

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Monday, March 9, 2009

MINUTE NO. 19

3:00 p.m. – Room 8

1. **Present:** Judy Junor in the Chair and Members Denis Allchurch, Fred Bradshaw*, Cam Broten, Doreen Eagles, Warren Michelson*, Laura Ross* and Randy Weekes*.

Substituting Members

Fred Bradshaw for Glen Hart (7:00 p.m. to 10:15 p.m.)

Warren Michelson for Serge LeClerc

Laura Ross for Greg Ottenbreit

Randy Weekes for Glen Hart (3:00 p.m. to 4:50 p.m.)

Other Members

Pat Atkinson

David Forbes

Trent Wotherspoon

2. The following document was tabled:

HUS 17/26 Ministry of Education: Written submission entitled “Follow-up to committee November 17, 2008”, dated December 2, 2008.

3. The Chair advised the committee that, pursuant to Rule 146(1), the Supplementary Estimates for the following ministries and agencies were deemed referred to the committee on March 2, 2009:

Vote 37 Advanced Education, Employment and Labour

Vote 5 Education

Vote 32 Health

Vote 35 Social Services

4. The committee considered Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Education.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Ken Krawetz, Minister

Audrey Roadhouse, Deputy Minister

Helen Horsman, Assistant Deputy Minister

Dawn Court, Senior Financial Manager, Financial Planning and Management

Sonya Leib, Senior Financial Manager, Financial Planning and Management

Rhonda Smysniuk, Executive Director, School Finance and Facilities

Doug Volk, Executive Director, Teachers' Superannuation Commission

Margaret Ball, Director, Education Finance and Facilities

Clint Repski, Director, Education Finance and Facilities

5. The committee adjourned consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Education.

6. The committee considered Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.

The following Advanced Education, Employment and Labour Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Rob Norris, Minister

Wynne Young, Deputy Minister

Reg Urbanowski, Assistant Deputy Minister, Advanced Education and Student Services

Karen Allen, Executive Director, Corporate Services Branch

Tammy Bloor Cavers, Acting Executive Director, Student Financial Assistance Branch and Programs Branch

Kevin Veitenheimer, Acting Executive Director, University Services Branch and Training Institutions Branch

Brent Brownlee, Director of SIAST, Regional Colleges and Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Division

7. The committee adjourned consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.
8. The committee concluded consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Education. On motion of Ms. Eagles:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009 the following sums:

For Education \$143,712,000

9. The committee concluded consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour. On motion of Mr. Allchurch:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009 the following sums:

For Advanced Education, Employment and Labour \$26,350,000

10. The following document was tabled:

HUS 18/26 Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: Written submission regarding information requested during Supplementary Estimates discussion from November 17 and 24, 2008 meetings, dated March 9, 2009.

11. The committee recessed from 4:50 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
12. The committee considered Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Health.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Don McMorris, Minister
Max Hendricks, Assistant Deputy Minister
Louise Greenberg, Associate Deputy Minister
Gren Smith-Windsor, Associate Deputy Minister
Kari Harvey, Executive Director, Capital and Regional Services Branch
Ted Warawa, Executive Director, Financial Services Branch
Linda Restau, Director, Community Care Branch
Lauren Black, Assistant to the Deputy Minister

13. The committee adjourned consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Health.
14. The committee recessed from 8:32 p.m. until 8:37 p.m.
15. The committee considered Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Social Services.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Donna Harpauer, Minister
Allan Hansen, Deputy Minister
Cheryl Senecal, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy
Larry Chaykowski, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Housing
Don Allen, Executive Director, Corporate Services
Jeff Redekop, Executive Director, Community Living
Tim Gross, Associate Executive Director, Housing Development
Gord Tweed, Associate Executive Director, Program Policy and Services

16. The committee adjourned consideration on the Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Social Services.
17. The committee concluded consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Health. On motion of Ms. Eagles:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009 the following sums:

For Health..... \$152,800,000

18. The committee concluded consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Social Services. On motion of Mr. Allchurch:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009 the following sums:

For Social Services \$29,900,000

19. It was moved by Ms. Eagles:

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

20. It was moved by Mr. Bradshaw:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

21. The committee adjourned at 9:31 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Kathy Burianyk
Committee Clerk

Judy Junor
Committee Deputy Chair