

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES

May 27, 2004

MINUTE NO. 3

9:00 a.m. - Room 8

1. **Present:** Mr. Gantefer in the Chair and Members Draude, Hagel, McCall*, Junor* and Yates.

Substituting Members:

Mr. McCall for Mr. Thomson

Ms. Junor for Mr. Van Mulligen

Committee Officials Present: Gwenn Ronyk, Clerk
Gregory Putz, Deputy Clerk

2. The Deputy Chair advised that the committee had received an Order of the Assembly, dated April 23, 2004 to consider and report back the Estimates for the following:

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 Children's Advocate

Vote 28, Provincial Auditor

3. The committee then considered the Estimates for the Chief Electoral Officer.

The Speaker and the Chief Electoral Officer appeared before the committee and answered questions.

Witnesses

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky, Speaker

Jan Baker, Chief Electoral Officer

4. The following documents were tabled:

HOS 4/25 Ombudsman: Vote 56 Ombudsman (OC01)

HOS 7/25 Children's Advocate: Vote 56 Children's Advocate (OC02)

5. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ombudsman and Children's Advocate.

The Speaker and the following Ombudsman officials appeared before the committee and answered questions.

Witnesses

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky, Speaker

Barb Tomkins, Ombudsman

Lynne Fraser, Human Resources and Financial Administrator

6. On motion of Ms. Draude:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March, 31, 2005, the following sums:

For Ombudsman and Children's Advocate \$2,475,000.00

7. The following document was tabled:

HOS 3/25 Office of the Provincial Auditor: Business and Financial Plan for the year ended March 31, 2005

8. The committee then considered the Estimates for the Provincial Auditor.

The Speaker and the following Provincial Auditor officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

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

9. On motion of Mr. Yates:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March, 31, 2005, the following sums:

For Provincial Auditor \$5,627,000.00

10. The following document was tabled:

HOS 5/25 Information and Privacy Commissioner: Budgetary Estimates Review 2004-2005

11. The committee then considered the Estimates for the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

The Speaker and the following Information and Privacy Commissioner officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky, Speaker
Gary Dickson, Information and Privacy Commissioner
Diane Aldridge, Assistant to the Commissioner
Pam Scott, Office Manager

12. On motion of Mr. Hagel:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March, 31, 2005, the following sums:

For Information and Privacy Commissioner..... \$387,000.00

13. The committee then considered the Estimates for the Conflict of Interest Commissioner.

The Speaker and the following official appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky, Speaker

Marilyn Borowski, Director Financial Services, Legislative Assembly

14. On motion of Mr. Yates:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March, 31, 2005, the following sums:

For Conflict of Interest Commissioner \$122,000.00

15. The following document was tabled:

HOS 6/25 Legislative Assembly: Legislative Assembly Vote 21

16. The committee then considered the Estimates for the Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker and the following Legislative Assembly officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky, Speaker

Gwenn Ronyk, Clerk

Greg Putz, Deputy Clerk

Meta Woods, Clerk Assistant

Marilyn Borowski, Director, Financial Services

Linda Kaminski, Director, Human Resource and Administrative Services

Marian Powell, Legislative Librarian

Pat Kolesar, Assistant Legislative Librarian

Ken Ring, Legislative Counsel and Law Clerk

Patrick Shaw, Sergeant-at-Arms

Gary Ward, Director, Broadcast Services

Judy Brennan, Director, Hansard

Lenni Frohman, Assistant Director, Hansard

Lorraine deMontigny, Director, Visitor Services

Margaret Tulloch, Assistant to the Speaker

17. On motion of Mr. Yates:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March, 31, 2005, the following sums:

For Legislative Assembly \$6,319,000.00

18. On motion of Mr. Hagel:

Supplementary Estimates, 2003-2004

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004 the following sum:

For Legislative Assembly \$224,000

19. On motion of Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That the draft Third Report of the Standing Committee on House Services be adopted and presented to the Assembly on May 27th, 2004.

20. On motion of Ms. Junor:

Ordered, That this committee do now adjourn.

21. The committee adjourned at 11:11 a.m. to the call of the chair.

Iris Lang
Committee Clerk

Rod Gantefer
Committee Deputy Chair