

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY**  
**Tuesday, March 10, 2009**

**MINUTE NO. 15**  
**7:00 p.m. - Room 8**

1. **Present:** D.F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert in the Chair and Members Darcy Furber, Ron Harper, Jeremy Harrison, Serge LeClerc\*, Laura Ross and Nadine Wilson.

**Substituting Members**

Serge LeClerc for Warren Michelson

**Other Members**

Pat Atkinson, Buckley Belanger, Deb Higgins, Doyle Vermette

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

Vote 1	Agriculture
Vote 16	Highways and Infrastructure

3. The committee considered Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure.

The following Highways and Infrastructure Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Wayne Elhard, Minister  
Terry Schmidt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations  
George Stamatinos, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Programs  
Ted Stobbs, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services

4. The committee concluded its consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure. On motion of Ms. Ross:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009 the following sums:

For Highways and Infrastructure ..... \$121,650,000

5. The committee considered Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Agriculture.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Bob Bjornrud, Minister  
Nithi Govindasamy, Associate Deputy Minister  
Rick Burton, Assistant Deputy Minister  
Laurier Donais, Director, Corporate Services Branch

Tom Schwartz, Director, Financial Programs Branch  
Maury Harvey, Manager, Business Risk Management

6. The committee concluded its consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for Agriculture. On motion of Ms. Wilson:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009 the following sums:

For Agriculture ..... \$101,367,000

7. It was moved by Ms. Ross:

That the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on the Economy be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

8. The committee adjourned at 9:28 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Kathy Burianyk  
Committee Clerk

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D. F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert  
Committee Chair