

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
Wednesday, March 2, 2022

MINUTE NO. 12

8:18 a.m. — māmawapiwin náyati room (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Trent Wotherspoon in the chair and members Meara Conway,* Marv Friesen, Todd Goudy, Delbert Kirsch, Hugh Nerlien, Erika Ritchie,* Dana Skoropad, and Colleen Young.

Substituting Members

Erika Ritchie for Aleana Young (8:15 a.m. until 11:58 a.m. and 3:31 p.m. until 4:52 p.m.)

Meara Conway for Aleana Young (1:15 p.m. until 3:17 p.m.)

Provincial Auditor's Office

Tara Clemett, Provincial Auditor

Jason Shaw, Deputy Provincial Auditor

Jason Wandy, Deputy Provincial Auditor

Kim Lowe, Principal Auditor

Provincial Comptroller's Office

Sandra Stepan, Manager, Financial Management Branch

Kristin Walker, Senior Financial Analyst, Financial Management Branch

2. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2019 report volume 2, chapter 8, Justice and Attorney General; and 2020 report volume 2, chapter 8, Justice and Attorney General.

The following Ministry of Justice and Attorney General officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Kylie Head, Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Administrative Justice and Strategic Relations

Carolyn Decker, Deputy Public Guardian and Trustee

Shannon Williams, Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Justice Services

Monica Field, Executive Director, Strategic Systems and Innovation

3. The following document was tabled:

Ministry of Justice and Attorney General: Status Update, dated March 2, 2022

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4. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2019 report volume 2, chapter 8, Justice and Attorney General; and 2020 report volume 2, chapter 8, Justice and Attorney General.
5. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2019 report volume 2, chapter 37, Justice and Attorney General — Enforcing Maintenance Payments.

The following Ministry of Justice and Attorney General officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Kylie Head, Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Administrative Justice and Strategic Relations
Carolyn Decker, Deputy Public Guardian and Trustee
Shannon Williams, Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Justice Services
Monica Field, Executive Director, Strategic Systems and Innovation

6. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2019 report volume 2, chapter 37, Justice and Attorney General — Enforcing Maintenance Payments.
7. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 2, chapter 41, Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission — Providing Legal Aid Services; and 2021 report volume 2, chapter 34, Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission — Providing Legal Aid Services.

The following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ministry of Justice and Attorney General

Kylie Head, Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Administrative Justice and Strategic Relations
Carolyn Decker, Deputy Public Guardian and Trustee
Shannon Williams, Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Justice Services
Monica Field, Executive Director, Strategic Systems and Innovation

Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission

Jayne Mallin, Chief Executive Officer
Kyla Shea, Director, Planning and Administration

8. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2018 report volume 2, chapter 41, Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission — Providing Legal Aid Services; and 2021 report volume 2, chapter 34, Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission — Providing Legal Aid Services.
9. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 2, chapter 33, Justice and Attorney General — Supporting Provincial Court of Saskatchewan to Manage Court Workloads.

The following Ministry of Justice and Attorney General officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Jan Turner, Assistant Deputy Minister, Court Services
Kylie Head, Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Administrative Justice and Strategic Relations

10. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 2, chapter 33, Justice and Attorney General — Supporting Provincial Court of Saskatchewan to Manage Court Workloads.
11. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 1, chapter 9, Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee of Saskatchewan — Providing Property Guardianship Services to Adult Clients; and 2021 report volume 2, chapter 30, Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee of Saskatchewan — Providing Property Guardianship Services to Adult Clients.

The following Ministry of Justice and Attorney General officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Kylie Head, Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Administrative Justice and Strategic Relations
Carolyn Decker, Deputy Public Guardian and Trustee

12. The committee concurred with recommendation 1 made at page 111 of the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 1, chapter 9, Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee of Saskatchewan — Providing Property Guardianship Services to Adult Clients:

We recommend the Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee of Saskatchewan follow its established processes to keep rationale for key decisions about identification of property of adult clients receiving property guardianship services.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General has complied with the recommendation.

13. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 2, chapter 30, Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee of Saskatchewan — Providing Property Guardianship Services to Adult Clients.

14. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 1, chapter 9, Office of Residential Tenancies — Adjudicating Tenancy Disputes.

The following Ministry of Justice and Attorney General officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ministry of Justice and Attorney General

Kylie Head, Q.C., Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Administrative Justice and Strategic Relations

Carolyn Decker, Deputy Public Guardian and Trustee

Shannon Williams, Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Justice Services

Monica Field, Executive Director, Strategic Systems and Innovation

Office of Residential Tenancies

Anne-Marie Cotter, Director

15. The committee concurred with recommendation 1 made at page 120 of the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 1, chapter 9, Office of Residential Tenancies — Adjudicating Tenancy Disputes:

We recommend the Office of Residential Tenancies provide clear written guidance (including examples) about what constitutes a conflict of interest to hearing officers.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General has complied with the recommendation.

16. The committee concurred with recommendation 2 made at page 126 of the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 1, chapter 9, Office of Residential Tenancies — Adjudicating Tenancy Disputes:

We recommend the Office of Residential Tenancies document reasons for significant delays in issuing hearing decisions.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General has complied with the recommendation.

17. The committee concurred with recommendation 3 made at page 126 of the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 1, chapter 9, Office of Residential Tenancies — Adjudicating Tenancy Disputes:

We recommend the Office of Residential Tenancies always follow up promptly with hearing officers when hearing decisions are not submitted when expected.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General has complied with the recommendation.

18. The committee recessed from 9:37 a.m. until 9:50 a.m.

19. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 1, chapter 8, Justice and Attorney General and Corrections, Policing and Public Safety — Implementing Strategies to Reduce Short-Term Remand in Saskatoon and the Surrounding Area.

The following Ministry of Integrated Justice officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Gina Alexander, Executive Director, Community Safety and Well-Being
Scott Harron, Executive Director, Research and Implementation Branch

20. The committee concurred with recommendation 1 made at page 100 of the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 1, chapter 8, Justice and Attorney General and Corrections, Policing and Public Safety — Implementing Strategies to Reduce Short-Term Remand in Saskatoon and the Surrounding Area:

We recommend the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General and the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety focus on collecting data for key measures, and establishing associated data definitions, for evaluating the strategies to reduce short-term remand.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General and the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety have complied with the recommendation.

21. The committee concurred with recommendation 2 made at page 101 of the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 1, chapter 8, Justice and Attorney General and Corrections, Policing and Public Safety — Implementing Strategies to Reduce Short-Term Remand in Saskatoon and the Surrounding Area:

We recommend the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General and the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety establish target(s) conducive to measuring whether they are reducing short-term remand.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General and the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety have complied with the recommendation.

22. The committee concurred with recommendation 3 made at page 102 of the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 1, chapter 8, Justice and Attorney General and Corrections, Policing and Public Safety — Implementing Strategies to Reduce Short-Term Remand in Saskatoon and the Surrounding Area:

We recommend the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General and the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety collect and analyze key information from external partners when evaluating strategies to reduce short-term remand.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General and the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety have complied with the recommendation.

23. The committee concurred with recommendation 4 made at page 105 of the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 1, chapter 8, Justice and Attorney General and Corrections, Policing and Public Safety — Implementing Strategies to Reduce Short-Term Remand in Saskatoon and the Surrounding Area:

We recommend the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General and the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety include context, data limitations, and key assumptions relevant to making informed decisions within evaluations of the strategies to reduce short-term remand.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General and the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety have complied with the recommendation.

24. The committee concurred with recommendation 5 made at page 105 of the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 1, chapter 8, Justice and Attorney General and Corrections, Policing and Public Safety — Implementing Strategies to Reduce Short-Term Remand in Saskatoon and the Surrounding Area:

We recommend the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General and the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety routinely analyze data for key measures associated with the strategies to reduce short-term remand.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General and the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety have complied with the recommendation.

25. The committee concurred with recommendation 6 made at page 108 of the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 1, chapter 8, Justice and Attorney General and Corrections, Policing and Public Safety — Implementing Strategies to Reduce Short-Term Remand in Saskatoon and the Surrounding Area:

We recommend the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General and the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety determine the information needs of the remand committees used to support the remand initiative.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General and the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety have complied with the recommendation.

26. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2019 report volume 1, chapter 16, Corrections and Policing, and Justice and Attorney General — Leading the Community Safety and Well-Being Initiative; and 2021 report volume 1, chapter 20, Justice and Attorney General and Corrections, Policing and Public Safety — Leading the Community Safety and Well-Being Initiative.

The following Ministry of Integrated Justice officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Gina Alexander, Executive Director, Community Safety and Well-Being
Scott Harron, Executive Director, Research and Implementation Branch

27. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2019 report volume 1, chapter 16, Corrections and Policing, and Justice and Attorney General — Leading the Community Safety and

Well-Being Initiative; and 2021 report volume 1, chapter 20, Justice and Attorney General and Corrections, Policing and Public Safety — Leading the Community Safety and Well-Being Initiative.

28. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2019 report volume 2, chapter 9, Justice and Attorney General — Victims' Fund; and 2020 report volume 2, chapter 9, Justice and Attorney General — Victims' Fund.

The following Ministry of Integrated Justice officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Gina Alexander, Executive Director, Community Safety and Well-Being
Scott Harron, Executive Director, Research and Implementation Branch

29. The committee concurred with recommendation 1 made at page 65 of the Provincial Auditor's 2019 report volume 2, chapter 9, Justice and Attorney General — Victims' Fund:

We recommend the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General—Victims' Fund prepare key supporting documents at the same time as it prepares its financial statements.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General has complied with the recommendation.

30. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 2, chapter 9, Justice and Attorney General — Victims' Fund.
31. The committee recessed from 10:43 a.m. until 10:50 a.m.
32. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2019 report volume 2, chapter 2, Corrections and Policing; and 2020 report volume 2, chapter 2, Corrections and Policing.

The following Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Heather Scriver, Assistant Deputy Minister, Custody, Supervision and Rehabilitation Services
Dean Carey, Executive Director, Offender Services
Monica Field, Executive Director, Strategic Systems and Innovation
Caroline Graves, Executive Director, Community Corrections
Aaron Orban, Executive Director, Access and Privacy
Mark McFadyen, Executive Director, Custody Services
Noel McAvena, Acting Executive Director, Provincial Disaster Assistance Program

33. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2019 report volume 2, chapter 2, Corrections and Policing; and 2020 report volume 2, chapter 2, Corrections and Policing.
34. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 1, chapter 4, Corrections, Policing and Public Safety — Providing Provincial Disaster Assistance.

The following Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Heather Scriver, Assistant Deputy Minister, Custody, Supervision and Rehabilitation Services
Mark McFadyen, Executive Director, Custody Services

35. The following document was tabled:

Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety: Status Update, dated March 2, 2022
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36. The committee concurred with recommendation 1 made at page 24 of the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 1, chapter 4, Corrections, Policing and Public Safety — Providing Provincial Disaster Assistance:

We recommend the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety set a service standard for how long it expects to take to assess requests for designation as disaster areas made under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

37. The committee concurred with recommendation 2 made at page 27 of the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 1, chapter 4, Corrections, Policing and Public Safety — Providing Provincial Disaster Assistance:

We recommend the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety formalize its expectation about how often staff should determine the status of the completion of disaster assistance restoration work for claims made under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

38. The committee concurred with recommendation 3 made at page 32 of the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 1, chapter 4, Corrections, Policing and Public Safety — Providing Provincial Disaster Assistance:

We recommend the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety analyze actual results compared to expectations for key service standards for the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program and determine whether changes to the Program are needed.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

39. The committee concurred with recommendation 4 made at page 32 of the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 1, chapter 4, Corrections, Policing and Public Safety — Providing Provincial Disaster Assistance:

We recommend the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety periodically report to senior management actual results against service standards (e.g., 90 days for final payment for private property claims) for key activities of the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program and the status of any complaints or appeals.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

40. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 2, chapter 25, Corrections and Policing — Community Rehabilitation of Adult Offenders.

The following Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Heather Scriver, Assistant Deputy Minister, Custody, Supervision and Rehabilitation Services
Mark McFadyen, Executive Director, Custody Services

41. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 2, chapter 25, Corrections and Policing — Community Rehabilitation of Adult Offenders.
42. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 2, chapter 26, Corrections and Policing — Planning for Inmate Capacity in Correctional Facilities.

The following Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Heather Scriver, Assistant Deputy Minister, Custody, Supervision and Rehabilitation Services
Dean Carey, Executive Director, Offender Services
Mark McFadyen, Executive Director, Custody Services

43. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 2, chapter 26, Corrections and Policing — Planning for Inmate Capacity in Correctional Facilities.
44. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 2, chapter 27, Corrections and Policing — Providing Primary Medical Care in Adult Secure-Custody Correctional Centres.

The following Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Heather Scriver, Assistant Deputy Minister, Custody, Supervision and Rehabilitation Services
Dean Carey, Executive Director, Offender Services

45. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 2, chapter 27, Corrections and Policing — Providing Primary Medical Care in Adult Secure-Custody Correctional Centres.
46. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 2, chapter 20, Corrections, Policing and Public Safety — Rehabilitating Adult Inmates.

The following Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Heather Scriver, Assistant Deputy Minister, Custody, Supervision and Rehabilitation Services
Mark McFadyen, Executive Director, Custody Services

47. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 2, chapter 20, Corrections, Policing and Public Safety — Rehabilitating Adult Inmates.
48. The committee recessed from 11:58 a.m. until 1:15 p.m.
49. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2019 report volume 2, chapter 16, Social Services; and 2020 report volume 2, chapter 15, Social Services; and 2021 report volume 2, chapter 12, Social Services.

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

Witnesses

Tracey Smith, Deputy Minister
Tobie Eberhardt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Child and Family Programs
Devon Exner, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Assistance Programs
Louise Michaud, Assistant Deputy Minister, Disability Programs and Housing
Jason Pirlot, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance & Corporate Services
Joel Kilbride, Executive Director, Program and Service Design
Bob Martinook, Executive Director, Community Living Service Delivery
Kari Paton, Executive Director, Service Delivery
Jeff Redekop, Executive Director, Income Assistance Service Delivery
Mitch Tremblay, Executive Director, Community Services
Rhiannon Shaw, Acting Executive Director, Finance
Natasha Sebastian, Executive Assistant

50. The following document was tabled:

Ministry of Social Services: Status Update, dated March 2, 2022

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51. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2019 report volume 2, chapter 16, Social Services.
52. The committee concurred with recommendation 1 made at page 94 of the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 2, chapter 15, Social Services:

We recommend the Ministry of Social Services verify client income information for its Saskatchewan Income Support program.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Social Services is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

53. The committee concurred with recommendation 2 made at page 95 of the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 2, chapter 15, Social Services:

We recommend the Ministry of Social Services record and recover overpayments related to its Saskatchewan Income Support program in a timely manner.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Social Services has complied with the recommendation.

54. The committee concurred with recommendation 3 made at page 96 of the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 2, chapter 15, Social Services:

We recommend the Ministry of Social Services require staff to reconcile and review each of its key bank accounts monthly.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Social Services has complied with the recommendation.

55. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 2, chapter 12, Social Services.
56. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 1, chapter 12, Social Services — Monitoring Foster Families.

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

Witnesses

Tracey Smith, Deputy Minister

Tobie Eberhardt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Child and Family Programs

Devon Exner, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Assistance Programs

Louise Michaud, Assistant Deputy Minister, Disability Programs and Housing

Jason Pirlot, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance & Corporate Services

Joel Kilbride, Executive Director, Program and Service Design

Bob Martinook, Executive Director, Community Living Service Delivery

Kari Paton, Executive Director, Service Delivery

Jeff Redekop, Executive Director, Income Assistance Service Delivery

Mitch Tremblay, Executive Director, Community Services

Rhiannon Shaw, Acting Executive Director, Finance

Natasha Sebastian, Executive Assistant

57. The committee concurred with recommendation 1 made at page 160 of the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 1, chapter 12, Social Services — Monitoring Foster Families:

We recommend the Ministry of Social Services complete all required background checks prior to approving foster families.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Social Services has complied with the recommendation.

58. The committee concurred with recommendation 2 made at page 163 of the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 1, chapter 12, Social Services — Monitoring Foster Families:

We recommend the Ministry of Social Services consistently follow its standard to conduct annual home safety checks at foster homes.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Social Services has complied with the recommendation.

59. The committee concurred with recommendation 3 made at page 164 of the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 1, chapter 12, Social Services — Monitoring Foster Families:

We recommend the Ministry of Social Services obtain annual criminal record declarations for all adults residing in approved foster homes.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Social Services has complied with the recommendation.

60. The committee concurred with recommendation 4 made at page 164 of the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 1, chapter 12, Social Services — Monitoring Foster Families:

We recommend the Ministry of Social Services require periodic criminal record checks on all adults residing in approved foster homes.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Social Services is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

61. The committee concurred with recommendation 5 made at page 165 of the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 1, chapter 12, Social Services — Monitoring Foster Families:

We recommend the Ministry of Social Services consistently follow its standard to complete annual review reports of individual foster families.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Social Services is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

62. The committee concurred with recommendation 6 made at page 166 of the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 1, chapter 12, Social Services — Monitoring Foster Families:

We recommend the Ministry of Social Services train staff responsible for monitoring foster families specifically on conducting annual reviews.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Social Services has complied with the recommendation.

63. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2019 report volume 2, chapter 46, Social Services — Supervising Community-Based Organizations Delivering Programs to Intellectually Disabled People; and 2021 report volume 2, chapter 37, Social Services — Supervising Community-Based Organizations Delivering Programs to Intellectually Disabled People.

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

Witnesses

Tracey Smith, Deputy Minister

Tobie Eberhardt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Child and Family Programs

Devon Exner, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Assistance Programs

Louise Michaud, Assistant Deputy Minister, Disability Programs and Housing

Jason Pirlot, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance & Corporate Services

Joel Kilbride, Executive Director, Program and Service Design

Bob Martinook, Executive Director, Community Living Service Delivery

Kari Paton, Executive Director, Service Delivery

Jeff Redekop, Executive Director, Income Assistance Service Delivery

Mitch Tremblay, Executive Director, Community Services

Rhiannon Shaw, Acting Executive Director, Finance

Natasha Sebastian, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister

64. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2019 report volume 2, chapter 46, Social Services — Supervising Community-Based Organizations Delivering Programs to Intellectually Disabled People; and 2021 report volume 2, chapter 37, Social Services — Supervising Community-Based Organizations Delivering Programs to Intellectually Disabled People.
65. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 2, chapter 42, Social Services — Investigating Allegations of Child Abuse and Neglect.

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

Witnesses

Tracey Smith, Deputy Minister
Tobie Eberhardt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Child and Family Programs
Devon Exner, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Assistance Programs
Louise Michaud, Assistant Deputy Minister, Disability Programs and Housing
Jason Pirlot, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance & Corporate Services
Joel Kilbride, Executive Director, Program and Service Design
Bob Martinook, Executive Director, Community Living Service Delivery
Kari Paton, Executive Director, Service Delivery
Jeff Redekop, Executive Director, Income Assistance Service Delivery
Mitch Tremblay, Executive Director, Community Services
Rhiannon Shaw, Acting Executive Director, Finance
Natasha Sebastian, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister

66. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 2, chapter 42, Social Services — Investigating Allegations of Child Abuse and Neglect.
67. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 2, chapter 43, Social Services — Minimizing Absenteeism.

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

Witnesses

Tracey Smith, Deputy Minister
Tobie Eberhardt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Child and Family Programs
Devon Exner, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Assistance Programs
Louise Michaud, Assistant Deputy Minister, Disability Programs and Housing
Jason Pirlot, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance & Corporate Services
Joel Kilbride, Executive Director, Program and Service Design
Bob Martinook, Executive Director, Community Living Service Delivery
Kari Paton, Executive Director, Service Delivery
Jeff Redekop, Executive Director, Income Assistance Service Delivery
Mitch Tremblay, Executive Director, Community Services
Rhiannon Shaw, Acting Executive Director, Finance
Natasha Sebastian, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister

68. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 2, chapter 43, Social Services — Minimizing Absenteeism.
69. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 2, chapter 44, Social Services — Protecting Children in Care.

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

Witnesses

Tracey Smith, Deputy Minister
Tobie Eberhardt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Child and Family Programs
Devon Exner, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Assistance Programs
Louise Michaud, Assistant Deputy Minister, Disability Programs and Housing
Jason Pirlot, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance & Corporate Services
Joel Kilbride, Executive Director, Program and Service Design
Bob Martinook, Executive Director, Community Living Service Delivery
Kari Paton, Executive Director, Service Delivery
Jeff Redekop, Executive Director, Income Assistance Service Delivery
Mitch Tremblay, Executive Director, Community Services
Rhiannon Shaw, Acting Executive Director, Finance
Natasha Sebastian, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister

70. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2020 report volume 2, chapter 44, Social Services — Protecting Children in Care.
71. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 1, chapter 29, Social Services — Protecting Children-in-Care Information in the Linkin System.

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

Witnesses

Tracey Smith, Deputy Minister
Tobie Eberhardt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Child and Family Programs
Devon Exner, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Assistance Programs
Louise Michaud, Assistant Deputy Minister, Disability Programs and Housing
Jason Pirlot, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance & Corporate Services
Joel Kilbride, Executive Director, Program and Service Design
Bob Martinook, Executive Director, Community Living Service Delivery
Kari Paton, Executive Director, Service Delivery
Jeff Redekop, Executive Director, Income Assistance Service Delivery
Mitch Tremblay, Executive Director, Community Services
Rhiannon Shaw, Acting Executive Director, Finance
Natasha Sebastian, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister

72. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 1, chapter 29, Social Services — Protecting Children-in-Care Information in the Linkin System.
73. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 1, chapter 28, Social Services — Placing Minister's Wards in Permanent Homes.

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

Witnesses

Tracey Smith, Deputy Minister
Tobie Eberhardt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Child and Family Programs
Devon Exner, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Assistance Programs
Louise Michaud, Assistant Deputy Minister, Disability Programs and Housing
Jason Pirlot, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance & Corporate Services
Joel Kilbride, Executive Director, Program and Service Design
Bob Martinook, Executive Director, Community Living Service Delivery
Kari Paton, Executive Director, Service Delivery
Jeff Redekop, Executive Director, Income Assistance Service Delivery
Mitch Tremblay, Executive Director, Community Services
Rhiannon Shaw, Acting Executive Director, Finance
Natasha Sebastian, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister

74. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 1, chapter 28, Social Services — Placing Minister's Wards in Permanent Homes.
75. The committee recessed from 3:17 p.m. until 3:31 p.m.
76. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 1, chapter 5, Education — Evaluating the Early Learning Intensive Support Program.

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

Witnesses

Donna Johnson, Deputy Minister
Susan Nedelcov-Anderson, Assistant Deputy Minister
Rory Jensen, Assistant Deputy Minister
Cindy Jeanes, Director, Early Learning Supports

77. The committee concurred with recommendation 1 made at page 44 of the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 1, chapter 5, Education — Evaluating the Early Learning Intensive Support Program:

We recommend the Ministry of Education periodically collect sufficient data to enable future assessments of all expected outcomes relating to the Early Learning Intensive Support Program.

The committee noted that the Ministry of Education is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

78. The committee concurred with recommendation 2 made at page 49 of the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 1, chapter 5, Education — Evaluating the Early Learning Intensive Support Program:

We recommend the Ministry of Education regularly collect information about school divisions' actions to address the challenges identified in reviews of the Early Learning Intensive Support Program.

79. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 1, chapter 12, Education — Capital Asset Planning for Schools.

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

Witnesses

Donna Johnson, Deputy Minister
Susan Nedelcov-Anderson, Assistant Deputy Minister
Rory Jensen, Assistant Deputy Minister

80. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 1, chapter 12, Education — Capital Asset Planning for Schools.
81. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 2, chapter 21, Education — Increasing Grade 12 Graduation Rates.

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

Witnesses

Donna Johnson, Deputy Minister
Susan Nedelcov-Anderson, Assistant Deputy Minister
Rory Jensen, Assistant Deputy Minister

82. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 2, chapter 21, Education — Increasing Grade 12 Graduation Rates.
83. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 2, chapter 22, Education — Instruction Time.

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

Witnesses

Donna Johnson, Deputy Minister
Susan Nedelcov-Anderson, Assistant Deputy Minister
Rory Jensen, Assistant Deputy Minister

84. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 2, chapter 22, Education — Instruction Time.
85. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 2, chapter 23, Education — Monitoring Kindergarten Students' Readiness to Learn in the Primary Grades.

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

Witnesses

Donna Johnson, Deputy Minister
Susan Nedelcov-Anderson, Assistant Deputy Minister

Rory Jensen, Assistant Deputy Minister

86. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's 2021 report volume 2, chapter 23, Education — Monitoring Kindergarten Students' Readiness to Learn in the Primary Grades.

87. It was moved by Ms. Young

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

88. The committee adjourned at 4:52 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Rob Park
Committee Clerk

Trent Wotherspoon
Chair