

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES**  
**Tuesday, March 31, 2009**

**MINUTE NO. 15**  
**3:07 p.m. – Chamber**

1. **Present:** Dustin Duncan in the Chair and Members Fred Bradshaw\*, Nancy Heppner, Tim McMillan, Jim Reiter, Kim Trew, Kevin Yates and Randy Weekes.

**Substituting Members**

Fred Bradshaw for Nancy Heppner (7:00 p.m. to 10:08 p.m. only)

**Other Members**

John Nilson, Frank Quennell, Len Taylor

2. The Chair advised the committee that, pursuant to Rule 146(1), the Estimates for the following ministries and agencies were deemed referred to the committee on March 26, 2009:

Vote 175	Debt Redemption
Vote 18	Finance
Vote 12	Finance – Debt Servicing
Vote 13	Government Services
Vote 82	Growth and Financial Security Fund
Vote 74	Information Technology Office
Vote 151	Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan
Vote 80	Office of the Provincial Secretary
Vote 33	Public Service Commission
Vote 154	Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation
Vote 152	Saskatchewan Power Corporation
Vote 153	Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation
Vote 140	Saskatchewan Water Corporation
Vote 150	SaskEnergy Incorporated
Vote 176	Sinking Fund Payments – Government Share

3. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of Government Services.

The Government Services Minister and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions.

Witnesses

Hon. Dan D’Autremont, Minister

Ron Dedman, Deputy Minister

Phil Lambert, Assistant Deputy Minister, Commercial Services

Debbie Koshman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Support Services

Allen Mullen, Executive Director of Accommodation Services

Shelley Reddekopp, Director, Financial Services

4. The committee concluded its consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Government Services.

On motion of Mr. Reiter:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2010 the following sum:

For Government Services..... \$42,203,000

5. The committee recessed from 5:02 p.m. until 7:02 p.m.
6. The committee considered the Estimates for the Information Technology Office.

The Information Technology Office Minister and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions.

Witnesses

Hon. Dan D’Autremont, Minister  
Don Wincherauk, Deputy Minister  
Rory Norton, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Information Services  
Richard Murray, Executive Director, Policy and Planning  
Darren Hoeving, Director, Business Development

7. The committee concluded its consideration of the Estimates for Information Technology Office. On motion of Mr. McMillan:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2010 the following sum:

For Information Technology Office..... \$7,320,000

8. The committee considered the Estimates for the Office of the Provincial Secretary.

The Provincial Secretary and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Wayne Elhard, Provincial Secretary  
Rick Mantey, Deputy Provincial Secretary  
Wanda Lamberti, Executive Director, Central Management Services  
René Boudreau, Director, Francophone Affairs Branch  
Gwen Jacobson, Acting Chief of Protocol, Protocol Office

9. The committee concluded its consideration of the Estimates for the Office of the Provincial Secretary. On motion of Mr. Bradshaw:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2010 the following sum:

For Office of the Provincial Secretary ..... \$5,024,000

10. The committee considered Bill No.57 – The Land Titles Amendment Act, 2008.

The following Information Services Corporation Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff, Minister  
Kathy Hillman-Weir, General Manager, Corporate Affairs and General Counsel, Corporate Affairs  
JD Roberts, Business Services Counsel, Business Services

11. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 25, they were agreed to.

12. It was moved by Mr. Weekes:

That the committee report Bill No. 57 – The Land Titles Amendment Act, 2008 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

13. The committee considered the Estimates for the Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation.

The Crown Corporations Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff, Minister  
Ron Styles, President, Crown Investments Corporation  
Blair Swystun, Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer, Crown Investments Corporation

14. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation.

15. The committee considered the Estimates for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation.

The Crown Corporations Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff, Minister  
Ron Styles, President, Crown Investments Corporation  
Blair Swystun, Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer, Crown Investments Corporation  
Pat Youzwa, President and Chief Executive Officer, Saskatchewan Power Corporation  
Sandeep Kalra, Vice-President and CFO, Finance and Enterprise Risk Management, Saskatchewan Power Corporation  
Kevin Doherty, Vice-President, Corporate Relations, Saskatchewan Power Corporation

16. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation.

17. The committee considered the Estimates for the Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation.

The Crown Corporations Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff, Minister

Ron Styles, President, Crown Investments Corporation

Blair Swystun, Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer, Crown Investments Corporation

18. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation.

19. The committee considered the Estimates for the Saskatchewan Water Corporation.

The Crown Corporations Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff, Minister

Ron Styles, President, Crown Investments Corporation

Blair Swystun, Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer, Crown Investments Corporation

20. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Saskatchewan Water Corporation.

21. The committee considered the Estimates for SaskEnergy Incorporated.

The Crown Corporations Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff, Minister

Ron Styles, President, Crown Investments Corporation

Blair Swystun, Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer, Crown Investments Corporation

Doug Kelln, President and Chief Executive Officer, SaskEnergy Incorporated

Greg Mrazek, Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer, SaskEnergy Incorporated

22. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for SaskEnergy Incorporated.

23. It was moved by Mr. Reiter:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

24. The committee adjourned at 10:08 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Iris Lang  
Committee Clerk

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Dustin Duncan  
Committee Chair