

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES

April 29th, 1999

MINUTE NO. 8

8:30 a.m. in Room 10

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Whitmore in the Chair and Members Aldridge, Belanger, Gantefoer, Jess, Johnson, and Stanger
2. The following document was tabled:

EST 1/23 – Office of the Provincial Auditor: Business and Financial Plan for the year ended March 31, 2000 by the Provincial Auditor. Distributed to Members on April 29, 1999.

3. The Committee considered Estimates for the Ombudsman (Vote 56, subvote OC01). The Officials responded to questions put by Members.

Officials Present:

Honourable Glenn Hagel, Speaker
Barbara Tomkins, Ombudsman
Murray Knoll, Assistant Ombudsman

4. The Committee considered Estimates for the Children's Advocate (Vote 56, subvote OC02). The Officials responded to questions put by Members.

Officials Present:

Honourable Glenn Hagel, Speaker
Deborah Parker-Loewen, Children's Advocate
Bernadette Rodier, Executive Secretary, Children's Advocate

5. The Committee adopted the following resolutions:

Main Estimates, 1999-00, Vote 56:

- i) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the following sums:

For Ombudsman and Children's Advocate.....\$2,279,000.

Supplementary Estimates, 1998-99, Sub-vote LG07:

- ii) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1999 the following sum:

For Legislation -- Children's Advocate\$37,000.

6. The Committee considered Estimates for the Chief Electoral Officer (Vote 34) . The Official responded to questions put by Members.

Officials Present:

Honourable Glenn Hagel, Speaker
Jan Baker, Chief Electoral Officer

7. The Committee considered Estimates for the Conflict of Interest Commissioner (Vote 57). The Speaker responded to questions put by Members.

Officials Present:

Honourable Glenn Hagel, Speaker
Marilyn Borowski, Director, Financial Services, Legislative Assembly

8. The Committee adopted the following resolutions:

Main Estimates, 1999-00, Vote 57:

- i) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the following sums:

For Conflict of Interest Commissioner\$91,000.

9. The Committee considered Estimates for the Information and Privacy Commissioner (Vote 55). The Speaker responded to questions put by Members.

Officials Present:

Honourable Glenn Hagel, Speaker
Marilyn Borowski, Director, Financial Services, Legislative Assembly

10. The Committee adopted the following resolutions:

Main Estimates, 1999-00, Vote 55:

- i) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the following sums:

For Information and Privacy Commissioner.....\$63,000.

11. The Committee recessed at 9:46 a.m. until 10:05 a.m.

12. The Committee considered Estimates for the Provincial Auditor. The Officials responded to questions put by Members.

Officials Present:

Honourable Glenn Hagel, Speaker
Fred Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor
Sandra Walker, Manager, Administration
Angele Borys, Principal, Support Services

13. The Committee adopted the following resolutions:

Main Estimates, 1999-00, Vote 28:

- i) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the following sums:

For Provincial Auditor\$4,442,000.

14. The Committee considered Estimates for the Legislative Assembly. The Officials responded to questions put by Members.

Officials Present:

Honourable Glenn Hagel, Speaker
Gwenn Ronyk, Clerk
Marilyn Borowski, Director, Financial Services
Linda Kaminski, Director, Personnel and Administrative Services
Marian Powell, Legislative Librarian
Gary Ward, Director of Broadcast Services

15. The Committee adopted the following resolutions:

Main Estimates, 1999-00, Vote 21:

- i) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000, the following sums:

For Legislative Assembly\$5,308,000.

Supplementary Estimates, 1998-99, Sub-votes LG03 and LG04:

- ii) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1999 the following sum:

For Legislation -- Legislative Assembly\$728,000.

16. The Committee adopted the following resolutions for the Legislative Branch of Government:

Main Estimates: Less Interim Supply No.1

- i) Resolved, that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000, the sum of eleven million, one hundred and sixty-nine thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund. (Mr. Johnson)

Supplementary Estimates 1998-99

- ii) Resolved, that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999, the sum of seven hundred sixty-five thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund. (Mr. Jess)

17. It was moved by Mr. Belanger:

That this Committee recommend that upon concurrence in the Committee's report, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the Appropriation Bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

18. The Committee considered a draft report to the Assembly.

It was moved by Mr. Jess:

That the draft report of the Standing Committee on Estimates be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

19. It was moved by Mr. Gantefer:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

20. The Committee adjourned at 11:15 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

Gregory A. Putz
Committee Clerk

Grant Whitmore
Committee Chair