



*House of Assembly  
Newfoundland & Labrador*

## Resource Committee

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# **Consideration of Estimates 2026 (Concurrence)**

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Report to the House of Assembly

May 2026

*This report is privileged until tabled in the House of Assembly.*



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## Committee Members

### Resource Committee Members:

Mark Butt, Lewisporte - Twillingate (Chair)  
Riley Balsom, Carbonear - Trinity - Bay de Verde  
Fred Hutton, Conception Bay East - Bell Island  
Elvis Loveless, Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune  
Keith Russell, Lake Melville  
Joseph Power, Labrador West  
Sheilagh O'Leary, St. John's East - Quidi Vidi

*Appointed by motion April 27, 2029.*

### List of substitutions:

#### May 4, 2026

Michael King, Member for Burgeo - La Poile (substituted for Elvis Loveless, Member for Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune for subheads 1.1.01 to 2.1.03)

Jim Dinn, Member for St. John's Centre (substituted for Sheilagh O'Leary, Member for St. John's East - Quidi Vidi)

John Hogan, Windsor Lake (substituted for Elvis Loveless, Member for Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune for subheads 3.1.01 to 3.1.09)

#### May 5, 2026

Pam Parsons, Member for Harbour Grace - Port de Grave (substituted for Fred Hutton, Member for Conception Bay East - Bell Island)

Jim Dinn, Member for St. John's Centre (substituted for Sheilagh O'Leary, Member for St. John's East - Quidi Vidi)

#### May 6, 2026

Michael King, Member for Burgeo - La Poile (substituted for Fred Hutton, Member for Conception Bay East - Bell Island)

Bernard Davis, Member for Virginia Waters - Pleasantville (substituted for Elvis Loveless, Member for Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune)

#### May 7, 2026

Michael King, Member for Burgeo - La Poile (substituted for Fred Hutton, Member for Conception Bay East - Bell Island)

Bettina Ford, Member for Gander (substituted for Elvis Loveless, Member for Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune)

Jeff Dwyer, Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (substituted for Keith Russell, Member for Lake Melville)



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Sherry Gambin-Walsh, Member for Placentia - St. Mary's (substituted for Fred Hutton, Member for Conception Bay East - Bell Island)

Jeff Dwyer, Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (substituted for Keith Russell, Member for Lake Melville)

Hal Cormier, Member for St. George's - Humber (substituted for Joseph Power, Member for Labrador West)

Jim Dinn, Member for St. John's Centre (substituted for Sheilagh O'Leary, Member for St. John's East - Quidi Vidi)

May 19, 2026

Bettina Ford, Member for Gander (substituted for Elvis Loveless, Member for Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune)



## Transmittal

Speaker,

Pursuant to the motion of referral of April 29, 2026 and in accordance with Standing Order 72, the Resource Committee met on six occasions:

- May 4, 2026;
- May 5, 2026;
- May 6, 2026;
- May 7, 2026;
- May 8, 2026; and
- May 19, 2026.

The Resource Committee have considered the matters to them referred and, pursuant to Standing Order 75(2), have directed me to report that they have passed without amendment the estimates of:

- Department of Energy and Mines;
- Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change;
- Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture;
- Department of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands;
- Department of Jobs, Growth and Rural Development; and
- Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation.

Further, the Committee recommends that the report be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,



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Mark Butt, MHA  
Lewisporte - Twillingate  
Chair



## Appendix A

Witnesses (officials) who appeared at each meeting:

### **May 4, 2026**

#### **Department of Energy and Mines:**

Hon. Lloyd Parrott, Minister

Craig Martin, Deputy Minister

Paul Carter, Assistant Deputy Minister, Mining and Mineral Development Branch

Megan Nesbitt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services

Tansy Mundon, Director of Communications

Brad Nofall, Departmental Controller

Jeremy Howell, Executive Assistant to Minister

### **May 5, 2026**

#### **Department of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands:**

Hon. Pleaman Forsey, Minister

Jamie Chippett, Deputy Minister

Dr. Blair Adams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Forestry and Wildlife

Steve Balsom, Assistant Deputy Minister, Agriculture

Neil Croke, Assistant Deputy Minister, Emergency Services

Kellee Martin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Conception Bay North Response and Recovery

Denise Woodrow, Assistant Deputy Minister, Crown Lands

Brad Nofall, Departmental Controller

Linda Skinner, Director of Communications

Sara Rideout, Media Relations Manager

Nicholas Hillier, Executive Assistant

### **May 6, 2026**

#### **Department of Jobs, Growth and Rural Development:**

Hon. Lin Paddock, Minister

Heather Tizzard, Deputy Minister

Dan Brake, Assistant Deputy Minister, Industry and Economic Development

Seamus Breen, Assistant Deputy Minister, Employment and Labour Market Development

Aisling Gogan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Immigration

Julian Ludmer, Assistant Deputy Minister, Business and Innovation Branch



Megan Nesbitt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services  
Peter Andrews, Departmental Controller  
Allison King, Director of Communications  
Cayla McKenna, Executive Assistant to the Minister

**May 7, 2026**

**Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change:**

Hon. Chris Tibbs, Minister  
Valerie Snow, Deputy Minister  
Tara Kelly, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environment  
Dr. Susan Squires, Assistant Deputy Minister, Conservation and Climate Change  
Michelle Hunt Grouchy, Director of Communications  
Jennifer Torraville, Departmental Controller  
David Thomlyn, Executive Assistant

**May 8, 2026**

**Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture:**

Hon. Loyola O'Driscoll, Minister  
Keith Sullivan, Deputy Minister  
Scott Jones, Assistant Deputy Minister, Fisheries and Aquaculture  
Debbie Marnell, Director of Communications  
Brad Nofall, Departmental Controller  
Dr. Daryl Whalen, Director, Aquatic Animal Health  
Joan O'Driscoll, Executive Assistant

**May 19, 2026**

**Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation:**

Hon. Andrea Barbour, Minister  
Carol-Ann Gilliard, Deputy Minister  
Ben Gardner, Assistant Deputy Minister, Recreation and Sport  
Christina Harrington, Assistant Deputy Minister, Arts, Culture, Film and Television  
Lynn Taylor, Assistant Deputy Minister, Tourism  
Sara Norris, Director of Communications  
Jennifer Torraville, Departmental Controller  
Nicolle Iovanov, Media Relations Manager  
Kathy Goudie, Executive Assistant