are able or capable of keeping track of sourced inputs and materials so we know how much of that is actually being spent in Saskatchewan.

I'll move on with my next question though. Talking about local procurement supporting Saskatchewan businesses, Saskatchewan workers, you know, this province has some of the best bricklaying companies, masonry companies, bricklaying workers in the country. Workers that are qualified and capable of doing very intricate and specialized work in this province.

[16:15]

I'll turn my attention to a particular contract. It's our understanding that the masonry work contract for the Sturdy Stone project has been awarded to an Ontario company. I'd like if you could share with this committee as to why an Ontario company was selected over a Saskatchewan company, Saskatchewan workers that are skilled, capable, able, and willing to do that work at a time when they could use the work.

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — SaskBuilds prioritizes Saskatchewan businesses. That's why we have over 90 per cent of work going to Saskatchewan companies and 99 per cent of work to Canadian companies. We use the best-value model because it's the most responsible way to spend taxpayer dollars.

With that I will hand it over to our chief procurement officer, Karen Cossitt, to provide some more context.

**Karen Cossitt:** — Thank you. So as introduced, my name is Karen Cossitt. I'm the chief procurement officer with the

Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement. And I just wanted to discuss best-value procurement and how we follow it within SaskBuilds and Procurement.

So you know, we have to follow the trade laws. And so that means that we have to publicly procure, and we can't exclude any other jurisdictions. So we have to leave it open. We have to make sure it's transparent and fair. We also follow our purchasing Act. So for those reasons we have pretty rigorous processes in place that we do follow for best value.

Really, you know, best value, we're considering things such as price, quality, schedule, risk, the ability to deliver. So we don't dictate solutions, and we can't dictate specific suppliers to bid. So it's really trying to keep it open and fair.

We post all of our public procurements over trade thresholds, which is 75,000 for construction. So that would be this one. If it was goods and services, it has to be over 10,000 we have to publicly procure . . . Oh sorry, we'll do consulting services and that type of work for 75,000. And construction over 100,000 we have to publicly procure.

So those are posted on SaskTenders. We receive the competitions, and we do the evaluations based on best-value procurement. So factors of course such as pricing is one of the factors, but other factors such as risk and schedule, experience can also play into it. And with that we have a rigorous evaluation process; it's consensus based. And from there we have the successful proponent that would've been selected.

**Hugh Gordon:** — Thank you for that. I don't know if that specifically answers the question about why that particular contract was awarded to an out-of-province company.

You know, I guess on the one hand I appreciate your take that we have to follow your particular policies: not excluding others, following trade laws. But you do have control over who does get awarded those contracts for best value for Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan people.

We've got Saskatchewan companies here who are paying tax to this government, that fund your department. We've got workers that work here that depend on their livelihoods in order to continue to pay taxes and contribute to the community. And I think it would be nice to have a government that would, at the very least, put them at a higher priority, particularly any time when they have the special skills and the ability to do this kind of work, to keep it in Saskatchewan so those dollars remain in Saskatchewan. That's essentially the point of my question.

But I'll move on to the next question. Infrastructure: can you tell the committee tonight, has any timeline for any infrastructure project been extended, delayed, or paused in this budget?

[16:30]

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — SaskBuilds and Procurement has one of the largest budgets in the history of the province that will meet our targeted growth plan by 2030. There are significant investments. Every project has a life cycle that is unique within itself, and I will walk us through the life cycle of a project.

So it starts with the initiation phase. The initiation phase formally recognizes a new project, confirms its priority, and establishes its readiness to proceed. During this phase, the project is defined at a high level. Key stakeholders are identified, and governance and sponsorship are confirmed. A project charter is established to document the project's objectives, high-level scope boundaries and risks, assumptions, constraints, and success criteria. The focus is on clarifying project intent, readiness, and governance rather than a detailed design or planning.

During initiation the project is reviewed to confirm strategic alignment with government priorities, approved programs, funding frameworks, and delivery models. Early constraints and risks are identified, including policy, program, scope, schedule, affordability, and feasibility considerations.

Activities typically undertaken during initiation include needs assessments and prioritization, high-level options analysis, early duty-to-consult considerations, and preliminary site and technical feasibility assessments. These activities support informed decision making by making the client, ministry, cabinet, and annual budget process . . . At this stage, order-of-magnitude cost estimates are prepared while the scope remains at a conceptual level. These estimates are used to support prioritization, affordability assessments, and early approval decisions and are expected to be refined as the project advances.

Early technical input such as site feasibility, servicing capacity, regulatory considerations, and high-level constructibility factors are used to screen out nonviable options before further investment. Once a preferred option is confirmed and required decision points and funding authorizations are obtained, the project is supported through the budget process and formally approved to advance to the planning phase, where scope, cost, schedule, and delivery strategies are developed in greater detail.

In the planning phase, that advances projects from initiation by refining scope, feasibility, delivery approach, and cost while maintaining the ability to make refinements to requirements prior to moving to the next phase. Key activities may include site and location analysis, conceptual and functional planning, preliminary and indicative design, delivery model assessment through procurement options analysis, and the development of a business case or project plan where it's required.

Through structured scoping activities requirements emerge, including functional services and uses; performance expectations like quality, capacity, reliability, safety; and non-functional specifics, including financial, strategic, and operational constraints.

Cost estimates are progressively refined through this phase. These estimates support decision making, inform funding strategies, and guide forecasted cash by phase and fiscal period. A key component within the planning is the selection of the project delivery model to be used to deliver the project through procurement options analysis.

The delivery model identified directly informs the next phase of the project. Financial planning becomes more structured through the development of forecasts, which are predictions of future expenditures based on available data and analysis. This includes both fiscal year forecasts aligned with government budgeting

cycles and phase forecasts covering the total anticipated cost of completing the current and subsequent phases.

Governance decision points continue to validate both project viability and financial readiness, ensuring the total project allocation and total client allocation are aligned with an evolving project scope and estimates. By the end of this phase the project has a well-defined scope, delivery strategy, financial structure, risk and contingency approach, governance framework, and confirmed stakeholders. Projects identified as ready to move on from the planning phase are subject to approval at the cabinet level in accordance with the annual capital cycle budget via the SaskBuilds board.

In the design phase, that advances the project from the concept to a fully developed and executable plan. The focus of this phase is on defining what will be built and ensuring that all technical, functional, and financial requirements are met before construction begins. Building on planning outputs, the project progresses through conceptual, schematic, and detailed design to develop complete drawings and specifications across all disciplines, like structural, mechanical, and electrical. Formal value engineering is undertaken to optimize whole-life cost, operational efficiency, and standardization.

Procurement activities continue, including the engagement of design consultants and, in some delivery models, early contractor involvement. Strategic tender planning sessions at multiple intervals are undertaken to account for market capacity, pricing, and other procurement requirements. Project cost estimates continue to be refined and solidified as projects progress through this phase. These estimates form the defined construction phase budget, which informs approvals and potential future public announcements.

Final project management continues to be closely monitored. In-year fiscal allocations are tracked and reported on, informing project progress and financial responsibility within that phase. Embedded processes include cost estimation updates, design optimization, and stakeholder validation. Cost estimates are updated continuously to reflect that evolving design and current market conditions, including material price volatility and supply chain constraints.

This phase is particularly important in mitigating risks associated with cost escalation and construct-ability. By ensuring that the designs are complete and aligned with budget before construction, the project is better positioned for successful delivery. When a project is approaching completion of the design phase and is ready to proceed, approvals to move the construction phase are completed in tandem. These approvals are typically received through the annual budget process via the SaskBuilds board.

Into the construction phase, the construction phase involves executing the plans developed during the design phase and managing all of the aspects of construction with a focus on keeping the project on time, within budget, and to the required quality standards. Procurement at this stage involves selecting contractors and establishing contractual agreements. The choice of contractor and contract structure is critical as it influences risk allocation, cost certainty, and project performance.

Early works may be undertaken to prep the site, including activities such as grading, utility relocation, and foundational work. These activities ensure that the site is ready for full-scale construction. Risks to the project's scope and schedule are also managed and communicated to key stakeholders through the life cycle of the phase. Early indication of emergent risks allow for the swift decision making at all levels.

Embedded processes during this phase include contract administration, change management, performance monitoring, and stakeholder communication. Effective change management is essential as changes during construction can significantly impact cost and schedule. The construction phase requires strong collaboration between owners, contractors, and consultants to navigate challenges and deliver the project successfully. Ultimately this phase transforms plans into tangible infrastructure, making it the most visible and resource-intensive stage of the project life cycle.

And the closeout phase, substantial completion is typically identified as the transition from the construction phase to closing out the project. In the closeout phase, that marks the project's completion and ensures that the infrastructure is fully tested and accepted as operational, compliant with requirements, and usable by the residents of Saskatchewan. The hand-off to the operational team transfers responsibility from the project team to the client ministry or end-user. This includes providing all necessary documentation, training, and support to ensure a smooth operation and transition.

A warranty period can move in tandem, where any deficiencies or issues identified after completion are addressed by the contractor. Key closeout activities include final inspections, documentation completion — and that's such as built drawings and operation manuals — and performance validation. Total project costs are finalized, contracts are closed out, and final lessons learned are captured to inform future projects. Effective closeout is essential for long-term asset performance and value for money. Given the scale of public investment in infrastructure, this phase plays such a critical role in ensuring accountability and delivering intended outcomes for Saskatchewan residents. That's your process.

**Hugh Gordon:** — I would have liked to have had an answer to the question, Madam Chair. So can I infer then that you actually know which projects have been extended, delayed, or paused in this budget? That's what we're here to discuss. So all I'll do now is I will ask the minister if he could table that list of delayed, extended, or paused projects from this year's budget to this committee in an acceptable time frame.

[16:45]

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — Thank you. The capital plan is publicly available. It's one of the largest capital plans in the history of the province. And all of these projects are in and progressing through the various stages I listed. This capital plan remains on track. I shared the information earlier to the committee so that they may better understand there are complex stages that each project is in, given the size and scope. And there are many of them.

**Hugh Gordon:** — I appreciate that, Mr. Minister. I'm not sure if I required a course on that, but I will thank you regardless. Thank

you very much. I think it's just important that, you know . . .

I also appreciate that you said the capital plan is available online, but I think there's a lot of projects that are going on throughout the province over which your ministry is presiding. That'd be good information for people to know, what stage those projects are at and if you could've informed us tonight if there are any that, in this budget, would be delayed.

I'll move on. The government often touts the number, 60 projects worth \$62 billion in the province worth of investment. I was wondering if you could enlighten the committee this evening, where does the government get this number from?

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — I believe you're referring to the \$60 billion worth of private investment. I would defer that to a more appropriate ministry because Builds handles public infrastructure.

**Hugh Gordon:** — Thank you, Madam Chair. For my next question, I was wondering if you could tell . . . if the minister could provide us a total for how much money's been spent on furnishings and furniture for ministers' offices in this year's budget? Last year and for this year.

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — Each ministry has their own budget for their minister's office which includes furniture and equipment.

**Hugh Gordon:** — The question was how much was spent though.

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — So we don't have that information. It's on a ministry-by-ministry basis and you would have to ask each ministry for that. All we have is our own ministry's information.

**Hugh Gordon:** — Thank you, Mr. Minister. I'll move on.

What's SaskBuilds' policy with respect to procurement from Indigenous-owned businesses?

[17:00]

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — In alignment with *Saskatchewan's Growth Plan: The Next Decade of Growth 2020-2030*, the Government of Saskatchewan is committed to engaging Indigenous people, businesses, and other under-represented groups in supplying goods and services to the public sector.

Through Priority Saskatchewan and stakeholder relations, the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement communicates and engages regularly with Indigenous economic development organizations, businesses, and industry associations to ensure Indigenous businesses have access to information and training and are equipped to participate in government procurement opportunities.

The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to the use of a best-value approach in its procurement practices. A best-value approach means structuring procurements in a fashion that allows consideration of factors beyond total cost in determining which supplier proposal provides the greatest overall benefit to Saskatchewan.

Since 2023 the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement has held several meetings with Indigenous economic development organizations, Indigenous businesses and industry associations, as well as the Indigenous Manufacturing and Contracting Network, Métis Nation-Saskatchewan, and the Saskatchewan First Nations Natural Resource Centre of Excellence — it's an affiliate of the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations — to identify opportunities to strengthen Indigenous participation in government procurement.

The insights gathered are being utilized to enhance procurement education, training, and awareness for Indigenous-owned companies.

**Hugh Gordon:** — Thank you. So I appreciate your approach. I appreciate the commitment. But from what I understand then there is actually no policy on that. I will go on to my next question.

We're looking at \$1.7 million allocated to the central artificial intelligence office. Can you please describe what that office will do and what the \$1.7 million allocated to it will . . . how that will assist in what it does.

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — As part of budget '26-27, approved funding has been provided to the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement to develop an artificial intelligence strategy, establish an artificial intelligence office, and implement enterprise artificial intelligence platform capabilities across the Government of Saskatchewan.

Phase 1 focuses on formalizing artificial intelligence strategy, establishing the AIO [artificial intelligence office] for governance and support, as well as implementing foundational platform capabilities.

Phase 2 focuses on scaling successful-use cases and integrating more advanced artificial intelligence platform capabilities across the Government of Saskatchewan. The benefits of the solutions developed by the artificial intelligence office are focused in three key areas: productivity gains, fraud detection, and improved service delivery.

The initial request included incremental operating funding of 1.715 million in operating, which represents the minimum viable investment required to deliver the strategic capability. Capital funding for the program has been deferred to the '27-28 budget cycle. This request will ensure that early artificial intelligence activity is structured, evidence-based, and aligned with government priorities.

**Chair C. Young:** — I'll recognize Member McPhail.

**Jordan McPhail:** — Thanks, Madam Chair. Just a couple questions for the minister here. Can you give a list of the total number of sole-source contracts that were awarded through your ministry in 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 budget years respectively?

[17:15]

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — We do not have the '24-25 info, but the number of sole-source contracts in '25-26 was 3 out of approximately 500. The estimated amount of those sole-source

contracts was \$47,000, or less than 1 per cent of total awards.

**Jordan McPhail:** — Thank you for that, Minister. I had a quick question on the Convair Q400s that were purchased through the SPSA [Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency]. Can you maybe explain for the sake of the committee here what the estimated cost of each plane was prior to going through the procurement of them?

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — SaskBuilds only handles procurement for executive government. Agencies, boards, and Crowns all handle their own procurement.

**Jordan McPhail:** — Thanks for that, Minister. So are you saying that your ministry had no role whatsoever in the procurement of the Convair Q400s that have either arrived as of the date that we have here or into the future delivery of the remaining three Convair Q400s?

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — No, we did not have any involvement.

**Jordan McPhail:** — Thank you for that, Minister. I guess just as the minister who's responsible for a majority, as you said in your opening remarks, of the procurement of goods and services here for the people in the province of Saskatchewan, you know, there was . . . One of the things that you mentioned was the New West Partnership Agreement. And this is something that I got somewhat familiar with as a municipal councillor in La Ronge, obviously with the procurement of goods and services through even municipal governments. And in article 14, subsection 1(b), it says specifically on:

Crown corporations, government-owned commercial enterprises, and other entities that are owned or controlled by a party through ownership interest where the procurement value is [more than] \$25,000 . . . for goods.

Although your ministry has not . . . or as you've stated in your previous response, stated that you weren't involved in the procurement of those Convair Q400s, I would be interested from the knowledge that you have as a minister, and specifically you as the minister. Do you believe that the procurement of these planes were following the New West Partnership Agreement as you would have to follow under every other ministry?

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — Given that the ministry I oversee was not involved, it's not appropriate to comment, and it is not related to our estimates.

**Jordan McPhail:** — With that, I'll pass it back to my colleague.

**Chair C. Young:** — No, that's not his . . . Mr. Gordon.

**Hugh Gordon:** — Thank you, Madam Chair. With respect to education projects, we noticed there has been a reduction in funding for school capital in this year's budget by \$67 million. Can you explain why this cut was made and what the impact might be?

[17:30]

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — The Government of Saskatchewan continues its commitment to providing safe and inclusive

learning environments for all students in the province of Saskatchewan. Through the '26-27 budget, the Government of Saskatchewan is investing 123.8 million in priority school infrastructure.

Construction continues for the Saskatoon City Centre school replacing Princess Alexandra, King George, and Pleasant Hill schools. It will accommodate up to 350 students with the ability to expand and accommodate up to 400 students and 74 child care spaces. The new Harbour Landing West joint school in Regina provides space for 750 students from kindergarten through grade 8, 250 Catholic and 500 public, with capacity to expand up to 850. Additionally, the facility features 90 child care spaces.

Construction projects starting in the new budget year include the Balgonie Greenall High School renovation and addition, currently in the design phase. This is a renovation and addition project that will address some of the structural issues at that particular school, provide a larger gym, and increase capacity for students. The Swift Current Comprehensive High School renovation, currently in the design phase, part of this project is to replace the end-of-life HVAC [heating, ventilating, and air conditioning] and electrical systems.

Other schools that are continuing through various stages of project delivery include Regina southeast joint-use elementary school. That's a new facility between Regina Catholic and the Regina Public school divisions with space for 1,000 kindergarten to grade 8 students — 400 Catholic and 600 public — with the ability to expand up to 1,400 students. It also includes 180 child care spaces. Regina southeast joint-use high school, another shared facility between Regina Catholic and the Public school divisions, with space for 1,600 grade 9 to grade 12 students and the ability to expand up to 2,000 students.

A Campbell Collegiate renovation project in Regina that's in the design phase. And work continues to advance on the Saskatoon Brighton joint-use elementary school with Saskatoon Public Schools and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools. The project will provide space for 1,650 kindergarten to grade 8 students — 900 public and 750 Catholic — and the ability to expand to 2,050 students. It also has 90 child care spaces.

Saskatoon Aspen Ridge joint-use elementary school is continuing through design. Saskatoon Holmwood joint-use high school is continuing through the project design phase. This is a large school that will provide space for 2,900 grade 9 to grade 12 students — 1,450 public and 1,450 Catholic — and the ability to expand up to 3,600 students. Saskatoon Kensington public and Catholic elementary schools continue.

The Conseil des écoles fransaskoises schools . . .

**Hugh Gordon:** — Close.

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — How close?

**Hugh Gordon:** — Fransaskoises.

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — Fransaskoises.

**Hugh Gordon:** — There you go.

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — Hey, see? . . . schools in Saskatoon and Prince Albert. We are working closely with our partners at the Conseil des écoles francsaskoises on the design of those two projects.

The South Corman Park replacement school is progressing. Project delivery work continues on the Carlyle pre-kindergarten to grade 12 school. Officials in the school division are reviewing the design and site to address any issues. The new Pinehouse high school, currently in the design phase, will serve up to 175 students in grades 7 to 12 and replace the existing facility in northern Saskatchewan.

There are also three new major school capital projects approved in '26-27: a new joint-use middle and high school in Warman-Martensville, a new pre-kindergarten to grade 12 in Shellbrook to consolidate and replace the existing elementary and high schools, and a major renovation to the Esterhazy High School.

All of these projects identified in Saskatchewan's major capital action plan remain fully approved and supported. Projects throughout Saskatchewan are ongoing at different stages including planning, design, and construction.

**Hugh Gordon:** — Thank you, Mr. Minister. I'm not sure if the question was answered. Just wanted to know if you could explain why the school capital budget was cut by \$67 million.

I'll move on to my next question. I'd like to know if you could tell the committee tonight what work has been completed on a school in Brighton and one in White City.

[17:45]

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — The information I have right now is that SaskBuilds and Procurement is currently involved in the Brighton project. Brighton is progressing through the design phase as we speak.

**Hugh Gordon:** — And White City, the second part to my question?

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — That question would be best answered by Education.

**Hugh Gordon:** — Okay, thank you for that. Just wondering, you provided a short list of a number of projects for which \$123.8 million is allocated for school infrastructure, was quite an exhaustive list.

I was wondering if you would be able to table for the committee at some future date — let's say 30 days' time would be acceptable — a list of when which of those projects will be completed and/or when the new consolidated schools will be open for occupancy. Just wondering if I can get you to commit to tabling when those projects will be completed, for the committee at a future date. You don't have to provide that answer now. You can just give us a simple yes/no if you would be able to table that 30 days from now to the committee.

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — We put out regular updates on our projects through news releases and events in conjunction with the Ministry of Education and the school boards.

**Hugh Gordon:** — Can you enlighten the committee as to where that information comes from? Like are you saying that SaskBuilds puts this on their website?

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — These are joint news releases with the Ministry of Education and SaskBuilds and Procurement, and they're posted on the Government of Saskatchewan website.

**Hugh Gordon:** — Thank you for that, Mr. Minister. I'll move on. You mentioned in your opening remarks, I believe there was approximately \$234 million allocated from this year's budget towards the Victoria Hospital expansion in Prince Albert. Can you share with the committee tonight what is the current estimated total price tag for the Victoria Hospital expansion? Not for this year, total current estimated price.

[18:00]

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — The current value is 898 million.

**Hugh Gordon:** — Thank you for that, Mr. Minister. I was wondering if you could also clarify for the committee just how much money is being requested from all parties for the expansion for furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the Victoria Hospital. How much money's being requested from all parties for furniture, fixtures, and equipment?

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — That question would be best asked to the Ministry of Health.

**Hugh Gordon:** — Can you tell the committee tonight what work has been done on the new Yorkton hospital?

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — As stated before, Yorkton is in the pre-design phase. Delivery of a new Yorkton hospital is a priority for this government. The Yorkton hospital project is in, as I just said, the pre-design phase of project delivery. The pre-design phase builds on the work conducted in planning and involves the development of a functional program, land acquisition planning, development of an indicative design, statement of requirements, and schedule of accommodation.

Pre-design is a very critical phase of the infrastructure project delivery. During this phase, this concept developed during planning evolves into requirements for the design. The work conducted during this phase allows for confirmation of the requirements. The deliverables from the pre-design phase are required in the procurement of future phases.

**Hugh Gordon:** — Thank you, Mr. Minister. I do believe though there was a question during question period in this session. You were asked specifically about what work is done on the hospital, and I believe your answer was that a procurement option analysis was currently under way. Can you confirm with the committee if that is the case, and what procurement options you're currently considering for that hospital?

[18:15]

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — Our options analysis is actually part of the pre-design phase currently happening. What it is is the most effective solution that we look at for what model would be the best value and what would provide the best health care to the

people of Saskatchewan. Our team at SaskBuilds is always being kept up to date on the evolution of procurement models.

**Hugh Gordon:** — Thank you for that. Could you tell the committee tonight whether or not any major earthworks or environmental assessment processes have been initiated with that project?

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — Earthworks and environmental assessments are both part of the pre-design and are being actioned as we speak.

**Hugh Gordon:** — Thank you for that, Mr. Minister. I'll ask you another question on that. Can you provide the committee tonight an anticipated completion timeline for the Yorkton hospital? Tell us when that project will be complete as in all the phases you described so eloquently prior in one of your answers before.

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — Pre-design and design activities are expected to occur this fiscal year. Following that phase, there is expected to be a public procurement for the next phase of the project delivery.

**Hugh Gordon:** — Thank you. I don't know if that answers the question as to when it'll be complete. Like we've got a completed hospital in Yorkton — all the phases that you described prior that you go through were done and that it's actually been delivered to the people of Yorkton — but I'll move on.

I'd like to circle back to the education file. SaskBuilds keeps and maintains the facility completion, or facility . . . what's it called? Facility — not completion index but yeah, condition index; that's the word I'm looking for, pardon me — facility condition index for all the schools in Saskatchewan. Will you commit to the committee today to release the current facility condition index for all schools in the province?

[18:30]

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — SaskBuilds and Procurement collect all evidence-based evidence on FCIs [facility condition index] on behalf of Education. The Ministry of Education owns the data. It is best that the question is asked to them.

**Hugh Gordon:** — It's an interesting response, Mr. Minister. It seems to me that the question has been asked to Education and they said, ask SaskBuilds. But I'll move on.

Going back to AI, I was just wondering if you could . . . well I'll preface the question. We understand Bell is building an AI data centre here on the outskirts of Regina, a \$1.7 billion investment. Can you tell the committee whether or not the ministry — yours — intends to store government data in the Bell data centre?

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — First and foremost, it is not our project and I cannot hypothesize at this time.

**Hugh Gordon:** — Thank you. In last year's estimates, then minister Marit I believe told this committee that SaskBuilds has struck a committee between itself and cities with respect to streamlining issues related to cities acquiring and servicing land for new school builds. Can you tell the committee whether that has happened? And what some of those recommendations that

were given to SaskBuilds were.

At the time of the committee he said this was going to happen within the next three months, so that would have been, let's say, July of last year. If you could just share with the committee whether or not you did strike a committee between SaskBuilds and the cities with respect to streamlining those issues to acquiring and servicing land. And then what were the recommendations, if any?

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — Yes, that committee was struck, and the result is *The Building Schools Faster Act* which is before the House.

**Hugh Gordon:** — Thank you. With that I'll ask one last question, I guess, considering the time. With respect to the AI office, just wondering if you could inform the committee what prompted the development of this office. And are there plans of turning this office into its own ministry?

[18:45]

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — AI is becoming more prevalent and more prominent in its use. As a result, we wanted to have a coordinated, well-governed approach to executive government for this emerging technology. This investment represents that.

**Chair C. Young:** — All right. Thank you, Minister. And having reached an agreed-upon time for the consideration of these estimates, we will now proceed to vote on the estimates for SaskBuilds and Procurement. But before we begin that, because they are quite lengthy, Minister, if you have any closing remarks you'd like to make.

**Hon. Sean Wilson:** — Thanks. I'd just like to thank my ministry and my chief of staff, and the members opposite and the committee. Everybody in here's awesome. And it's hard to be humble when you have the best ministry in all of government. I really appreciate having everybody here supporting me. Thank you. And thank you to Rebecca. She's awesome too.

**Chair C. Young:** — Thank you, Minister. Mr. Gordon, if you have any closing remarks you'd like to make.

**Hugh Gordon:** — Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to thank you. I'd like to thank my colleagues on the committee this evening, to thank the minister. Deputy Minister Carter, thank you for being here. The ADMs, your chief of staff.

I'm sorry we weren't able to ask all my questions. I was hoping to give everybody an opportunity to participate. So I thank you for coming here tonight from wherever you came from. It's duly appreciated. But I will reserve the right to submit my written questions to the committee after, for the minister to reply. And hopefully at that point you'll have an opportunity to participate fully. So thank you very much for being here, and it is very much appreciated. Thank you.

**Chair C. Young:** — Before we begin voting off the resolutions, the ministry folks and the minister may leave if they choose to. You do not have to stay for the votes.

All right, we will now proceed to vote on the committee

resolutions, beginning with vote 13, SaskBuilds and Procurement. Central management and services, subvote (SP01) in the amount of \$18,067,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried. Property management, subvote (SP02) in the amount of \$5,198,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried. Project management, subvote (SP03) in the amount of zero dollars, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried. Transportation and other services, subvote (SP05) in the amount of \$474,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried. Major capital asset acquisitions, subvote (SP07) in the amount of \$46,979,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried. Information technology, subvote (SP11) in the amount of \$93,171,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried. Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan, subvote (SP13) in the amount of \$5,109,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried. Infrastructure and procurement, subvote (SP14) in the amount of \$21,363,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried. Non-appropriated expense adjustment in the amount of \$15,213,000. Non-appropriated expense adjustments are non-cash adjustments presented for informational purposes only. No amount is to be voted.

SaskBuilds and Procurement, vote 13 — 190,361,000. I will now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to His Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2027, the following sums for Sask Builds and Procurement: \$190,361,000.

So moved by MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly] Thorsteinson. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried

**General Revenue Fund  
Finance**

**Vote 18**

**Chair C. Young:** — Vote 18, Finance. Central management and services, subvote (FI01) in the amount of \$8,865,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried. Provincial Comptroller, subvote (FI03) in the amount of 18,389,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried. Treasury management, subvote (FI04) in the amount of 3,111,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried. Revenue, subvote (FI05) in the amount of 31,179,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried. Budget analysis, subvote (FI06) in the amount of 8,177,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried. Miscellaneous payments, subvote (FI08) in the amount of \$22,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried. Pensions and benefits, subvote (FI09) in the amount of 269,606,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried. Personnel policy secretariat, subvote (FI10) in the amount of 680,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried. Research and development tax credit, subvote (FI12) in the amount of 16,000,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried. Financial programs, subvote (FI13) in the amount of 18,971,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried. Non-appropriated expense adjustment in the amount of 2,626,000. Non-appropriated expense adjustments are non-cash adjustments presented for informational purposes only. No amount is to be voted.

Finance, vote 18 — 375,000,000. I will now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to His Majesty for the 12

months ending March 31st, 2027, the following sums for Finance: 375,000,000.

MLA Steele moves. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried.

**General Revenue Fund  
Finance — Debt Servicing  
Vote 12**

**Chair C. Young:** — Vote 12, Finance — Debt Servicing. Debt servicing, subvote (FD01) in the amount of 949,400,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

Crown corporation debt servicing, subvote (FD02) in the amount of 44,600,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

**General Revenue Fund  
Public Service Commission  
Vote 33**

**Chair C. Young:** — Vote 33, Public Service Commission. Central management and services, subvote (PS01) in the amount of 6,122,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried. Human resource consulting services, subvote (PS03) in the amount of 8,579,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried. Employee relations and strategic human resource services, subvote (PS04) in the amount of 12,260,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried. Human resource service centre, subvote (PS06) in the amount of 16,612,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried. Non-appropriated expense adjustment in the amount of 484,000. Non-appropriated expense adjustments are non-cash adjustments presented for informational purposes only. No amount is to be voted.

Public Service Commission, vote 33 — 43,573,000. I will now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to His Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2027, the following sums for Public Service Commission: 43,573,000.

MLA Kasun moves. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried.

**General Revenue Fund  
Saskatchewan Residential Fuel Charge  
Vote 93**

**Chair C. Young:** — Vote 93, Saskatchewan Residential Fuel Charge. Saskatchewan residential fuel charge, subvote (RF01) in the amount of \$1,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

**General Revenue Fund  
SaskBuilds Corporation  
Vote 86**

**Chair C. Young:** — Vote 86, SaskBuilds Corporation. SaskBuilds Corporation, subvote (SB01) in the amount of zero dollars, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried. SaskBuilds Corporation, vote 86 — zero dollars. I will now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to His Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2027, the following sums for SaskBuilds Corporation: zero dollars.

**James Thorsteinson:** — I will move that.

**Chair C. Young:** — MLA Thorsteinson moves. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried.

**General Revenue Fund  
Lending and Investing Activities  
Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan  
Vote 151**

**Chair C. Young:** — Vote 151, Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan. Loans, subvote (MF01) in the amount of 10,330,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

**General Revenue Fund  
Lending and Investing Activities  
Saskatchewan Power Corporation  
Vote 152**

**Chair C. Young:** — Vote 152, Saskatchewan Power Corporation. Loans, subvote (PW01) in the amount of 1,050,000,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

**General Revenue Fund  
Lending and Investing Activities  
Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation  
Vote 153**

**Chair C. Young:** — Vote 153, Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation. Loans, subvote (ST01) in the amount of 150,000,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

**General Revenue Fund  
Lending and Investing Activities  
Saskatchewan Water Corporation  
Vote 140**

**Chair C. Young:** — Vote 140, Saskatchewan Water Corporation. Loans, subvote (SW01) in the amount of zero dollars. There is no vote as this is statutory.

**General Revenue Fund  
Lending and Investing Activities  
SaskEnergy Incorporated  
Vote 150**

**Chair C. Young:** — Vote 150, SaskEnergy Incorporated. Loans, subvote (SE01) in the amount of \$100,200,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

**General Revenue Fund  
Debt Redemption, Sinking Fund and Interest Payments  
Debt Redemption  
Vote 175**

**Chair C. Young:** — Vote 175, Debt Redemption in the amount of 1,704,109,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

**General Revenue Fund  
Debt Redemption, Sinking Fund and Interest Payments  
Sinking Fund Payments — Government Share  
Vote 176**

**Chair C. Young:** — Vote 176, Sinking Fund Payments — Government Share in the amount of 337,251,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

**General Revenue Fund  
Debt Redemption, Sinking Fund and Interest Payments  
Interest on Gross Debt — Crown Enterprise Share  
Vote 177**

**Chair C. Young:** — Vote 177, Interest on Gross Debt — Crown Enterprise Share in the amount of zero dollars. There is no vote as this is statutory.

[19:00]

**General Revenue Fund  
Supplementary Estimates — No. 2  
Finance  
Vote 18**

**Chair C. Young:** — 2025-26 supplementary estimates no. 2, vote 18, Finance. Research and development tax credit, subvote (FI12) in the amount of \$11,000,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried. Financial programs, subvote (FI13) in the amount of 5,185,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried.

Finance, vote 18 — \$16,185,000. I will now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to His Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2026, the following sums for Finance: 16,185,000.

MLA Steele moves. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried.

**General Revenue Fund  
Supplementary Estimates — No. 2  
Finance — Debt Servicing  
Vote 12**

**Chair C. Young:** — Vote 12, Finance — Debt Servicing. Debt servicing, subvote (FD01) in the amount of 5,300,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

**General Revenue Fund  
Supplementary Estimates — No. 2  
Lending and Investing Activities  
Saskatchewan Power Corporation  
Vote 152**

**Chair C. Young:** — Vote 152, Saskatchewan Power Corporation. Loans, subvote (PW01) in the amount of 50,000,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

**General Revenue Fund  
Supplementary Estimates — No. 2  
Lending and Investing Activities  
SaskEnergy Incorporated  
Vote 150**

**Chair C. Young:** — Vote 150, SaskEnergy Incorporated. Loans, subvote (SE01) in the amount of 1,490,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

Committee members, you have before you a draft of the fourth report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies for the thirtieth legislature. We require a member to move the following motion:

That the fourth report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies for the thirtieth legislature be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

MLA Kasun moves. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried. All right. Committee members, that concludes our business for today. And I would ask a member to move a motion of adjournment.

**James Thorsteinson:** — I would happily move that.

**Chair C. Young:** — MLA Thorsteinson has moved. All agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair C. Young:** — Carried. This committee stands adjourned to the call of the Chair.

[The committee adjourned at 19:04.]

**CORRIGENDUM**

On pages 192-193 of the April 21, 2026 verbatim report No. 13 for the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, several corrections have been made.

The publication has been corrected online. We apologize for the errors.