

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Thursday, April 30, 2015

MINUTE NO. 50
1:29 p.m. – Mānawapiwin Room (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Greg Lawrence in the Chair and Members Danielle Chartier*, June Draude*, Bill Hutchinson*, Gene Makowsky* and Warren Steinley*.

Substituting Members

Danielle Chartier for David Forbes

June Draude for Colleen Young (1:29 p.m. – 3:16 p.m. only)

Bill Hutchinson for Colleen Young (3:16 p.m. – 5:16 p.m. only)

Gene Makowsky for Corey Tochor

Warren Steinley for Hon. Nadine Wilson

2. The committee considered the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates (March) for the Ministry of Health.

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

Witnesses

Ministry of Health

Hon. Dustin Duncan, Minister

Hon. Greg Ottenbreit, Minister Responsible for Rural and Remote Health

Max Hendricks, Deputy Minister

Kimberly Kratzig, Assistant Deputy Minister

Karen Lautsch, Assistant Deputy Minister

Tracey Smith, Assistant Deputy Minister

Mark Wyatt, Assistant Deputy Minister

Tami Denomie, Exexutive Director, Strategic Priorities Branch

Deb Jordan, Executive Director, Acute and Emergency Services Branch

Donna Magnusson, Executive Director, Population Health Branch

Duane Mombourquette, Executive Director, Partnerships and Workforce Planning

Patrick O'Byrne, Executive Director, Saskatchewan Disease Control Laboratory

Pauline Rousseau, Executive Director, Strategy and Innovation Branch

Brenda Russell, Executive Director, Financial Services Branch

Kevin Wilson, Executive Director, Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch

Margaret Baker, Acting Executive Director, Primary Health Services Branch

Cindy Fedak, Director, Operations and Internal Audit

Ingrid Kirby, Director, Non-fee for Service

Heather Murray, Director, Community Care Branch

Linda Restau, Director, Continuing Care and Rehabilitation

Kathy Willerth, Director, Mental Health and Addictions

Brad Williams, Director, Capital Asset Planning

Denise Grad, Acting Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister

eHealth Saskatchewan

Susan Antosh, Chief Executive Officer

Roseann Anderson, Vice President, Finance and Administration

Denise Junek, Vice President, eHealth Programs and Business Relations

3. The following documents were tabled:

HUS 20/27 – Ministry of Health: Responses to questions raised at the April 2nd and April 16th, 2015 meetings of the committee re: Seniors Engagement Session, Home Care – RHA expenditures by fiscal year, Palliative Home Care, Supportive Home Care, Acute Home Care, Provincial Ground EMS by payer (2013-2014), STARS access times.

HUS 21/27 – Ministry of Health: Lost-time WCB Claims per 100 FTEs, by RHA.

4. The committee recessed from 3:29 p.m. until 3:39 p.m.
5. The committee resumed consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates (March) for the Ministry of Health.
6. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Health. On motion of Mr. Makowsky:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2016 the following sum:

For Health \$5,128,357,000

7. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates (March) for the Ministry of Health.
8. The committee concluded consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (March) for the Ministry of Health. On motion of Mr. Steinley:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2015 the following sum:

For Health \$14,500,000

9. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of Advanced Education.
10. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Advanced Education. On motion of Mr. Hutchinson:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2016 the following sum:

For Advanced Education..... \$782,474,000

11. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of Education.

12. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Education. On motion of Mr. Makowsky:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2016 the following sum:

For Education..... \$1,655,260,000

13. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety.

14. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety. On motion of Mr. Steinley:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2016 the following sum:

For Labour Relations and Workplace Safety \$18,353,000

15. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of Social Services.

16. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Social Services. On motion of Mr. Hutchinson:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2016 the following sum:

For Social Services \$1,004,137,000

17. The committee considered the Estimates (Lending and Investing Activities) for the Ministry of Advanced Education.

18. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates (Lending and Investing Activities) for the Ministry of Advanced Education. On motion of Mr. Makowsky:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2016 the following sum:

For Advanced Education..... \$56,000,000

19. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates (March) for the Ministry of Advanced Education.

20. The committee concluded consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (March) for the Ministry of Advanced Education. On motion of Mr. Steinley:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2015 the following sum:

For Advanced Education..... \$5,400,000

21. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates (March) for the Ministry of Education.
22. The committee concluded consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (March) for the Ministry of Education. On motion of Mr. Makowsky:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2015 the following sum:

For Education..... \$10,300,000

23. It was moved by Mr. Steinley:

That the Seventh Report of the Standing Committee on Human Services be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

24. It was moved by Mr. Makowsky:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

25. The committee adjourned at 5:16 p.m. until May 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Stacey Ursulescu
Committee Clerk

Greg Lawrence
Committee Chair