

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

May 3, 2006

### MINUTE NO. 29

3:00 p.m. – Chamber

1. **Present:** Mr. McCall in the Chair and Members Atkinson\*, Hamilton, Higgins, Kirsch, Krawetz\*, Lautermilch, Stewart and Weekes.

#### **Substituting Members**

Hon. Ms. Atkinson for Hon. Ms. Higgins (from 3:50 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.)

Mr. Krawetz for Mr. Kirsch (for consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Labour)

#### **Other Members**

Mr. Bjornerud, Mr. Cheveldayoff, Mr. Chisholm, Mr. Cline, Ms. Draude, Mr. Gantefer, Mr. Krawetz

2. The following documents were tabled:

**ECO 21/25 Department of Labour:** Responses to questions raised at the April 19, 2006 meeting of the committee re: Workers' Compensation Board matters, dated May 3, 2006.

**ECO 22/25 Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation:** Responses to questions raised at the December 1, 2005 meeting of the committee re: Individuals consulted during film review, dated Jan. 10, 2006.

3. The committee considered the Estimates for the Department of Finance.

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

#### Witnesses

Hon. Andrew Thomson, Minister

Kirk McGregor, Acting Deputy Minister

Dennis Polowyk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Treasury and Debt Management Division

Len Rog, Assistant Deputy Minister, Revenue Division

Brian Smith, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Employees Benefits Agency

Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller

Joanne Brockman, Executive Director, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch

Bill Van Sickle, Executive Director, Corporate Services

4. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Finance.
5. The committee considered the Estimates and Supplementary 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

Laurie Schramm, President and Chief Executive Officer

Robin Dick, Financial Analyst

6. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Saskatchewan Research Council.
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The following Department of Labour Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions.

Witnesses

Hon. David Forbes, Minister  
Bill Craik, Deputy Minister  
Jim Nicol, Assistant Deputy Minister  
Peter Federko, Chief Executive Officer, Workers' Compensation Board  
Donna Kane, Vice President, Human Resources and Team Support, Workers' Compensation Board  
Melanie Baldwin, Board Registrar, Labour Relations Board  
Glennis Bihun, Acting Executive Director, Occupational Health and Safety Division  
John Boyd, Executive Director, Policy and Planning Division  
Eric Greene, Executive Director, Labour Standards Branch  
Nadine Sisk, Acting Executive Director, Status of Women Office  
Margaret Halifax, Director, Office of the Worker's Advocate  
Kevin Kuntz, Director, Finance and Administration, Human Resource and Administration

8. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Labour.
9. The committee adjourned at 6:32 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Margaret A. Woods  
Committee Clerk

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Warren McCall  
Committee Chair