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[The committee met at 09:33.]

The Deputy Chair: — All right. Good morning, everyone, and welcome to the June 29th meeting with the Standing Committee on House Services. I'll start by introducing everybody. Myself, I'm Cathy Sproule and I'm the Deputy Chair of the committee. We also have member David Forbes, member Lisa Lambert, member Everett Hindley, and the Hon. Mark Docherty, Speaker.

I'd like to inform the committee that pursuant to rule 139(5), the following '20-21 estimates for the legislative branch of government were deemed referred to the Standing Committee on House Services on June 15th, 2020: 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; and vote 28, Provincial Auditor.

Also pursuant to the rules, specifically rule 139(6), the Speaker shall not preside during the examination of bills or estimates in this committee. However, the Speaker is here for the consideration of estimates for the Legislative Assembly and officers of the Legislative Assembly. We are here today to consider the '20-21 estimates for the legislative branch of government.

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

The Deputy Chair: — We will begin with consideration of vote 76, Advocate for Children and Youth. And here's the question: Advocate for Children and Youth, subvote (CA01) in the amount of \$2,610,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried. Advocate for Children and Youth, vote 76, \$2,610,000. I will now ask a member to move the following resolution, and I will note that Mr. Harrison has joined us as well.

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2021, the following sums for Advocate for Children and Youth in the amount of \$2,610,000.

Ms. Lambert. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried.

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

The Deputy Chair: — Next we will continue on with the consideration of vote 34, Chief Electoral Officer. Chief Electoral Officer, subvote (CE01) in the amount of \$24,689,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

Non-appropriated expense adjustment in the amount of \$237,000. Non-appropriated expense adjustments are non-cash adjustments presented for informational purposes only. No amount is to be voted.

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

The Deputy Chair: — Next we will continue on with consideration of vote 57, Conflict of Interest Commissioner. Conflict of Interest Commissioner, subvote (CC01) in the amount of \$582,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried. 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, 2021, the following sums for Conflict of Interest Commissioner in the amount of \$582,000.

Mr. Hindley: — I so move.

The Deputy Chair: — Mr. Hindley. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried.

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

The Deputy Chair: — Next we will continue on with consideration of vote 55, Information and Privacy Commissioner. Information and Privacy Commissioner, subvote (IP01) in the amount of \$2,003,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried. Non-appropriated expense adjustments in the amount of \$14,000. 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, \$2,003,000. Now I will ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2021, the following sums for Information and Privacy Commissioner in the amount of \$2,003,000.

Mr. Forbes. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried.

**General Revenue Fund
Legislative Assembly
Vote 21**

The Deputy Chair: — Moving right along. Next we will continue on with consideration of vote 21, Legislative Assembly, central management and services, subvote (LG01) in the amount of \$3,190,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried. Legislative Assembly Services, subvote (LG03) in the amount of \$6,588,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried. Payments and allowances to individual members, subvote (LG05) in the amount of 16,693,000 . . . Oh I missed one. Sorry. Thank God for Rob Park.

Committees of the Legislative Assembly, subvote (LG04) in the amount of \$35,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

Payments and allowances to individual members, subvote (LG05) in the amount of \$16,693,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

Caucus operations, vote (LG06) in the amount of \$2,306,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

Office of the Speaker and Board of Internal Economy, subvote (LG07) in the amount of \$404,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried. Non-appropriated expense adjustment in the amount of \$167,000. Non-appropriated expense adjustments are non-cash adjustments presented for informational purposes only. No amount is to be voted.

So Legislative Assembly, vote 21, \$10,182,000. 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, 2021, the following sums for Legislative Assembly in the amount of \$10,182,000.

Ms. Lambert. 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: — Next we will continue on with consideration of vote 56, Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner. Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner, subvote (OM01) in the amount \$4,015,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried. Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner, vote 56: \$4,015,000. Now 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, 2021, the following sums for Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner in the amount of \$4,015,000.

Mr. Harrison. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried.

**General Revenue Fund
Provincial Auditor
Vote 28**

The Deputy Chair: — And the last one. Next we will continue on with consideration of vote 28, Provincial Auditor. Provincial Auditor, subvote (PA01) in the amount of \$7,978,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried. Unforeseen expenses, subvote (PA02) in the amount of \$537, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Did I say . . . \$537,000, thank you, just to be clear. Still agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Provincial Auditor, vote 28, \$8,515,000. 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, 2020, the following sums for Provincial Auditor in the amount of \$8,515,000.

David Forbes, Mr. Forbes. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried. I would like now to ask for a member to adopt and present the 16th report of the Standing Committee on House Services. You can read it out.

Ms. Lambert: — Okay. I move:

That the 16th report of the Standing Committee on House Services be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The Deputy Chair: — Is everyone agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried. Any closing remarks from any

members of the committee? I have no closing remarks. Thanks to the Legislative Assembly staff for pulling all this together, and also to Hansard. So I would like a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Hindley. We are adjourned.

[The committee adjourned at 09:43.]