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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES

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[The committee met at 09:23.]

The Deputy Chair: — Good morning, everyone. Welcome to the Standing Committee on House Services. I'm Vicki Mowat, the Deputy Chair of this committee. We're joined today by Ms. Beck, Mr. Ottenbreit, Mr. Steele. And substitutions, we have Ms. Bowes and Mr. Nerlien.

I'd like to inform the committee that pursuant to rule 139(5), the following 2021-22 estimates for the legislative branch of government were deemed referred to the Standing Committee on House Services on April 12, 2021: 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, rule 139(6), the Speaker shall not preside during the examination of bills or estimates in this committee. However the Speaker is available for consideration of estimates for the Legislative Assembly and officers of the Legislative Assembly should we need him.

We are here today to consider the 2021-22 estimates for the legislative branch of government.

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

The Deputy Chair: — We'll start with vote 76, Advocate for Children and Youth. The Advocate for Children and Youth, subvote (CA01) in the amount of 2,690,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried. Advocate for Children and Youth, vote 76 — \$2,690,000. 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, 2022, the following sums for Advocate for Children and Youth in the amount of \$2,690,000.

Mr. Ottenbreit: — I'll make that motion.

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

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried.

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

The Deputy Chair: — Vote 34, Chief Electoral Officer on page 133 of the Estimates book for anyone who's following along at home. Chief Electoral Officer, subvote (CE01) in the amount of 4,655,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

Non-appropriated expense adjustments in the amount of 233,000. Non-appropriated expense adjustments are non-cash adjustments presented for informational purposes only. So no amount is to be voted here.

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

The Deputy Chair: — Vote 57, Conflict of Interest Commissioner. Conflict of Interest Commissioner, subvote (CC01) in the amount of 576,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried. Conflict of Interest Commissioner, vote 57 — 576,000. Is that agreed?

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 31, 2022, the following sums for Conflict of Interest Commissioner in the amount of 576,000.

Mr. Steele. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried.

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

The Deputy Chair: — Vote 55, Information and Privacy Commissioner. The Information and Privacy Commissioner, subvote (IP01) in the amount of 2,058,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Non-appropriated expense adjustment in the amount of zero dollars. 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 — 2,058,000. 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, 2022, the following sums for the Information and Privacy Commissioner in the amount of 2,058,000.

Mr. Nerlien. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — I'll also note that Mr. Dennis has joined us as well.

**General Revenue Fund
Legislative Assembly
Vote 21**

The Deputy Chair: — Vote 21, Legislative Assembly, on page 139. Central management and services, subvote (LG01) in the amount of 3,245,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried. Legislative Assembly Services, subvote (LG03) in the amount of 6,576,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried. 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 16,915,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

Caucus operations, subvote (LG06) in the amount of 2,260,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

Office of the Speaker and Board of Internal Economy, subvote (LG07) in the amount of 434,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried. Non-appropriated expense adjustment in the amount of 190,000. Non-appropriated expense adjustments are non-cash adjustments presented for informational purposes only. No amount is to be voted.

Legislative Assembly, vote 21 — 10,255,000. 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, 2022, the following sums for Legislative Assembly in the amount of 10,255,000.

Mr. Ottenbreit. Is that agreed?

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Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried.

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

The Deputy Chair: — Vote 56, Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner. The Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner, subvote (OM01) in the amount of 4,115,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried. Ombudsman and Public Interest

Disclosure Commissioner, vote 56 — 4,115,000. 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, 2022, the following sums for the Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner in the amount of 4,115,000.

Mr. Steele. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried.

**General Revenue Fund
Provincial Auditor
Vote 28**

The Deputy Chair: — And vote 28, Provincial Auditor. Provincial Auditor, subvote (PA01) in the amount of 8,344,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried. Unforeseen expenses, subvote (PA02) in the amount of 568,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried. Provincial Auditor, vote 28 — 8,912,000. 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, 2022, the following sums for Provincial Auditor in the amount of 8,912,000.

Mr. Nerlien. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried. Committee members, you have before you a draft of the sixth report of the Standing Committee on House Services. We require a member to move the following motion:

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

Mr. Ottenbreit. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried. I'll ask if any members have closing remarks. I will entertain a motion to adjourn. Mr. Steele.

We are adjourned. Thank you. Carried. The committee stands adjourned until the call of the Chair.

[The committee adjourned at 09:33.]