

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL
AGENCIES**

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

MINUTE NO. 36

3:29 p.m. — Legislative Chamber

1. **Present:** Ken Cheveldayoff and Dana Skoropad in the chair and members Steven Bonk, Fred Bradshaw, Daryl Harrison,* Terry Jenson, Doyle Vermette, and Trent Wotherspoon.*

Substituting Members

Daryl Harrison for Ken Cheveldayoff (3:58 p.m. – 6:37 p.m.)

Trent Wotherspoon for Noor Burki

2. The following documents were tabled:

Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: 2020 report on regulations and bylaws

(CCA 43-29)

Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: 2021 report on regulations and bylaws

(CCA 44-29)

Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: 2022 report on regulations and bylaws

(CCA 45-29)

3. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Finance.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Donna Harpauer, Minister

Chris Bayda, Provincial Comptroller

Brent Hebert, Assistant Deputy Minister, Treasury Board

Karen Lautsch, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services and Performance Management

Nancy Perras, Assistant Deputy Minister, Revenue

Cullen Stewart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Fiscal Policy

Melanie DeMarni, Executive Director, Corporate Services

Amy Gates, Director, Banking and Cash Management

Lana Larson, Director, Planning and Policy Services

4. The committee adjourned consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Finance.
5. The committee recessed from 17:33 p.m. until 17:43 p.m.
6. The committee considered Bill No. 156, *The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2024*.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Donna Harpauer, Minister
Chris Bayda, Provincial Comptroller
Brent Hebert, Assistant Deputy Minister, Treasury Board
Karen Lautsch, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services and Performance Management
Nancy Perras, Assistant Deputy Minister, Revenue
Cullen Stewart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Fiscal Policy
Melanie DeMarni, Executive Director, Corporate Services
Amy Gates, Director, Banking and Cash Management
Lana Larson, Director, Planning and Policy Services

7. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 16, they were agreed to.
8. It was moved by Mr. Bonk:

That the committee report Bill No. 156, *The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2024* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

9. The committee considered Bill No. 157, *The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2024*.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Donna Harpauer, Minister
Chris Bayda, Provincial Comptroller
Brent Hebert, Assistant Deputy Minister, Treasury Board
Karen Lautsch, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services and Performance Management
Nancy Perras, Assistant Deputy Minister, Revenue
Cullen Stewart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Fiscal Policy
Melanie DeMarni, Executive Director, Corporate Services
Amy Gates, Director, Banking and Cash Management
Lana Larson, Director, Planning and Policy Services

10. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 5, they were agreed to.
11. It was moved by Mr. Harrison:

That the committee report Bill No. 157, *The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2024* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to

12. The committee considered Bill No. 159, *The Revenue and Financial Services Amendment Act, 2024*.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Donna Harpauer, Minister
Chris Bayda, Provincial Comptroller
Brent Hebert, Assistant Deputy Minister, Treasury Board
Karen Lautsch, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services and Performance Management
Nancy Perras, Assistant Deputy Minister, Revenue
Cullen Stewart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Fiscal Policy
Melanie DeMarni, Executive Director, Corporate Services
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13. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 52, they were agreed to.

14. It was moved by Mr. Jenson:

That the committee report Bill No. 159, *The Revenue and Financial Services Amendment Act, 2024* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

15. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Finance.

16. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Finance. On motion of Mr. Bradshaw:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2025 the following sum:

For Finance..... \$280,214,000

17. The committee considered the debt servicing estimates for the Ministry of Finance.

18. The committee concluded consideration of the debt servicing estimates for the Ministry of Finance.

19. The committee considered the estimates for Public Service Commission.

20. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for Public Service Commission. On motion of Mr. Bonk:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2025 the following sum:

For Public Service Commission..... \$33,764,000

21. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement.

22. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement. On motion of Mr. Harrison:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2025 the following sum:

For SaskBuilds and Procurement \$156,740,000

23. The committee considered the estimates for SaskBuilds Corporation.

24. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for SaskBuilds Corporation. On motion of Mr. Jenson:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2025 the following sum:

For SaskBuilds Corporation \$0

25. The committee considered the lending and investing activities estimates for Lotteries and Gaming Saskatchewan Corporation.

26. The committee concluded consideration of the lending and investing activities estimates for Lotteries and Gaming Saskatchewan Corporation.

27. The committee considered the lending and investing activities estimates for Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan.

28. The committee concluded consideration of the lending and investing activities estimates for Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan.

29. The committee considered the lending and investing activities estimates for Saskatchewan Power Corporation.

30. The committee concluded consideration of the lending and investing activities estimates for Saskatchewan Power Corporation.

31. The committee considered the lending and investing activities estimates for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation.

32. The committee concluded consideration of the lending and investing activities estimates for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation.

33. The committee considered the lending and investing activities estimates for Saskatchewan Water Corporation.

34. The committee concluded consideration of the lending and investing activities estimates for Saskatchewan Water Corporation.

35. The committee considered the lending and investing activities estimates for SaskEnergy Incorporated.

36. The committee concluded consideration of the lending and investing activities estimates for SaskEnergy Incorporated.
37. The committee considered the estimates for debt redemption.
38. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for debt redemption.
39. The committee considered the estimates for sinking fund payments, government share.
40. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for sinking fund payments, government share.
41. The committee considered the estimates for interest on gross debt, Crown enterprise share.
42. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for interest on gross debt, Crown enterprise share.
43. The committee considered the 2023–24 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Finance.
On motion of Mr. Bonk:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2024 the following sum:

For Finance..... \$1,000

44. The committee considered the 2023–24 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement. On motion of Mr. Harrison:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2024 the following sum:

For SaskBuilds and Procurement \$8,995,000

45. The committee considered the 2023–24 debt servicing supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Finance.
46. The committee concluded consideration of the 2023–24 debt servicing supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Finance.
47. It was moved by Mr. Bradshaw:

That the tenth report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

48. It was moved by Mr. Jenson:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

49. The committee adjourned at 6:37 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Anne Drake
Committee Clerk

Dana Skoropad
Acting Chair