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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES May 5, 2025

[The committee met at 16:17.]

Clerk Assistant: — Good afternoon. Welcome to the Standing Committee on House Services. The Deputy Chair is not in attendance, and the Chair will be a witness for today's meeting. As committee Clerk, I will preside over the election of an Acting Chair. I will now call for nominations for that position.

I recognize MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly] Weedmark.

Kevin Weedmark: — I nominate MLA Sean Wilson for the position of Acting Chair.

Clerk Assistant: — MLA Weedmark has nominated MLA Sean Wilson for the position of Acting Chair. Are there any further nominations? Seeing none, I would now invite one of the members to move a motion.

I recognize MLA Weedmark.

Kevin Weedmark: — I move:

That MLA Sean Wilson preside as Acting Chair of the Standing Committee on House Services for the meeting of May 5th, 2025.

Clerk Assistant: — It has been moved by MLA Weedmark:

That MLA Sean Wilson preside as Acting Chair of the Standing Committee on House Services for the meeting of May 5th, 2025.

All in favour of the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Clerk Assistant: — All those opposed? I declare the motion carried and invite MLA Sean Wilson to take the Chair.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Welcome to everyone here. I'm Sean. I'm the MLA for Canora-Pelly. Members that are here are Jordan McPhail for Brittney Senger, Bhajan Brar, Hon. Lori Carr, Hon. Tim McLeod. Did I say Jared Clarke for Nicole Sarauer? MLA Kevin Weedmark, and myself.

I'd like to inform the committee that pursuant to rule 139(5), the following estimates and supplementary estimates no. 2 were committed to the Standing Committee on House Services on March 27th, 2025 and March 19th, 2025, respectively. 2025-26 estimates: 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 — that's how they used to say it; vote 28, Provincial Auditor. 2024-25 supplementary estimates no. 2: vote 76, Advocate for Children and Youth; vote 57, Conflict of Interest Commissioner; vote 55, Information and Privacy Commissioner; vote 21, Legislative Assembly; vote 56, Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner.

No. 3, consideration of estimates. We are here today to consider

the 2025-26 estimates and 2024-25 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the legislative branch of government. Pursuant to 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.

General Revenue Fund Advocate for Children and Youth Vote 76

Acting Chair Wilson: — We will begin with vote 76, Advocate for Children and Youth, page 123. Advocate for Children and Youth, subvote (CA01) in the amount of 2,999,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Carried.

Advocate for Children and Youth, vote 76 — 2,999,000. I will now ask for 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 Advocate for Children and Youth in the amount of 2,999,000.

MLA Weedmark. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Carried.

General Revenue Fund Chief Electoral Officer Vote 34

Acting Chair Wilson: — Vote 34, Chief Electoral Officer, page 125. Chief Electoral Officer, subvote (CE01) in the amount of 4,994,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

Non-appropriated expense adjustment in the amount of 219,000. 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

Acting Chair Wilson: — Vote 57, Conflict of Interest Commissioner, page 127. Conflict of Interest Commissioner, subvote (CC01) in the amount of 595,000, is that agreed?

 $\textbf{Some Hon. Members:} \ -- \ \text{Agreed}.$

Acting Chair Wilson: — Carried.

Conflict of Interest Commissioner, vote 57 — 595,000. Now I will 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 the Conflict of Interest Commissioner in the amount of 595,000.

MLA McLeod. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Carried.

General Revenue Fund Information and Privacy Commissioner Vote 55

Acting Chair Wilson: — Vote 55, Information and Privacy Commissioner. Information and Privacy Commissioner, subvote (IP01) in the amount of 2,654,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Carried.

Information and Privacy Commissioner, vote 55 — 2,654,000. 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 Information and Privacy Commissioner in the amount of 2,654,000.

MLA McLeod moves. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Carried.

General Revenue Fund Legislative Assembly Vote 21

Acting Chair Wilson: — Estimates, vote 21, Legislative Assembly, page 131. Central management and services, subvote (LG01) in the amount of \$4,193,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Carried. Legislative Assembly Services, subvote (LG03) in the amount of 7,197,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson: — 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 19,837,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

Caucus operations, subvote (LG06) in the amount of 2,629,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

Office of the Speaker and Board of Internal Economy, subvote (LG07) in the amount of 518,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Carried. Non-appropriated expense adjustment in the amount of \$150,000. Non-appropriated expense adjustments are non-cash adjustments presented for informational purposes only. No amount is to be voted.

Legislative Assembly, vote 21 — 11,908,000. 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 Legislative Assembly in the amount of 11,908,000.

MLA Weedmark. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Carried.

General Revenue Fund Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner Vote 56

Acting Chair Wilson: — Vote 56, Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner. Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner, subvote (OM01) in the amount of 4,652,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Carried.

Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner, vote 56 - 4,652,000. 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 Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner in the amount of 4,652,000.

Hon. Lori Carr: — I'll so move.

Acting Chair Wilson: — MLA Carr. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Carried.

General Revenue Fund Provincial Auditor Vote 28

Acting Chair Wilson: — Vote 28, Provincial Auditor, page 137. Provincial Auditor, subvote (PA01) in the amount of 10,066,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Carried. Unforeseen expenses, subvote (PA02) in the amount of 706,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Carried.

Provincial Auditor, vote 28 — 10,772,000. 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 the Provincial Auditor in the amount of 10,772,000.

Hon. Tim McLeod: — I'll so move.

Acting Chair Wilson: — MLA McLeod. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Carried.

General Revenue Fund Supplementary Estimates — No. 2 Advocate for Children and Youth Vote 76

Acting Chair Wilson: — Vote 76, Advocate for Children and Youth, page 19. Advocate for Children and Youth, subvote (CA01) in the amount of 189,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Carried.

Advocate for Children and Youth, vote 76 — 189,000. 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, 2025, the following sums for Advocate for Children and Youth in the amount of 189,000.

Kevin Weedmark: — I so move.

Acting Chair Wilson: — MLA Weedmark. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Carried.

General Revenue Fund Supplementary Estimates — No. 2 Conflict of Interest Commissioner Vote 57

Acting Chair Wilson: — Vote 57, Conflict of Interest Commissioner, page 20. Conflict of Interest Commissioner, subvote (CC01) in the amount of \$100,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Carried. Okay.

Conflict of Interest Commissioner, vote 57 — \$100,000. 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, 2025, the following sums for Conflict of Interest Commissioner in the amount of \$100,000.

Hon. Lori Carr: — I so move.

Acting Chair Wilson: — MLA Carr. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Carried.

General Revenue Fund Supplementary Estimates — No. 2 Information and Privacy Commissioner Vote 55

Acting Chair Wilson: — Vote 55, Information and Privacy Commissioner, page 20. Information and Privacy Commissioner, subvote (IP01) in the amount of 140,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Carried.

Information and Privacy Commissioner, vote 55 — 140,000. 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, 2025, the following sums for Information and Privacy Commissioner in the amount of 140,000.

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Acting Chair Wilson: — MLA Carr. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Carried.

General Revenue Fund Supplementary Estimates — No. 2 Legislative Assembly Vote 21

Acting Chair Wilson: — Vote 21, Legislative Assembly, page 20. Central management and services, subvote (LG01) in the amount of 225,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Carried.

Legislative Assembly, vote 21 — 225,000. 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, 2025, the following sums for the

Legislative Assembly in the amount of 225,000.

Hon. Tim McLeod: — I so move.

Acting Chair Wilson: — MLA McLeod. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Carried.

General Revenue Fund Supplementary Estimates — No. 2 Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner Vote 56

Acting Chair Wilson: — 2024 supplementary estimates no. 2, vote 56, Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner. Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner, subvote (OM01) in the amount of 243,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Carried.

Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner, vote 56 - 243,000. 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, 2025, the following sums for Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner in the amount of 243,000.

Kevin Weedmark: — I so move.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Carried.

Committee members, you have before you a draft of the second report of the Standing Committee on House Services for the thirtieth legislature. We require a member to move the following motion:

That the second report of the Standing Committee on House Services for the thirtieth legislature be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

Hon. Lori Carr: — I so move.

Acting Chair Wilson: — MLA Carr moves. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Carried.

I would now ask a member to move a motion of adjournment. MLA Weedmark has moved. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Acting Chair Wilson: — Carried. This committee stands adjourned to the call of the Chair.

[The committee adjourned at 16:33.]