

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

April 27, 2005

### MINUTE NO. 17

3:00 p.m. – Room 8

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

#### **Substituting Members**

Mr. Krawetz for Ms. Bakken Lackey (for consideration of the Estimates of Labour)

Mr. Stewart for Mr. Weekes (3:00 – 4:10 p.m. only)

Hon. Mr. Thomson for Ms. Higgins (for consideration of the Estimates of Labour)

2. The committee resumed consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Industry and Resources.

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

#### Witnesses

Hon. Eric Cline, Minister

Larry Spannier, Deputy Minister

Jim Marshall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Resource and Economic Policy

Debbie Wilkie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Industry Development

Bruce Wilson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Petroleum and Natural Gas Division

George Patterson, Executive Director, Exploration and Geological Services

Hal Sanders, Executive Director, Revenue and Funding Services

3. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Industry and Resources.
4. The committee resumed consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Labour.

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

#### Witnesses

Hon. Deb Higgins, Minister

Bill Craik, Deputy Minister

Jim Nicol, Assistant Deputy Minister

Corinne Bokitch, Executive Director, Status of Women Office

John Boyd, Executive Director, Planning and Policy Division

Eric Greene, Executive Director, Labour Standards

Margaret Halifax, Director, Office of the Worker's Advocate

Glennis Bihun, Manager, Occupational Health & Safety Partnerships

Kevin Kuntz, Manager, Budget and Operations

Gail Kruger, Vice President, Prevention, Finance and Information Technology, Workers'

Compensation Board

Melanie Baldwin, Registrar, Labour Relations Board

5. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Labour.
6. The committee adjourned at 4:58 p.m. to the call of the Chair.