

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

April 20, 2005

MINUTE NO. 16

3:00 p.m. – Room 8

1. **Present:** Mr. Lautermilch in the Chair and Members Bakken, Hamilton, Higgins, Kirsch, Stewart*, Weekes and Yates.

Substituting Member

Mr. Stewart for Ms. Bakken (for consideration of the Estimates of the Saskatchewan Research Council)

Other Members

Mr. Cheveldayoff, Ms. Draude, Ms. Eagles, Mr. Gantefoer, Ms. Harpauer, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Wakefield

2. The committee began consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Finance.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Harry Van Mulligen, Minister

Ron Styles, Deputy Minister

Glen Veikle, Assistant Deputy Minister, Treasury Board

Joanne Brockman, Executive Director, Economic and Fiscal Policy

Bill Van Sickle, Executive Director, Corporate Services Division

Arun Srinivas, Senior Tax Policy Analyst, Taxation and Intergovernmental Affairs

Erin Brady, Analyst, Taxation and Intergovernmental Affairs

3. The following document was tabled:

ECO 10/25 – Saskatchewan Party Caucus: Briefing Note – Income tax relief for low income earners in Saskatchewan, dated March 2004.

4. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Finance.
5. The committee began consideration of the Estimates for the Saskatchewan Research Council.

The following Saskatchewan Research Council Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Eric Cline, Minister

Laurier L. Schramm, President and Chief Executive Officer

Crystal Smudy, Chief Financial Officer

Tom Ketterer, Controller

6. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for the Saskatchewan Research Council.
7. The committee adjourned at 5:14 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Margaret Woods
Committee Clerk

Eldon Lautermilch
Committee Chair