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### STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES

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Ms. Alana Ross Prince Albert Northcote

[The committee met at 15:14.]

**The Deputy Chair**: — Okay. Good afternoon, everybody. My name is Nicole Sarauer. I'm Deputy Chair. Joining us today we have Hon. Jeremy Harrison; Mr. Matt Love; Ms. Vicki Mowat; Mr. Greg Ottenbreit; Ms. Alana Ross; Hon. Randy Weekes, Chair; and Ken Francis substituting for the Hon. Lori Carr.

I'd like to inform the committee that pursuant to rule 139(5), the following estimates were committed to the Standing Committee on House Services on March 30th, 2023: 2023-24 estimates, vote 76, Advocate for Children and Youth; vote 34, Chief Electoral Officer; vote 57, Conflict of Interest Commissioner; vote 55, Information and Privacy Commissioner; vote 21, Legislative Assembly; vote 56, Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner; vote 28, Provincial Auditor.

#### [15:15]

I'd like to table the following documents: HOS 3-29, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: 2020 regulations filed; HOS 4-29, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: 2021 regulations filed; and HOS 5-29, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: 2022 regulations filed.

We are here today to consider the '23-34 estimates for the legislative branch of government.

Pursuant to rule 139(6), the Speaker shall not preside during the examination of bills or estimates in this committee. However the Speaker is here for the consideration of estimates for the Legislative Assembly and officers of the Legislative Assembly.

#### General Revenue Fund Advocate for Children and Youth Vote 76

**The Deputy Chair**: — We will begin with vote 76, Advocate for Children and Youth. Advocate for Children and Youth, subvote (CA01) in the amount of \$2,787,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair**: — Carried. Advocate of Children and Youth, vote 76 — \$2,787,000.

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

Resolved that there be granted to His Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2024, the following sums for Advocate for Children and Youth in the amount of 2,787,000.

Hon. Mr. J. Harrison: — I so move.

The Deputy Chair: - Mr. Harrison. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried.

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

**The Deputy Chair**: — Vote 34, Chief Electoral Officer. Chief Electoral Officer, subvote (CE01) in the amount of \$8,858,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

Non-appropriated expense adjustment in the amount of \$252,000. Non-appropriated expense adjustments are non-cash adjustments presented for informational purposes only. No amount is to be voted.

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

**The Deputy Chair**: — Vote 57, Conflict of Interest Commissioner. Conflict of Interest Commissioner, subvote (CC01) in the amount of \$628,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair**: — Carried. Conflict of Interest Commissioner, vote 57 — \$628,000.

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

Resolved that there be granted to His Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2024, the following sums for Conflict of Interest Commissioner in the amount of \$628,000.

Mr. Love. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried.

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

**The Deputy Chair**: — Vote 55, Information and Privacy Commissioner. Information and Privacy Commissioner, subvote (IP01) in the amount of \$2,366,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair**: — Carried. Information and Privacy Commissioner, vote 55 — \$2,366,000.

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

Resolved that there be granted to His Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2024, the following sums for Information and Privacy Commissioner in the amount of \$2,366,000.

Mr. Francis. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

#### General Revenue Fund Legislative Assembly Vote 21

**The Deputy Chair**: — Vote 21, Legislative Assembly. Central management and services, subvote (LG01) in the amount of \$3,934,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair**: — Carried. Legislative Assembly Services, subvote (LG03) in the amount of \$6,279,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair**: — Carried. Committees of the Legislative Assembly, subvote (LG04) in the amount of \$35,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

Payments and allowances to individual members, subvote (LG05) in the amount of \$16,885,000. There is no vote as this is statutory.

Caucus operations, subvote (LG06) in the amount of \$2,363,000. There's no vote as this is statutory.

Office of the Speaker and Board of Internal Economy, subvote (LG07) in the amount of \$405,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair**: — Carried. Non-appropriated expense adjustment in the amount of \$150,000. Non-appropriated expense adjustments are non-cash adjustments presented for informational purposes only. No amount is to be voted.

Legislative Assembly, vote 21 — \$10,618,000.

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

Resolved that there be granted to His Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2024, the following sums for Legislative Assembly in the amount of \$10,618,000.

Ms. Mowat. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried.

#### General Revenue Fund Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner Vote 56

**The Deputy Chair**: — Vote 56, Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner. Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner, subvote (OM01) in the amount of \$4,295,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair**: — Carried. Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner, vote 56 — \$4,295,000.

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

Resolved that there be granted to His Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2024, the following sums for Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner in the amount of \$4,295,000.

Ms. Ross. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried.

#### General Revenue Fund Provincial Auditor Vote 28

**The Deputy Chair**: — Vote 28, Provincial Auditor. Provincial Auditor, subvote (PA01) in the amount of \$8,759,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair**: — Carried. Unforeseen expenses, subvote (PA02) in the amount of \$592,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair**: — Carried. Provincial Auditor, vote 28 — \$9,351,000.

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

Resolved that there be granted to His Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2024, the following sums for Provincial Auditor in the amount of \$9,351,000.

Mr. Ottenbreit. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair**: — Carried. Committee members, you have before you a draft of the 12th report of the Standing Committee on House Services. We require a member to move the following motion:

That the 12th report of the Standing Committee on House Services be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

Mr. Harrison. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair**: — Carried. I would now ask a member to move a motion to adjourn. Mr. Love has moved. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair**: — Carried. This committee stands adjourned until the call of the Chair.

[The committee adjourned at 15:22.]