

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES

Monday, May 14, 2012

MINUTE NO. 2

2:46 p.m. – Māmwapiwin Room (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Warren McCall in the Chair and Members Danielle Chartier*, David Forbes, Hon. Jeremy Harrison, Greg Ottenbreit, Doyle Vermette, Randy Weekes and Gordon Wyant.

Substituting Member

Danielle Chartier for Doyle Vermette (2:46 p.m. – 3:08 p.m. only)

2. The Deputy Chair advised the committee that, pursuant to Rule 138(5), the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the legislative branch of government were deemed referred to the committee on March 29, 2012 and March 21, 2012, respectively:

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

3. The Deputy Chair advised the committee that, pursuant to Rule 138(5), the Supplementary Estimates for the legislative branch of government were deemed referred to the committee on December 12, 2011:

Vote 34	Chief Electoral Officer
Vote 76	Children's Advocate
Vote 55	Information and Privacy Commissioner
Vote 21	Legislative Assembly

4. The Speaker appeared before the committee for consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Legislative Assembly and Officers of the Legislative Assembly.
5. The committee considered Estimates and Supplementary Estimates (December) 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. Dan D'Autremont, Speaker
Gary Dickson, Q.C., Information and Privacy Commissioner
Diane Aldridge, Director of Compliance
Pam Scott, Manager of Administration

6. The committee concluded its consideration of the Estimates for the Information and Privacy Commissioner. On motion of the Mr. Weekes:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2013 the following sum:

For Information and Privacy Commissioner \$1,065,000

7. The committee concluded its consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (December) for the Information and Privacy Commissioner. On motion of the Mr. Ottenbreit:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2012 the following sum:

For Information and Privacy Commissioner \$60,000

8. The committee considered Estimates for the Provincial Auditor.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Dan D'Autremont, Speaker
Bonnie Lysyk, Provincial Auditor
Angèle Borys, Principal, Support Services
Heather Tomlin, Office Manager

9. The committee concluded its consideration of the Estimates for the Provincial Auditor. On motion of Mr. Wyant:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2013 the following sum:

For Provincial Auditor \$8,120,000

10. The committee considered the Estimates, Supplementary Estimates (December) and Supplementary Estimates (March) for the Legislative Assembly.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Dan D'Autremont, Speaker
Greg Putz, Clerk
Ken Ring, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel
Iris Lang, Principal Clerk
Lynn Jacobson, Executive Director, Member and Corporate Services
Melissa Bennett, Legislative Librarian
Dawn Court, Director, Financial Services
Brad Gurash, Director, Member Services
Linda Kaminski, Director, Member Services
Darcy Hislop, Chief Technology Officer, Communications and Technology Services

11. The committee concluded its consideration of the Estimates for the Legislative Assembly. On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2013 the following sum:

For Legislative Assembly \$9,168,000

12. The committee concluded its consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (December) for the Legislative Assembly. On motion of Mr. Weekes:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2012 the following sum:

For Legislative Assembly \$625,000

13. The committee concluded its consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (March) for the Legislative Assembly. On motion of Mr. Ottenbreit:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2012 the following sum:

For Legislative Assembly \$360,000

14. The committee considered the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates (December) for the Chief Electoral Officer.

15. The committee concluded its consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates (December) for the Chief Electoral Officer.

16. The committee considered the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates (December) for the Children's Advocate.

17. The committee concluded its consideration of the Estimates for the Children's Advocate. On motion of Mr. Wyant:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2013 the following sum:

For Children's Advocate \$1,738,000

18. The committee concluded its consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (December) for the Children's Advocate. On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2012 the following sum:

For Children's Advocate \$160,000

19. The committee considered the Estimates for the Conflict of Interest Commissioner.

20. The committee concluded its consideration of the Estimates for the Conflict of Interest Commissioner. On motion of Mr. Weekes:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2013 the following sum:

For Conflict of Interest Commissioner \$145,000

21. The committee considered Estimates for the Ombudsman.
22. The committee concluded its consideration of the Estimates for the Ombudsman. On motion of Mr. Ottenbreit:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2013 the following sum:

For Ombudsman \$2,863,000

23. It was moved by Mr. Weekes:

That the Second Report of the Standing Committee on House Services be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

24. It was moved by the Hon. Mr. Harrison:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

25. The committee adjourned at 3:40 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Kathy Burianyk
Committee Clerk

Warren McCall
Deputy Chair