

### House of Assembly Management Commission Agenda

**Date:** July 12, 2023 **Time:** 9:30 a.m.

**Location:** HOA Committee Room

# **Televised Meeting**

1. Appointment of Audit Committee Member & Designation of Chair

2. Adjustment to Financial Reports for year ended March 31, 2023

# In Camera Meeting

### **House of Assembly Management Commission**

### **Briefing Note**

Title: House of Assembly Audit Committee

<u>Issue:</u> Appointment of Audit Committee member and designation of Chair as a

result of a recent vacancy on the Committee.

### Background:

• The composition of the Audit Committee is outlined in subsection 23(2) of the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act (HOAAIAA) which states:

- (2) The audit committee shall consist of
  - (a) 2 members of the commission chosen by the commission, at least one of whom shall not be a member of the government party; and
  - (b) 2 persons, chosen by the Chief Justice of the province, who are not members but who are resident in the province, and have demonstrated knowledge and experience in financial matters and are suitable to represent the public interest.
- The two members of the public currently serving on the Audit Committee are Beverley Evans and Deborah Collis. The other member of the Commission serving on the Audit Committee, as appointed by the Commission, is the Member for Bonavista.
- Recent changes to the composition of the Management Commission has created a vacancy on the Audit Committee. The Member for Burin - Grand Bank, who was a member of the Audit Committee, has been replaced on the Commission by the Member for Mount Pearl North.
- Further, subsection 23(3) of the HOAAIAA states the following respecting the designation of the Chair:
  - (3) The commission shall designate the chair of the audit committee from members of the committee.
- As a result of the current vacancy on the Audit Committee, the Commission will also have to designate which member of the Committee will serve as Chair.

- The Audit Committee appointment and designation of the Chair is required as soon as possible so that the Committee can schedule upcoming meetings to fulfill its responsibilities within the timelines required by the HOAAIA's accountability framework.
- As the Act prescribes that the Chair must be designated by the Commission and does not include a provision for Vice-Chair, the Audit Committee is unable to meet when there is a vacancy in the role of the Chair. The Commission may also wish to direct House officials to conduct research and analysis, to be brought back at a future meeting, on a proposed amendment to HOAAIAA what would add a provision for Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee, such that it can continue to meet to fulfill its statutory obligations in the absence of a Chair.

### Analysis:

### Legal Consultation:

Not applicable.

### Internal Consultation(s):

Not applicable.

### External Consultation(s):

Not applicable.

### **Comparison to Government Policy:**

Not applicable.

### Financial Impact:

Not applicable.

#### Legislative Impact:

Not applicable.

### **Options:**

1. Appoint a member of the Commission to serve on the Audit Committee, and designate which member of the Committee will serve as the Chair.

### Status:

 There is a current vacancy on the Audit Committee as a result of recent changes to the composition of the Management Commission.

# **Action Required:**

Recommended Minutes:

• The Commission appoints \_\_\_\_\_ as a member of the Audit Committee, effective immediately.

• The Commission appoints \_\_\_\_\_ as Chair of the Audit Committee, effective immediately.

Prepared by: B. Russell Approved by: S. Barnes

Date: July 4, 2023

# House of Assembly Management Commission Briefing Note

**Title:** Financial Reports – April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023

Issue: Adjustment to Financial Reports of the Legislature for the year ended

March 31, 2023.

### **Background:**

• Paragraph 20(5)(a) of the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act states that the Management Commission shall "regularly, and at least quarterly, review the financial performance of the House of Assembly as well as the actual expenditures of members compared with approved allocations."

- The reports detailing the financial performance of the Legislature were presented to the Management Commission at its June 14, 2023 meeting. Since that time, adjustments were made to the accounts of the Legislature by the Office of the Comptroller General, which changed the revenue and expenditure for the period ended March 31, 2023. The revenue associated with the repayment of excess constituency allowances resulting from judgements of the Court in the mid-2000s has always been administered by the Department of Finance although it appears in the accounts of the Legislature.
- A revised Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the Legislature (excluding the Office of the Auditor General) for the twelve-month period ended March 31, 2023 is attached, reflecting the adjustment. The reports show the actual expenditures and revenues for the fiscal year.

### **Analysis:**

#### **Legal Consultation:**

Not applicable

#### Internal Consultation(s):

Not applicable

### **External Consultation(s):**

Not applicable

### **Comparison to Government Policy:**

Not applicable

# **Financial Impact:**

Not applicable

# **Legislative Impact:**

Not applicable

# **Options:**

• Not applicable

# Status:

• Not applicable

# **Action Required:**

• For information purposes only.

Drafted by: W.L. Mercer Approved by: S. Barnes

Date: July 4, 2023

### **Attachments:**

1. Statement of Revenue and Expenditure – Legislature (excluding the Office of the Auditor General)



			Original Estimates	Operating Budget	Actual Expenditures & Revenue	Savings (Over-runs) from Original Budget		Savings (Over- runs) from perating Budget
1.1.01.	ADM	INISTRATIVE SUPPORT						
	01.	Salaries	2,016,300	2,016,300	1,874,709	141,591	1	141,591
		Operating Accounts:						
		Employee Benefits	4,500	5,300	5,234	(734)		66
		Transportation and Communications	59,400	59,400	41,829	17,571	2	17,571
		Supplies	36,200	36,200	32,914	3,286	3	3,286
		Professional Services	61,100	65,300	65,265	(4,165)	4	35
		Purchased Services	62,000	57,000	15,490	46,510	5	41,510
		Property, Furnishings and Equipment	92,500	92,500	00.074	10 107	6	10 107
	02				82,374	10,127		10,127
	02.	Operating Accounts	315,700	315,700	243,107	72,594		72,594
		<del>-</del>	2,332,000	2,332,000	2,117,815	214,185		214,185
	02.	Revenue - Provincial	-	-	(2,196)	2,196	7	2,196
-	Tota	I: Administrative Support	2,332,000	2,332,000	2,115,620	216,380		216,380

- 1. Savings due to temporary vacancies, partially offset by paid leave, salary increases, recognition bonus and overtime payouts.
- 2. Savings as travel expenditures were less than anticipated.
- 3. Savings as expenditures for office supplies were less than anticipated.
- 4. Overruns as expenditures for consulting fees were more than anticipated.
- 5. Savings due to metering, training and other purchased services were less than anticipated.
- 6. Savings as expenditures for office equipment is budgeted for the House of Assembly Service, Caucus and Statutory Offices in this activity. Purchases were impacted by delays in shipping related to Covid-19.
- 7. Mainly related to airfare refunds and return of petty cash.



			Original Estimates	Operating Budget	Actual Expenditures & Revenue	Savings (Over-runs) from Original Budget		Savings (Over- runs) from Operating Budget
1.1.02.	LEG	ISLATIVE LIBRARY AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT						
		RECORDS MANAGEMENT						
	01.	Salaries	687,200	721,900	718,632	(31,432)	1	3,268
		Operating Accounts:						
		Employee Benefits	900	900	399	501		501
		Transportation and Communications	8,000	5,800	3,543	4,457	2	2,257
		Supplies	47,000	50,700	50,600	(3,600)	3	100
		Purchased Services	5,500	4,000	3,375	2,125	4	625
		Property, Furnishings and Equipment				_		-
	02.		61,400	61,400	57,917	3,483		3,483
	Tota	I: Legislative Library and Records						
		Management	748,600	783,300	776,549	(27,949)		6,751

- 1. Overruns due to salary increases and recognition payouts.
- 2. Savings as travel expenditures were less than anticipated.
- 3. Overruns as supplies are higher than anticipated.
- 4. Savings as binding, shredding and other purchased services less than anticipated.



			Original Estimates	Operating Budget	Actual Expenditures & Revenue	Savings (Over-runs) from Original Budget	Ć	Savings (Over- runs) from Operating Budget
1.1.03.	HAN	SARD AND THE BROADCAST CENTRE	=					
	01.	Salaries Operating Accounts:	670,900	670,900	635,826	35,074	1	35,074
		Employee Benefits	600	600	300	300		300
		Transportation and Communications	7,300	7,300	6,022	1,278	2	1,278
		Supplies	56,900	56,900	50,696	6,204	3	6,204
		Professional Services	18,000	18,000	6,000	12,000	4	12,000
		Purchased Services	208,700	208,000	143,416	65,284	5	64,584
		Property, Furnishings and Equipment	10,000	10,700	10,554	(554)		146
	02.	Operating Accounts	301,500	301,500	216,989	84,511		84,511
		<del>-</del>	972,400	972,400	852,815	119,585		119,585
	02.	Revenue - Provincial				-		
	Tota	l: Hansard and the Broadcast Centre	972,400	972,400	852,815	119,585		119,585

- 1. Savings due to temporary vacancies, partially offset by paid leave, salary increases, recognition bonus and overtime payouts.
- 2. Savings as travel expenditures were less than anticipated.
- 3. Savings as expenditures for supplies were less than anticipated.
- 4. Savings as expenditures for consulting services were less than anticipated
- 5. Savings as satellite and closed captioning expenditures less than anticipated due to fewer house sitting days.



		Original Estimates	Operating Budget	Actual Expenditures & Revenue	Savings (Over-runs) from Original Budget		avings (Over- runs) from erating Budget
1.1.04. ME	MBERS' RESOURCES						
01	. Salaries Operating Accounts:	6,968,100	6,841,900	6,475,598	492,502	1	366,302
	Transportation and Communications	10,200	10,200	30	10,170	2	10,170
	Supplies	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	3	5,000
	Professional Services	361,200	309,500	1,061	360,139	4	308,439
	Purchased Services	20,000	20,000	550	19,450	5	19,450
02	2. Operating Accounts	396,400	344,700	1,641	394,759		343,059
09	Allowances and Assistance	2,363,700	2,258,500	1,363,902	999,798	6	894,598
10	. Grants and Subsidies	6,300	5,400	3,891	2,409	7	1,509
		9,734,500	9,450,500	7,845,031	1,889,469		1,605,469
02.	Revenue - Provincial	-	-	(14,306)	14,306	8	14,306
Tot	al: Members' Resources	9,734,500	9,450,500	7,830,725	1,903,775		1,619,775

- 1. Savings due to less than anticipated costs for Constituency Assistants, Replacement Constituency Assistants, one less private member, partially offset by severance and paid leave payments, salary increases and recognition bonus payments.
- 2. Savings as expenditures for travel were less than anticipated.
- 3. Savings as expenditures for office supplies are less than anticipated.
- 4. Savings as consulting services were less than anticipated.
- 5. Savings as metering, training and other purchased services were less than anticipated.
- 6. Savings as Members did not avail of the maximum allowable funds.
- 7. Savings as two less Independent Members for 2022-23.
- 8. Revenues mainly related to repayment of excess constituency allowance and repayment of an operational funding grant.



			Original Estimates	Operating Budget	Actual Expenditures & Revenue	Savings (Over-runs) from Original Budget	Ć	Savings (Over- runs) from Operating Budget
1.1.05.	HOUS	SE OPERATIONS						
		Salaries Operating Accounts:	209,100	209,100	169,130	39,970	1	39,970
		Employee Benefits	5,900	7,300	7,300	(1,400)	2	-
		Transportation and Communications	125,000	119,700	86,882	38,118	3	32,818
		Supplies	14,500	14,500	12,355	2,145	4	2,145
		Professional Services	3,900	159,100	159,061	(155,161)	5	39
		Purchased Services	41,500	41,500	26,406	15,094	6	15,094
		Property, Furnishings and Equipment	1,700	3,800	1,961	(261)		1,839
	02. (	Operating Accounts	192,500	345,900	293,965	(101,465)		51,935
	10. (	Grants and Subsidies	11,600	11,600	11,557	43		43
		_	413,200	566,600	474,652	(61,452)		91,948
	02.	Revenue - Provincial	-	_	-	-		-
	Total:	House Operations	413,200	566,600	474,652	(61,452)		91,948

- 1. Savings due to temporary vacancies, partially offset by salary increases, recognition bonus payouts.
- 2. Overruns as conference registration fees were higher than anticipated.
- 3. Savings as travel expenditures were less than anticipated.
- 4. Savings as expenditures for office supplies were less than anticipated.
- 5. Overruns due to unbudgeted cost of legal fees and consulting services.
- 6. Savings due to less than anticipated training and other purchased services.



			Original Estimates	Operating Budget	Actual Expenditures & Revenue	Savings (Over-runs) from Original Budget		Savings (Over- runs) from Operating Budget
1.1.06.	GOV	ERNMENT MEMBERS CAUCUS						
	01.	Salaries Operating Accounts:	327,200	341,000	340,989	(13,789)	1	11
		Employee Benefits	1,000	1,000	-	1,000		1,000
		Transportation and Communications	19,900	19,200	9,027	10,873	2	10,173
		Supplies	8,600	9,300	9,253	(653)		47
		Purchased Services	7,500	7,500	2,165	5,335	3	5,335
		Property, Furnishings and Equipment	2,400	2,400	1,499	901		901
	02.	Operating Accounts	39,400	39,400	21,945	17,455		17,455
	10.	Grants and Subsidies	32,700	33,600	33,546	(846)		54
	Tota	ll: Government Members Caucus	399,300	414,000	396,480	2,820		17,520

<sup>1.</sup> Overruns due to temporary vacancies, increase of one private member, partially offset by salary increases and recognition bonus payouts.

- 2. Savings due to less travel than anticipated.
- 3. Savings as expenditures for metering, training and other purchased services were less than anticipated.



	Original Estimates	Operating Budget	Actual Expenditures & Revenue	Savings (Over-runs) from Original Budget	Savings (Over- runs) from Operating Budget
1.1.07. OFFICIAL OPPOSITION CAUCUS					
01. Salaries Operating Accounts:	1,081,100	1,115,300	1,115,213	(34,113)	1 87
Employee Benefits	3,000	3,000	2,789	211	211
Transportation and Communications	79,400	79,400	44,703	34,697	<sup>2</sup> 34,697
Supplies	24,000	24,000	18,055	5,945	<sup>3</sup> 5,945
Purchased Services	22,000	22,000	18,745	3,255	4 3,255
Property, Furnishings and Equipment	5,500	5,500	3,968	1,532	5 1,532
02. Operating Accounts	133,900	133,900	88,260	45,640	45,640
10. Grants and Subsidies	18,700	18,700	18,678	22	22
Total: Official Opposition Caucus	1,233,700	1,267,900	1,222,151	11,549	45,749

- 1. Overruns due to salary increases, paid leave, recognition bonus payouts and decrease of one private member.
- 2. Savings as travel expenditures were less than anticipated.
- 3. Savings as expenditures for office supplies were less than anticipated.
- 4. Savings as expenditures for metering, training and other purchased services were less than anticipated.
- 5. Savings as expenditures for office equipment were less than anticipated.



		Original Estimates	Operating Budget	Actual Expenditures & Revenue	Savings (Over-runs) from Original Budget	Savings (Over- runs) from Operating Budget
1.1.08.	THIRD PARTY CAUCUS					
	01. Salaries Operating Accounts:	405,600	429,600	409,016	(3,416)	1 20,584
	Employee Benefits	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
	Transportation and Communications	21,700	21,700	10,207	11,493	<sup>2</sup> 11,493
	Supplies	8,300	8,300	3,699	4,601	<sup>3</sup> 4,601
	Purchased Services	7,500	7,500	3,185	4,315	4 4,315
	Property, Furnishings and Equipment	1,800	1,800	1,606	194	194
	02. Operating Accounts	40,300	40,300	18,696	21,604	21,604
	10. Grants and Subsidies	12,500	12,500	12,452	48	48
	Total: Third Party Caucus	458,400	482,400	440,164	18,236	42,236

- 1. Overruns due to salary increases, paid leave and recognition bonus payout.
- 2. Savings as travel expenditures were less than anticipated.
- 3. Savings as expenditures for office supplies were less than anticipated.
- 4. Savings as expenditures for metering, training and other purchased services were less than anticipated.

TOTAL HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY 16,292,100 16,269,100 14,109,154 2,182,944 2,159,944



			Original Estimates	Operating Budget	Actual Expenditures & Revenue	Savings (Over-runs) from Original Budget		Savings (Over- runs) from Operating Budget
3.1.01.	OFFICE OF	THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFIC	CER					
	01. Salarie Operat	s ing Accounts:	914,400	914,400	907,857	6,543	1	6,543
		vee Benefits	4,500	4,500	2,917	1,583		1,583
	Transp	ortation and Communications	104,400	76,600	64,074	40,326	2	12,526
	Supplie	es	64,000	75,300	63,559	441		11,741
	Profes	sional Services	83,000	109,600	109,560	(26,560)	3	40
	Purcha	sed Services	301,000	289,400	211,587	89,413	4	77,813
	Proper	ty, Furnishings and Equipment	7,000	8,500	8,413	(1,413)	5	87
	02. Operat	ing Accounts	563,900	563,900	460,110	103,790		103,790
	10. Grants	and Subsidies		3,500	3,416	(3,416)	6	84
			1,478,300	1,481,800	1,371,383	106,917		110,417
	02. Revenu	ue - Provincial			(8,778)	8,778	7	8,778
	Total: Office	of the Chief Electoral	1,478,300	1,481,800	1,362,606	115,694		119,194

- 1. Savings due to temporary vacancies, partially offset by salary increases and recognition bonus payouts.
- 2. Savings as travel expenditures were less than anticipated.
- 3. Overruns due to higher than anticipated legal fees.
- 4. Savings as expenditures for metering, training and development and other purchased services less than anticipated.
- 5. Overruns as expenditures for office equipment were more than anticipated.
- 6. Overrun due to unbudgeted cost of grants and subsidies payments related to General Election 2021.
- 7. Related to repayment of car rental invoice and deposit of surplus in Trust Account to CRF.



		Original Estimates	Operating Budget	Actual Expenditures & Revenue	Savings (Over-runs) from Original Budget	r	vings (Over- uns) from rating Budget
4.1.01. OFF	ICE OF THE CITIZENS' REPRESENTA	TIVE					
01.	Salaries	798,100	798,100	735,113	62,987	1	62,987
	Operating Accounts:						
	Employee Benefits	7,000	7,000	725	6,275	2	6,275
	Transportation and Communications	34,800	25,700	12,600	22,200	3	13,100
	Supplies	5,000	5,000	4,580	420		420
	Professional Services	69,600	78,700	78,688	(9,088)	4	12
	Purchased Services	108,000	108,000	78,443	29,557	5	29,557
						6	
	Property, Furnishings and Equipment	8,000	8,000	355	7,645		7,645
02.	Operating Accounts	232,400	232,400	175,392	57,008		57,008
Tota	II: Office of the Citizens'						
	Representative	1,030,500	1,030,500	910,505	119,995		119,995

- 1. Savings due to temporary vacancies and hiring on a lower level, partially offset by salary increases and recognition bonus payouts.
- 2. Savings due to less than anticipated costs of conference registrations.
- 3. Savings as travel expenditures were less than anticipated.
- 4. Overruns due to legal and consulting fees higher than anticipated.
- 5. Savings as training and development and other purchased services were less than anticipated.
- 6. Savings as expenditures for office furnishings and equipment were less than anticipated.



		Original Estimates	Operating Budget	Actual Expenditures & Revenue	Savings (Over-runs) from Original Budget		vings (Over- runs) from rating Budget
5.1.01. OFF	FICE OF THE CHILD AND YOUTH ADVO	CATE					
01.	Salaries Operating Accounts:	1,196,600	1,196,600	1,132,209	64,391	1	64,391
	Employee Benefits	3.500	3.500	804	2,696	2	2,696
	Transportation and Communications	55,400	49,900	22,703	32,697	3	27,197
	Supplies	6,000	6,000	5,813	187		187
	Professional Services	19,000	19,000	5,670	13,330	4	13,330
	Purchased Services	160,900	160,900	138,964	21,936	5	21,936
	Property, Furnishings and Equipment	4,000	9,500	9,458	(5,458)	6	42
02.	Operating Accounts	248,800	248,800	183,413	65,388		65,388
Tota	al: Office of the Child and Youth  Advocate	1.445.400	1,445,400	1,315,621	129,779		129,779

- 1. Savings due to temporary vacancies and hiring on a lower level, partially offset by salary increases and recognition bonus payouts.
- 2. Savings as conference and other registration fees less than anticipated.
- 3. Savings as travel expenditures for outreach and conferences were less than anticipated.
- 4. Savings as legal and consulting fees were less than anticipated.
- 5. Savings as training and development, advertising and other purchased services were less than anticipated.
- 6. Overruns as furniture and equipment expenditures are higher than anticipated. Equipment below OCIO standards was replaced.



			Original Estimates	Operating Budget	Actual Expenditures & Revenue	Savings (Over-runs) from Original Budget		Savings (Over- runs) from perating Budget
6.1.01.	OFF	ICE OF THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER						
	01.	Salaries	1,161,200	1,155,500	1,140,571	20,629	1	14,929
		Operating Accounts:						
		Employee Benefits	4,500	4,500	2,952	1,548		1,548
		Transportation and Communications	32,800	23,300	21,540	11,260	2	1,760
		Supplies	6,700	7,100	7,095	(395)		5
		Professional Services	175,000	175,000	106,138	68,862	3	68,862
		Purchased Services	142,400	151,200	151,110	(8,710)	4	90
		Property, Furnishings and Equipment	2,000	8,000	7,974	(5,974)	5	26
	02.	Operating Accounts	363,400	369,100	296,808	66,592		72,292
	02.	Revenue - Provincial	(3,500)		(17,653)	14,153	6	17,653
	Tota	I: Office of the Information and						
		Commissioner	1,521,100	1,524,600	1,419,726	101,374		104,874

- 1. Savings due to temporary vacancies, delayed hirings and hirings on a lower level, partially offset by salary increases and recognition bonus payouts.
- Savings due to less travel expenditures than anticipated.
   Savings as legal fees and consulting services were less than anticipated.
- 4. Overruns due to costs to host F/P/T Information and Privacy Commissioners/Ombudsmenpersons Annual Conference were higher
- 5. Overruns due to replacement of broken and obsolete office equipment.
- 6. Registration fees higher than anticipated from F/P/T Information and Privacy Commissioners/Ombudsmenpersons Annual Conference.



		Original Estimates	Operating Budget	Actual Expenditures & Revenue	Savings (Over-runs) from Original Budget		Savings (Over- runs) from Operating Budget
7.1.01. OF	FFICE OF THE SENIORS' ADVOCATE						
0	Salaries     Operating Accounts:	373,100	404,000	403,960	(30,860)	1	40
	Operating Accounts:  Employee Benefits	5.700	800	702	4,998	2	98
	Transportation and Communications	45.900	18.500	18,228	27.672	3	272
	Supplies	5.000	5.000	2.918	2.082	4	2,082
	Professional Services	9,000	900	240	8,760	5	660
	Purchased Services	44,000	66,800	66,042	(22,042)	6	758
	Property, Furnishings and Equipment	4,000	10,200	10,172	(6,172)	7	28
0	Operating Accounts	113,600	102,200	98,302	15,298		3,898
Total: Office of the Seniors' Advocate		486,700	506,200	502,263	(15,563)		3,937

- 1. Overruns due to temporary hiring, hiring at a higher level than previous Seniors' Advocate, salary increases and recognition bonus payouts.
- 2. Savings as conference registration fees were less than anticipated.
- 3. Savings due to less travel expenditures than anticipated.
- 4. Savings as expenditures for office supplies were less than anticipated.
- 5. Savings due to less legal and consulting fees than anticipated.
- 6. Overruns as research services for Public Engagement Process were higher than anticipated.
- 7. Overruns as furniture and equipment costs were higher than anticipated.

TOTAL LEGISLATURE (Excluding the Office of					
the Auditor General)	22,254,100	22,257,600	19,619,876	2,634,224	2,637,724