

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY**  
**Wednesday, April 17, 2024**

**MINUTE NO. 32**

**3:30 p.m. — māmawapiwin náyati room (Room 8)**

1. **Present:** Colleen Young in the chair and members Jared Clarke,\* Terry Dennis,\* Ken Francis, Daryl Harrison,\* Delbert Kirsch, Doug Steele, and Aleana Young.

**Substituting Members**

Jared Clarke for Jennifer Bowes

Terry Dennis for Doug Steele (6:29 p.m. – 8:48 p.m.)

Daryl Harrison for Greg Ottenbreit

2. The committee considered the estimates and supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Energy and Resources.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Jim Reiter, Minister

Blair Wagar, Deputy Minister

Sharla Hordenchuk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Energy Regulation

Cory Hughes, Assistant Deputy Minister, Resource Development

Janice Loseth, Assistant Deputy Minister, Lands and Corporate Services

Jane McLeod, Executive Director, Field Services

Kim Olyowsky, Executive Director, Revenue and Financial Services

Eric Warren, Executive Director, Energy Policy

3. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Energy and Resources. On motion of Mr. Francis:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2025 the following sum:

For Energy and Resources..... \$51,313,000

4. The committee concluded consideration of the 2023–24 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Energy and Resources. On motion of Mr. Harrison:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2024 the following sum:

For Energy and Resources..... \$94,500,000

5. The committee recessed from 5:35 p.m. until 6:29 p.m.

6. The committee considered the estimates and supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Environment.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Christine Tell, Minister  
Veronica Gelowitz, Deputy Minister  
Rebecca Gibbons, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services and Policy  
Wes Kotyk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Protection  
Kevin Murphy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Resource Management  
Aaron Wirth, Executive Director, Climate Resilience  
Nick Gan, Director, Budget and Reporting

7. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Environment. On motion of Mr. Francis:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2025 the following sum:

For Environment..... \$235,769,000

8. The committee concluded consideration of the 2023–24 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Environment. On motion of Mr. Harrison:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2024 the following sum:

For Environment..... \$20,285,000

9. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Agriculture.

10. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Agriculture. On motion of Mr. Dennis:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2025 the following sum:

For Agriculture ..... \$568,496,000

11. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Highways.

12. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Highways. On motion of Mr. Francis:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2025 the following sum:

For Highways ..... \$741,093,000

13. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training.

14. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training. On motion of Mr. Kirsch:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2025 the following sum:

For Immigration and Career Training ..... \$160,280,000

15. The committee considered the estimates for Innovation Saskatchewan.

16. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for Innovation Saskatchewan. On motion of Mr. Harrison:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2025 the following sum:

For Innovation Saskatchewan ..... \$31,042,000

17. The committee considered the estimates for Saskatchewan Research Council.

18. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for Saskatchewan Research Council. On motion of Mr. Dennis:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2025 the following sum:

For Saskatchewan Research Council..... \$41,623,000

19. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Trade and Export Development.

20. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Trade and Export Development. On motion of Mr. Kirsch:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2025 the following sum:

For Trade and Export Development ..... \$40,383,000

21. The committee considered the estimates for Water Security Agency.

22. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for Water Security Agency. On motion of Mr. Francis:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2025 the following sum:

For Water Security Agency ..... \$103,638,000

23. The committee considered the 2023–24 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Agriculture.

24. The committee concluded consideration of the 2023–24 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Agriculture. On motion of Mr. Harrison:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2024 the following sum:

For Agriculture..... \$86,321,000

25. The committee considered the 2023–24 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Highways.

26. The committee concluded consideration of the 2023–24 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Highways. On motion of Mr. Dennis:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2024 the following sum:

For Highways ..... \$23,400,000

27. The committee considered the 2023–24 supplementary estimates no. 2 for Saskatchewan Research Council.

28. The committee concluded consideration of the 2023–24 supplementary estimates no. 2 for Saskatchewan Research Council. On motion of Mr. Kirsch:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2024 the following sum:

For Saskatchewan Research Council..... \$5,000,000

29. It was moved by Mr. Francis:

That the seventh report of the Standing Committee on the Economy be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

30. It was moved by Mr. Harrison:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

31. The committee adjourned at 8:48 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Miranda Gudereit  
Committee Clerk

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Colleen Young  
Chair