

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES
Thursday, May 6, 2021

MINUTE NO. 5
3:00 p.m. — Legislative Chamber

1. **Present:** Terry Dennis in the chair and members Daryl Harrison, Terry Jenson, Travis Keisig,* Hugh Nerlien,* Dana Skoropad, and Trent Wotherpoon.*

Substituting Members

Travis Keisig for Steven Bonk
Hugh Nerlien for Greg Lawrence
Trent Wotherpoon for Erika Ritchie

2. The committee considered the estimates and 2020-2021 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Finance.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Donna Harpauer, Minister
Rupen Pandya, Deputy Minister

3. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Finance. On motion of Mr. Nerlien:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2022 the following sum:

For Finance..... \$241,731,000

4. The committee concluded consideration of the 2020-2021 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Finance. On motion of Mr. Harrison:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2021 the following sum:

For Finance..... \$20,000,000

5. The committee considered the debt servicing estimates for the Ministry of Finance.
6. The committee concluded consideration of the debt servicing estimates for the Ministry of Finance.
7. The committee considered the estimates for advances to revolving funds.
8. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for advances to revolving funds.
9. The committee considered the lending and investing activities for Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan.
10. The committee concluded consideration of the lending and investing activities for Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan.

11. The committee considered the estimates for debt redemption.
12. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for debt redemption.
13. The committee considered the estimates for sinking fund payments, government share.
14. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for sinking fund payments, government share.
15. The committee considered the estimates for interest on gross debt, Crown enterprise share.
16. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for interest on gross debt, Crown enterprise share.
17. The committee considered the 2020-2021 supplementary estimates no. 2 for debt redemption.
18. The committee concluded consideration of the 2020-2021 supplementary estimates no. 2 for debt redemption.
19. The committee considered the estimates for the Public Service Commission.
20. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Public Service Commission. On motion of Mr. Skoropad:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2022 the following sum:

For Public Service Commission \$33,720,000

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. Jenson:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2022 the following sum:

For SaskBuilds and Procurement \$99,911,000

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

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2022 the following sum:

For SaskBuilds Corporation \$50,000,000

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

26. The committee concluded consideration of the lending and investing activities for Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation.
27. The committee considered the lending and investing activities for Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation.
28. The committee concluded consideration of the lending and investing activities for Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation.
29. The committee considered the lending and investing activities for Saskatchewan Power Corporation.
30. The committee concluded consideration of the lending and investing activities for Saskatchewan Power Corporation.
31. The committee considered the lending and investing activities for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation.
32. The committee concluded consideration of the lending and investing activities for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation.
33. The committee considered the lending and investing activities for Saskatchewan Water Corporation.
34. The committee concluded consideration of the lending and investing activities for Saskatchewan Water Corporation.
35. The committee considered the lending and investing activities for SaskBuilds Corporation
36. The committee concluded consideration of the lending and investing activities for SaskBuilds Corporation.
37. The committee considered the lending and investing activities for SaskEnergy Incorporated.
38. The committee concluded consideration of the lending and investing activities for SaskEnergy Incorporated.
39. It was moved by Mr. Jenson:

That the first 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

40. The committee recessed from 5:49 p.m. until 5:57 p.m.
41. The committee considered Bill No. 32, *The Vapour Products Tax Act*.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Donna Harpauer, Minister
Rupen Pandya, Deputy Minister

42. The question being put on clause 1, it was agreed to.

43. During consideration of clause 2, it was moved by Mr. Jenson:

Amend subsection (1) of clause 2 of the printed Bill by striking out the definition of “**e-substance**” and substituting the following:

“ ‘**e-substance**’ means a solid, liquid or gas that, on being heated, produces a vapour for use in an e-cigarette, regardless of whether the solid, liquid or gas contains nicotine, but does not include:

(a) cannabis as defined in *The Cannabis Control (Saskatchewan) Act*; or

(b) a heated tobacco product as defined in *The Tobacco Tax Act, 1998*”.

A debate arising and the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 2 as amended, it was agreed to.

44. The question being put on clause 3, it was agreed to.

45. During consideration of clause 4, it was moved by Mr. Jenson:

Amend subsection (5) of Clause 4 of the printed Bill by striking out “or suspension”.

A debate arising and the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 4 as amended, it was agreed to.

46. The questions being put on clauses 5 to 13, they were agreed to.

47. It was moved by Mr. Nerlien:

That the committee report Bill No. 32, *The Vapour Products Tax Act* with amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

48. The committee considered Bill No. 33, *The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2021*.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Donna Harpauer, Minister

Rupen Pandya, Deputy Minister

49. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 9, they were agreed to.

50. It was moved by Mr. Harrison:

That the committee report Bill No. 33, *The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2021* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

51. The committee considered Bill No. 34, *The Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 2021*.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Donna Harpauer, Minister
Rupen Pandya, Deputy Minister

52. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 12, they were agreed to.

53. It was moved by Mr. Skoropad:

That the committee report Bill No. 34, *The Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 2021* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

54. The committee considered Bill No. 35, *The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2021*.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Donna Harpauer, Minister
Rupen Pandya, Deputy Minister

55. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 10, they were agreed to.

56. It was moved by Mr. Jensen:

That the committee report Bill No. 35, *The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2021* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

57. The committee considered Bill No. 36, *The Provincial Sales Tax Amendment Act, 2021*.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Donna Harpauer, Minister
Rupen Pandya, Deputy Minister

58. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 7, they were agreed to.

59. It was moved by Mr. Keisig:

That the committee report Bill No. 36, *The Provincial Sales Tax Amendment Act, 2021* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

60. It was moved by Mr. Nerlien:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

61. The committee adjourned at 6:49 p.m. until Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Stacey Ursulescu
Committee Clerk

Terry Dennis
Chair