

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

November 24, 2005

MINUTE NO. 22

3:00 p.m. - Room 8

1. **Present:** Ms. Junor in the Chair and Members Elhard, Borgerson, Crofford, Hagel, Quennell* and Toth.

Substituting Members

Hon. Mr. Quennell for Mr. Hagel (for consideration of Supplementary Estimates for Culture, Youth and Recreation only)

Other Members

Ms. Draude, Mr. Gantfoer, Mr. McMorris, Mr. Morgan

2. The following documents were tabled:

HUS 12/25 Department of Community Resources and Employment: Responses to questions raised by Ms. Bakken Lackey regarding Sweet Dreams Housing Cooperative during the May 4, 2005 committee meeting.

HUS 13/25 Department of Community Resources and Employment: Responses to questions raised by Mr. Merriman regarding the Community Living Division during the May 24, 2005 committee meeting.

HUS 14/25 Department of Community Resources and Employment: Responses to questions raised by Ms. Bakken Lackey regarding a caregiver struggling with the care of a FASD child during the April 13, 2005 committee meeting.

HUS 15/25 Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation: Responses to questions raised by Ms. Draude regarding SCN during the May 11, 2005 committee meeting.

HUS 16/25 Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation: Responses to questions raised by Ms. Draude regarding heritage issues during the May 11, 2005 committee meeting.

HUS 17/25 Department of Community Resources and Employment: Responses to questions raised by Ms. Bakken Lackey regarding a social assistance client medical assessment during the May 4, 2005 committee meeting.

HUS 18/25 Department of Justice: Responses to questions raised by Mr. Morgan regarding the Maintenance Enforcement Office during the April 20, 2005 committee meeting.

HUS 19/25 Department of Community Resources and Employment: Responses to questions regarding social assistance raised during the May 24, 2005 committee meeting.

HUS 20/25 Department of Community Resources and Employment: Responses to questions raised by Mr. Merriman regarding a client with a \$5000 trust fund during the May 24, 2005 committee meeting.

HUS 21/25 Department of Community Resources and Employment: Responses to questions raised by Mr. Toth regarding home repairs during the May 24, 2005 committee meeting.

3. The Chair advised that the committee had received an Order of the Assembly, dated November 21, 2005 to consider and report back on the Supplementary Estimates for the following departments:

Vote 3	Justice
Vote 5	Learning
Vote 27	Culture, Youth and Recreation
Vote 32	Health
Vote 73	Corrections and Public Safety

4. The committee agreed to change the order of the agenda items. The Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Health will be followed by the Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation. The Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Learning will follow these.
5. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Justice.

The following Department of Justice Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Frank Quennell, Minister
Keith Laxdal, Associate Deputy Minister, Finance and Administration Division
Rod Crook, Assistant Deputy Minister, Courts and Civil Justice Division
Murray Brown, Executive Director, Public Prosecutions
Betty Ann Pottruff, Executive Director, Policy, Planning and Evaluation
Murray Sawatsky, Executive Director, Law Enforcement Services
Gord Sisson, Director, Administrative Services
Jerry Fuchs, Manager, Financial Services, Community Justice Division
Larry Anderson, Crown Solicitor, Civil Law Division
Elizabeth Smith, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister

6. On motion of Mr. Elhard:

That this committee adjourn its consideration of the supplementary estimates for the department of Justice.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

7. On motion of Mr. Toth:

That the name of Wayne Elhard be substituted for the name of Mr. Cheveldayoff on the Human Services steering committee.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

8. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Health.

The following Department of Health Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. John Nilson, Minister
Hon. Graham Addley, Minister of Healthy Living Services
Mike Shaw, Associate Deputy Minister
Duncan Fisher, Assistant Deputy Minister
Lawrence Krahn, Assistant Deputy Minister
Ted Warawa, Executive Director, Finance and Administration Branch
Leslie Grob, Assistant to Deputy Minister

9. On motion of Mr. Elhard:

That this committee adjourn its consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Health.

10. The committee considered the supplementary estimates for the department of Culture, Youth and Recreation.

The following Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Joan Beatty
Glen Hagel, Legislative Secretary
Barb MacLean, Deputy Minister
Bryon Burnett, Chief Executive Officer, Saskatchewan Centennial 2005 Office
Ken Alecxe, President and CEO, SCN
Dylan Jones, Executive Director, Strategic Policy, Recreation and Youth
Dawn Martin, Executive Director, Culture and Heritage
Melinda Gorrill, Director, Corporate Services Branch

11. On motion of Mr. Elhard:

That this committee adjourn its consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation.

12. The committee recessed from 5:00 p.m. to 5:08 p.m.

13. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Learning.

The following Department of Learning Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Andrew Thomson
Bonnie Durnford, Deputy Minister
Larry Steeves, Associate Deputy Minister
Rob Cunningham, Assistant Deputy Minister

Gillian McCreary, Assistant Deputy Minister
Brady Salloum, Executive Director, Student Financial Assistance
Nelson Wagner, Executive Director, Facilities Branch
Naomi Mellor, Executive Director, School Finance
Trina Fallows, Acting Executive Director, Corporate Services
Kevin Veitenheimer, Director, University Services Branch

14. On motion of Mr. Elhard:

That this committee adjourn its consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Learning.

15. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Corrections and Public Safety.

The following Department of Corrections and Public Safety Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Peter Prebble
Terry Lang, Deputy Minister
Maureen Lloyd, Assistant Deputy Minister, Adult Corrections
Mae Boa, Executive Director, Management Services
Bob Kary, Executive Director, Young Offender Programs
Tom Young, Executive Director, Protection and Emergency Services
Brian Krasium, Acting Executive Director, Licensing and Inspections
Karen Lautsch, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister

16. On motion of Mr. Elhard:

That this committee adjourn its consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Corrections and Public Safety.

17. The committee adjourned at 6:55 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Iris Lang
Committee Clerk

Judy Junor
Committee Chair