STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES Thursday, May 22nd, 2003

MINUTE NO. 6 9:05 a.m. – Room 10

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Addley in the Chair and Members Harpauer, Harper, Jones, Krawetz, Prebble, Wakefield, Wiberg and Yates

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

Officials Present:

Honourable P. Myron Kowalsky, Speaker Gerald Gerrand, Conflict of Interest Commissioner

3. The Committee adopted the following resolutions:

Main Estimates, 2003-2004, Vote 57:

i) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the following sums:

For the Conflict of Interest Commissioner.	\$122,000
	(Mr. Krawetz)

4. The following document was tabled:

EST 6/24 – Office of the Provincial Auditor: Business and Financial Plan for the year ended March 31, 2004 by the Provincial Auditor.

5. The Committee considered Estimates for the Provincial Auditor (Vote 28). The Officials responded to questions put by Members.

Officials Present:

Honourable P. Myron Kowalsky, Speaker Fred Wendel, Provincial Auditor Brian Atkinson, Assistant Provincial Auditor Sandra Walker, Manager, Administration Angèle Borys, Principal, Support Services Heather Tomlin, Data Systems Administrator

6. The Committee adopted the following resolutions:

Main Estimates, 2003-2004, Vote 28:

i) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the following sums:

For Provincial Auditor	\$5,6	527,000
	(Mr.	Yates)

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

Officials Present:

Honourable P. Myron Kowalsky, Speaker Barbara Tomkins, Ombudsman Lynne Fraser, Human Resources and Financial Administrator

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

Officials Present:

Honourable P. Myron Kowalsky, Speaker Deborah Parker-Loewen, Children's Advocate Glenda Clooney, Deputy Children's Advocate Caroline Sookocheff, Administrative Assistant

9. The Committee adopted the following resolutions:

Main Estimates, 2003-2004, Vote 56:

i) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the following sums:

For Ombudsman and Children's Advocate	\$2,515,000
	(Mr. Prebble)

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

Officials Present:

Honourable P. Myron Kowalsky, Speaker Jan Baker, Chief Electoral Officer

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

Officials Present:

Honourable P. Myron Kowalsky, Speaker Gwenn Ronyk, Clerk Greg Putz, Deputy Clerk Patrick Shaw, Sergeant-at-Arms Marilyn Borowski, Director, Financial Services Linda Kaminski, Director, Human Resource and Administrative Services Marian Powell, Legislative Librarian Pat Kolesar, Assistant Legislative Librarian Gary Ward, Director of Broadcast Services Margaret Tulloch, Assistant to the Speaker Darlene Trenholm, Hansard Lorraine deMontigny, Director of Visitor Services Guy Barnabé, Director, Information Technology Services Ken Ring, Legislative Counsel and Law Clerk

EST 7/24 – Written submission entitled "Legislative Assembly Vote 21".

13. The Committee adopted the following resolutions:

Main Estimates, 2003-2004, Vote 21:

i) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the following sums:

For Legislative Assembly	\$6,261,000
	(Mr. Harper)

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

Officials Present:

Honourable P. Myron Kowalsky, Speaker Gwenn Ronyk, Clerk, Legislative Assembly Marilyn Borowski, Director, Financial Services, Legislative Assembly

14. The Committee adopted the following resolutions:

Main Estimates, 2003-2004, Vote 55:

i) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the following sums:

For Information and Privacy Commissioner.....\$306,000 (Mr. Wakefield)

Supplementary Estimates, 2002-2003, Vote 55, Sub-vote IP01:

ii) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2003 the following sum:

For the Information and Privacy Commissioner......\$31,000 (Ms. Jones)

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

Supplementary Estimates: Less Interim Supply No.1

- Resolved, that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2003, the sum of thirty-one thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund. (Ms. Jones)
- 16. The Committee adopted the following resolutions for the Legislative Branch of Government:

Main Estimates: Less Interim Supply No.1

 Resolved, that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004, the sum of twelve million, three-hundred fifty-nine thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund. (Ms. Harpauer)

17. It was moved by Mr. Harper:

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. Wiberg:

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. Harper:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

20. The Committee adjourned at 10:39 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

Viktor Kaczkowski Committee Clerk Graham Addley Chair