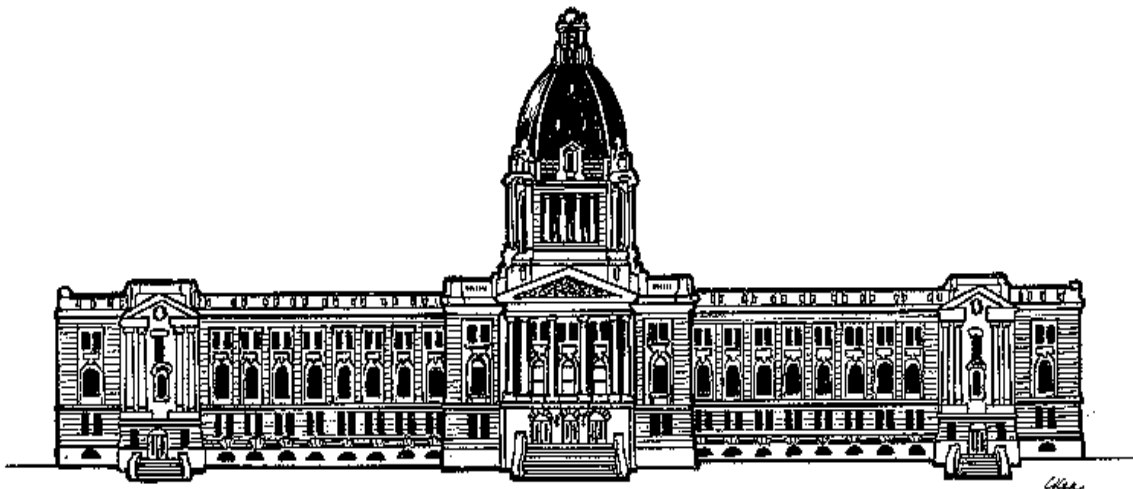




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## STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES

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Mr. Randy Weekes  
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[The committee met at 19:00.]

**The Deputy Chair:** — All right, I would like to call the meeting of the committee to order. Let me just say off the top that we are here to deal with referral of estimates. Pursuant to rule 138(5), the following estimates for the legislative branch of government were deemed referred to the committee on March 26, 2009: vote 34, Chief Electoral Officer; vote 76, Children's Advocate; vote 57, Conflict of Interest Commissioner; vote 55, Information and Privacy Commissioner; vote 21, Legislative Assembly; vote 56, Ombudsman; vote 28, Provincial Auditor.

**General Revenue Fund  
Provincial Auditor  
Vote 28**

**Subvote (PA01)**

**The Deputy Chair:** — The first matter in front of us today is the consideration of the estimates for Provincial Auditor. These appear on page 159 of the Estimates book, Provincial Auditor, therefore vote 28. The Hon. Don Toth, Speaker, is with us and I would ask Mr. Speaker to introduce those who are with him.

**The Speaker:** — Thank you, Mr. Chair. Joining us tonight from the Provincial Auditor's office are Mr. Fred Wendel, the Provincial Auditor to my left; to his left, Brian Atkinson, the assistant provincial auditor; and behind us, Angèle Borys, principal support services; and Heather Tomlin, data services administrator. And these folks have joined us to respond to any questions that the committee may have in regards to their duties as the Provincial Auditor. And I'll invite Mr. Wendel to make a few opening comments before questions.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Wendel, the floor is yours.

**Mr. Wendel:** — Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm not certain how you want to proceed. I do have a brief presentation, or you could just take questions — whatever you prefer or whatever the committee prefers.

**The Deputy Chair:** — May I ask, for the benefit of the committee, how long your presentation is?

**Mr. Wendel:** — About seven minutes.

**The Deputy Chair:** — The committee accepts the request. By all means, please make your presentation then, Mr. Wendel, and welcome to the committee. Thank you.

**Mr. Wendel:** — Thank you, Mr. Chair. And thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today about our business and financial plan for 2010. We provided you a copy of our plan earlier this week. The Legislative Assembly received the plan in November 2008 and referred it to the Public Accounts Committee. The plan was considered and accepted by the committee on January 20, 2009.

As the Assembly's auditor, our role is to help the Assembly hold the government accountable for its performance. We do this by independently auditing all 280 government agencies

every year and reporting our results and recommendations on government agencies to the government agencies and to the Assembly. Our recommendations focus on improving the management of public resources and improving the performance information that the Assembly receives from the government. The Assembly usually receives our advice on the government's performance three times a year. We assist the Public Accounts Committee and the Crown and Central Agencies committees in their review of the government's performance.

We also train professionals, accountants, for public service. We have about 58 employees. This number is unchanged from last year. Our staff at any time is made up of about 30 professional accountants and about 20 people training to become professional accountants. As well we employ a lawyer, a health professional, and administrative assistants. Usually about five to six professional employees leave the office every year. We hire recent graduates from the two universities to replace them. Our employees on an average are about 39 years old, and nearly 60 per cent of our employees are women.

The government delivers its services through many large and complex organizations. It is challenging to build and keep the specialized expertise to comply with the professional standards to audit all of these diverse government agencies. It requires our staff to specialize in many fields including energy, insurance, information technology, pensions, education, and health. As well our staff must maintain expert knowledge of generally accepted auditing standards and generally accepted accounting principles which are changing rapidly.

In 2009 Canada is moving to international auditing standards, and in 2010 many government agencies must prepare their financial information using international accounting principles. Our 2010 business and financial plan is status quo. It is based on our strategic plan that is essentially unchanged for the past several years. This is the same strategic plan that the House Services Committee considered last year. That concludes my remarks on our work plan.

Now I want to touch briefly on our financial plan to carry out this work plan. The estimates you are considering today has two parts. The first part is the amount we need to finance our work plan for 2010. We are requesting \$6.985 million. This amount is \$308,000 more than last year's request or about a 4.6 per cent increase. We explain on pages 5 and 6 the factors that increase our costs for 2010.

Two factors cause the 4.6 per cent increase. First, because 80 per cent of our total costs are salaries and benefits, the 4.5 salary increase that the government gave to all public servants makes up most of the increase. As well to attract new employees from the universities, we had to increase starting salaries. The rest of the increase is the result of the government establishing more government agencies that we have to audit and extra work caused by the changes to international accounting standards.

One of the biggest challenges this office will face in the next two to three years will be hiring and keeping professional staff with the skills to deal with the accounting profession's move to

international auditing and international accounting standards, starting in 2009 and 2010 respectively. Under *The Provincial Auditor Act*, we must follow those standards. I expect continued shortages of professional accountants because of additional training and work to comply with the international standards. These shortages will continue to drive increased salaries for professional accountants.

The second part of the estimates you are considering today is a contingency appropriation. We are asking for \$463,000. The law requires a contingency appropriation to operate my office. This appropriation allows my office to respond to unforeseen expenses, such as a new government agency that we have to audit or a special investigation that may be required. If we use the contingency appropriation during 2010, we will make a full report of why we used the appropriation and the amount we used in our 2010 annual report.

In closing I want to say that your approval of the amounts in the estimates will allow me to discharge my duties to the Assembly. And that ends my remarks, and I'd be pleased to try and answer any questions the committee may have.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Wendel. Mr. Yates.

**Mr. Yates:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. I have very few questions, but I wanted to start by asking what — I know this is a difficult question perhaps to ask — but what are the expectations for difficulties in hiring in the next two to three years, and what does it mean in regards to preparing existing staff to audit under the international standards?

**Mr. Wendel:** — Well what we have is a shortage of accountants at the moment. And as they move to the international standards, people my age and a little bit younger will be thinking whether they want to learn those new standards and apply them. So my expectation is that there will be a few people leaving, and they'll have to be replaced. So that will cause a bit of a shortage. There's also some training.

The way the Institute of Chartered Accountants is going, they're going to have another set of generally accepted accounting principles for small business, so many people who understand the accounting principles now for Canada will stay in that field and try and work in small business, and the larger organizations and anything in the public sector, you know, will be looking for people that know the international standards. So it'll be a problem.

**Mr. Yates:** — Thank you very much. How many of the existing staff will have to undergo additional training in order to meet these standards themselves?

**Mr. Wendel:** — We've begun training in the international standards. Some of our staff have been to the first course. Some have been to one or two others. But they're specialized courses for different kinds of industries, so we'll just be working through that for the next 12 months.

**Mr. Yates:** — Thank you. So the auditors in the Provincial Auditor's office will in fact take only the standards in the area in which they're operating. As an example, if it's in health care,

they'll take specific to health care. And how many people would in fact have the general overall knowledge of the broader multiple disciplines in the supervisory roles, as an example?

**Mr. Wendel:** — Some of my more senior staff would have to have a number of industries they would have to understand what the rules are, yes. We're broken into four groups. There's a group looks after gaming and insurance. A group looks after the health sector. A group looks after the CIC [Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan] Crown corporations and Finance, and the other group is Social Services and that issue.

**Mr. Yates:** — Thank you very much. Do you anticipate any difficulty in meeting the time frames to have the auditors at the office with the new skills prior to implementation?

**Mr. Wendel:** — I'm hopeful, Mr. Chair, that we will get all the training we need. And I'm required to have that. Under professional standards, I have to have competent people that understand the businesses they're auditing.

**Mr. Yates:** — Thank you. As you're hiring new entry-level auditors, is it commonplace to be able to hire auditors with those international standards? Or is it commonplace to have to bring everybody in and then train them?

**Mr. Wendel:** — Our practice for many years has been to bring people in from the universities, train them, make them professional accountants, mentor them so they can move on if they want to move on or stay with us and specialize. And it's been very successful for us for years. We have advertised to try and get people to come in that are CMAs [certified management accountant] or CAs [chartered accountant] or CGAs [certified general accountant] to come in, but it's very difficult to do that.

**Mr. Yates:** — Thank you very much. My final question is, are you in future years going to require additional resources in order to update and maintain the new training standards?

**Mr. Wendel:** — At the moment we're thinking that the financing that we have should be sufficient to do the training, develop the skills, and do the work. But that remains to be seen till we actually get in and actually try and audit these corporations with the new accounting principles. If they've got good systems, it should go smoothly. But that's not necessarily the case all the time. And if there's problems, then there's a great deal of work required to delve into it. But at the moment, we have enough money for this year, and we'll be assessing that when we come forward with our plan next year in the fall.

**Mr. Yates:** — Thank you very much. That concludes my questions, but it will be interesting to ask you similar questions next year as you move down this road to see how it is in fact working. Thank you very much.

**The Deputy Chair:** — All right. Thank you, Mr. Yates. Are there any other questions? Seeing none, thank you, Mr. Wendel, I appreciate your presentation and answering of the questions.

I think we would move next to the report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. And after that is done, we will then do all of the votes in order. So thank you very much, Mr. Wendel,

and your colleagues.

**Mr. Wendel:** — Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you, committee.

[19:15]

**General Revenue Fund  
Information and Privacy Commissioner  
Vote 55**

**Subvote (IP01)**

**The Deputy Chair:** — All right, let me indicate that we are now considering the estimates for the Information and Privacy Commissioner. Mr. Speaker, would you care to introduce our guests.

**The Speaker:** — Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Joining us tonight is the Information Privacy Commissioner Gary Dickson, as well as a couple of his staff: Diane Aldridge to my left and Pam Scott to my right.

**The Deputy Chair:** — All right. Thank you very much. I did not indicate, we're at vote 55. It shows on page 151 of the Estimates book. Mr. Dickson, do you have a presentation?

**Mr. Dickson:** — I have a brief presentation, about six or seven minutes.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Proceed.

**Mr. Dickson:** — Okay. Thank you very much.

**The Deputy Chair:** — And welcome.

**Mr. Dickson:** — Thanks, Mr. Chairman, and good evening, members. As members know, our office has a very broad statutory mandate as we oversee approximately 3,000 organizations in Saskatchewan under three different laws. Firstly, *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* or FOIP; *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, LAFOIP; and *The Health Information Protection Act*, or HIPA.

That mandate has, if you like, four primary elements. The first element would be reviewing decisions by public bodies or health trustees to deny access to one of your constituents. The second type of work we do would be when one of your constituents registers a breach of privacy complaint. And then we undertake that and do an investigation.

We continue to be challenged in both of these two areas with a backlog. We have, as of this date, 262 of those reviews and investigations not yet closed. This will be an increase of 36 per cent over where we were one fiscal year ago.

Just to give you a bit of some examples of the kinds of things that these investigations would include, just very quickly, I'm sure you will recall last year we discovered thousands of abandoned health records which physicians had not properly destroyed or taken care of when they either retired or left the province. In addition other kinds of things — personal health

information found on used fax equipment that was sold as surplus. Unsecured personnel and inmate records, correctional centre. Inappropriate sharing of personal health information by health professionals. Posting full-text decisions on the Internet without masking personal identifiers, and employers sharing a psychological assessment with people who had no legitimate need to know.

Employment financial information provided to the wrong person in unencrypted flash drive containing personal health information that went missing. The wrong wristband put on a patient. Personal health information of a patient available through an unsecured link on the Internet. Personal health information sent to the wrong person via mail and fax. And then some notoriety, I think, attached to the disclosure, by one of our large cities, of personal information on more than 2,000 citizens, including SIN [social insurance number] numbers and personal identifiers.

So those are the first two areas of our mandate and those are some examples.

The third area would be detailed advice and commentary, and these would be cases where either we've identified a need to provide some detailed advice, or more often, public bodies approach us in a proactive way and request advice in terms of ensuring that a new program they're rolling out is compliant with the legislation.

Just some examples with that . . . we have 69 of those files that we've opened and closed to the end of the fiscal year, ended just a couple of days ago. And that would include things like . . . You may recall my commentary on Bill 72, the enhanced driver's licence. We just finished almost a 30-page assessment of a privacy impact assessment done for one piece of the electronic health record and providing that commentary to the health trustee.

And then the last area of our service would be education. That includes two parts. One is summary advice, and in this case it would mean we've received in the fiscal year just ended 3,136 calls and emails requesting help with privacy-related issues or access-related issues. It's sometimes public bodies looking for assistance in interpreting the legislation and providing information on best practices. In addition we do presentations, a large number of presentations, to the public and organizations around the province on our role and process. To do all of that work, we have the director, Ms. Aldridge, and three portfolio officers, and that's supported by three support positions. So we had seven FTEs [full-time equivalents]. The decision of the board to give us an increase means we will have eight FTEs going forward.

The estimates approved by the board on February 13, 2009, the Board of Internal Economy, was for \$927,000, and that included some one-time costs to cover two maternity leaves top-up, up to \$26,000. A new connectivity charge from SaskTel, this results . . . We're trying wherever possible to share our resources with the Legislative Assembly so that we don't have to go out and duplicate services that we can get elsewhere. And so we're moving our server into the Legislative Assembly, so we can save some substantial dollars doing that. But it means we'll have some connectivity costs we didn't have

to pay before, and that could be in the area of \$13,000.

And then when the board provided us with approximately 12.7 per cent increase over the year before, it covered off these items and also provided for one new administrative position. So I look forward to your questions and thanks very much, Chairman and members, for your patience.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Dickson. Questions? Mr. Yates.

**Mr. Yates:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. I'd like to start by congratulating you on your reappointment, Mr. Dickson, and hope that the next five years are as enjoyable as the first, I hope, were.

I have a couple questions about training and staffing in the office. Like the previous independent officer, I believe that the skills required to be a portfolio officer in your business, in your shop as the Privacy Commissioner, also is something that's not easily accessible, and that training and hiring of people can be a challenge. Could you outline for us how you go about filling a maternity leave or a short-term absence of a year with the skills that would be required and aren't readily available in the marketplace?

**Mr. Dickson:** — You bet. I might start by saying that we found from a number of open competitions — and we always hire investigators through an open competition — there just are not very many men and women in Saskatchewan that have the specialized knowledge that we need to be able to do our job. To be able to be a portfolio officer, you actually have to be an expert on seven different privacy laws — three federal laws that apply in Saskatchewan and we have four provincial laws. Actually you might be interested to know we have more separate pieces of privacy legislation than any other jurisdiction in all of Canada.

So what we found is, because we can't find people sort of off-the-shelf with all of the skills we need and the knowledge we need, what we do is we hire the very best people we can find in these open competitions and then we have quite a rigorous in-service training program. That takes between, I'd say, seven to ten months to bring somebody in, and our director of compliance has developed a very comprehensive training module, if you will, that we put those people through.

We also require, to work in our office, that you either have completed or will enrol and complete in our employ the only online course of its kind in Canada. It's offered by the University of Alberta — information access and privacy program. It's a five-course program. Our director of compliance is a graduate with distinction of that. All of our other portfolio officers have to either have that certification or be enrolled in the program.

So the difficulty is we've had five maternity leaves which has been huge in an office of seven people. What that has meant is you can't really bring somebody in. By the time they're just starting to get their feet under them and get a comfortable understanding of the nuances and the intricacies of the legislation and best practices, time's up and we've got somebody coming back from mat leave. So it's been a very

significant challenge. We've been successful now in backfilling two mat leaves, though. We've brought somebody in who is working as an access coordinator in a public body, and she's come in on a mat leave, and she did have the certificate. So we were fortunate there.

Generally my comment though is, it's very difficult to find people with that certification. So typically you've got that lag time of seven to ten months before they are actually able to make a significant dent in reducing our backlog. Have I been responsive to your query?

**Mr. Yates:** — Yes you have, which leads me to the next question. We have seen a significant backlog over the last . . . or shall I say, it hasn't gotten any better over the last few years. How much of this can be attributed to this speciality in education and a difficulty in replacing somebody as a result of, you know, unforeseen circumstances like a pregnancy or accident or illness?

**Mr. Dickson:** — Well I think the best way I can answer that is saying that we have this kind of double whammy, if you will, of on the one hand we're still trying to build critical mass. We actually are still, next to PEI [Prince Edward Island], we're the smallest office of its kind in Canada, with actually one of the broadest mandates. Most other jurisdictions don't have commissioners that would oversee as many different pieces of legislation or as many different organizations. So we see continual spiking of demand in terms of privacy complaints and access requests. And then we've got the increasing demand coming in, and we just, as I say, have not been able to get enough investigators yet to be able to manage this. So each year we get further and further behind.

As I say, the backlog we have is 36 per cent higher now than it was a year ago, and we've tried doing all kinds of things to help manage this in terms of interns, work experience students. We've made a proposal to other offices across Canada that do this kind of work, that would they second somebody to our office to work for six months or nine months or 12 months to help us, and they would then bring the skills. And we weren't successful in finding any takers, anybody who was interested in doing that.

**Mr. Yates:** — Thank you very much. My final question has to do with, is our mandate perhaps too broad in Saskatchewan in comparison to other provinces? I don't think that's a question I've ever heard asked either at the Board of Internal Economy or here. And your reference to the breadth of the mandate, is perhaps our mandate too broad?

**Mr. Dickson:** — I haven't been asked the question before. I suppose I've always taken it . . . It is what it is, and my job is to do my best to meet it. There are only three other provinces in Canada that have a health information law like HIPA [*The Health Information Protection Act*] or roughly equivalent to it. But what's interesting is the Northwest Territories is bringing such a piece of legislation. Newfoundland has passed it, but not enacted it. New Brunswick is developing such legislation. So I think in time, you will see other offices across Canada will have a mandate that looks more like ours.

[19:30]

I think I can tell you that there's certainly lots of demand from your constituents in each of those core mandate areas, and so I think those are things that are important. And the mandates would be somewhat similar in Alberta and Ontario and British Columbia, not because they not have a health information law. Manitoba has legislation that is similar. So the mandate would be similarly broad in perhaps three other jurisdictions.

**Mr. Yates:** — Okay. Thank you very much. That concludes my questions.

**The Deputy Chair:** — All right. Thank you, Mr. Yates. Any other questions? Seeing none, Mr. Dickson, thank you very much, to you and your officials. It's a pleasure to see you again. The committee will now proceed to the estimates as presented on our agenda.

**General Revenue Fund  
Chief Electoral Officer  
Vote 34**

**The Deputy Chair:** — Okay. We will proceed therefore to the vote 34, the Chief Electoral Officer as presented on page 145. This is subvote (CE01) in the amount of \$1,000,229. This is statutory; therefore no vote is required. I will just sign off on this as I'm required to do.

[Vote 34 — Statutory.]

**General Revenue Fund  
Children's Advocate  
Vote 76**

**The Deputy Chair:** — Okay the next piece in front of us is the Children's Advocate, subvote (CA01) on page 147. This is, as I said, vote 76 in the amount of \$1,441,000. Children's Advocate, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — I now need a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31, 2010, the following sums for the Children's Advocate in the amount of \$1,441,000.

Who would move that? Mr. Weekes. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

[Vote 76 agreed to.]

**General Revenue Fund  
Conflict of Interest Commissioner  
Vote 57**

**The Deputy Chair:** — The next matter before the committee is the Conflict of Interest Commissioner, vote 57 as it appears on page 149. The Conflict of Interest Commissioner, subvote (CC01) in the amount of \$151,000, is this agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — I must ask a member to move the following motion:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2010, the following sums for Conflict of Interest Commissioner in the amount of \$151,000.

Can I have a member to move that please? Ms. Harpauer. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

[Vote 57 agreed to.]

**General Revenue Fund  
Information and Privacy Commissioner  
Vote 55**

**The Deputy Chair:** — The next matter in front of us is the Information and Privacy Commissioner, vote 55 as it appears on page 151. Information and Privacy Commissioner, subvote (IP01) in the amount of \$927,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — I will now ask a member to move the following motion:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2010, the following sums for Information and Privacy Commissioner in the amount of \$927,000.

A member to move this? Mr. Gantfoer. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

[Vote 55 agreed to.]

**General Revenue Fund  
Legislative Assembly  
Vote 21**

**The Deputy Chair:** — The next item is the Legislative Assembly. Mr. Speaker, do you wish to close your eyes for this one? This is vote 21, page 153 of the Estimates book. The Legislative Assembly, central management and services, subvote (LG01) in the amount of \$3,409,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Legislative Assembly subvote (LG03) in the amount of \$4,493,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Payments and allowances to individual members, subvote (LG05) in the amount of \$13,537,000, there is no vote. This is statutory. I'm sorry, I believe I have read that wrong. The amount was \$13,535,000.

Committees of the Legislative Assembly, subvote (LG04) in the

amount of \$383,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — I am advised that this subvote includes statutory amounts. The amount to be voted is actually \$348,000. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Okay. Caucus operations, subvote (LG06) in the amount of \$1,841,000, again there is no vote on this. This one is statutory.

Therefore I now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31, 2010, the following sums for the Legislative Assembly in the amount of \$8,250,000.

Mr. Allchurch. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

[Vote 21 agreed to.]

**General Revenue Fund  
Ombudsman  
Vote 56**

**The Deputy Chair:** — The next matter is vote 56, the Ombudsman, on page 157, Ombudsman, subvote (OM01) in the amount of \$2,015,000. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — I ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31, 2010, the following sum for Ombudsman in the amount of \$2,015,000.

A mover? Mr. Yates. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

[Vote 56 agreed to.]

**General Revenue Fund  
Provincial Auditor  
Vote 28**

**The Deputy Chair:** — And for the Provincial Auditor, this is vote no. 28 at page 159, the Provincial Auditor, subvote (PA01), in the amount of \$6,805,000. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Also unforeseen expenses, subvote (PA02), in the amount of \$463,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Provincial Auditor vote, therefore, vote is \$7,268,000. I ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31, 2010, the following sums for the Provincial Auditor in the amount of \$7,268,000.

Can I have a mover? Mr. Weekes. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

[Vote 28 agreed to.]

**The Deputy Chair:** — That brings us to the end of the votes on the estimates.

I now have a motion to present on the Standing Committee on House Services sixth report. Committee members, you have before you a draft of the sixth report of the Standing Committee on House Services. We require a member to move the following motion, which is, Mr. Gantfoer moved:

That the sixth report of the Standing Committee on House Services be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Thank you very much. I believe that's it. I need someone to adjourn. Mr. Allchurch. We are adjourned. Thank you very much.

[The committee adjourned at 19:42.]