



*House of Assembly
Newfoundland & Labrador*

Social Services Committee

Consideration of Estimates 2026 (Concurrence)

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

Social Services Committee Members:

Joseph Power, Member for Labrador West (Chair)
Paul Pike, Member for Burin - Grand Bank
Jim McKenna, Member for Fogo Island - Cape Freels
Jeff Dwyer, Member for Placentia West – Bellevue
Sherry Gambin-Walsh, Member for Placentia - St. Mary's
Hal Cormier, Member for St. George's - Humber
Jim Dinn, Member for St. John's Centre

Appointed by motion April 27, 2026.

List of substitutions:

April 29, 2026

Pam Parsons, Member for Harbour Grace - Port de Grave (substituted for Paul Pike, Member for Burin - Grand Bank)
Sheilagh O'Leary, Member for St. John's East - Quidi Vidi (substituted for Jim Dinn, Member for St. John's Centre)
John Hogan, Member for Windsor Lake (substituted for Sherry Gambin- Walsh, Member for Placentia - St. Mary's)

May 4, 2026

Lisa Dempster, Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (substituted for Paul Pike, Member for Burin - Grand Bank)

May 5, 2026

Jim Parsons, Member for Corner Brook (substituted for Paul Pike, Member for Burin - Grand Bank)
Lucy Stoyles, Member for Mount Pearl North (substituted for Member for Sherry Gambin – Walsh, Placentia - St. Mary's)
Sheilagh O'Leary, Member for St. John's East - Quidi Vidi (substituted for Jim Dinn, Member for St. John's Centre)

May 19, 2026

Lisa Dempster, Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (substituted for Paul Pike, Member for Burin - Grand Bank)
Jim Parsons, Member for Corner Brook (substituted for Sherry Gambin-Walsh, Member for Placentia - St. Mary's)



May 21, 2026

Bernard Davis, Member for Virginia Waters - Pleasantville (substituted for Sherry Gambin-Walsh, Member for Placentia - St. Mary's)

May 25, 2026

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



Transmittal

Speaker,

Pursuant to the motion of referral of April 29, 2026 and in accordance with Standing Order 72, the Social Services Committee met on 6 occasions:

- April 29, 2026;
- May 4, 2026;
- May 5, 2026;
- May 19, 2026;
- May 21, 2026; and
- May 25, 2026.

The Social Services 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 Education and Early Childhood Development;
- Department of Health and Community Services;
- Department of Justice and Public Safety;
- Department of Municipal and Community Affairs;
- Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation;
- Department of Seniors; and
- Department of Social Supports and Well-Being.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Power, MHA
Labrador West
Chair



Appendix A

Witnesses (officials) who appeared at each meeting:

April 29, 2026

Department of Justice and Public Safety:

Hon. Helen Conway-Ottenheimer, Minister

Gerrie Smith, Deputy Minister

Justin Caines, Assistant Deputy Minister, Legal Services

Kim Harding, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Safety & Correctional Services

Mike Noseworthy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Courts and Justice Services

Bonnie Steele, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporates & Strategic Services

Lisa Stead, Director of Public Prosecutions

Joanne Turner, Director of Provincial Court Services

Mark Walsh, Departmental Controller

Cayla Hillier, Manager of Budgeting

Vaughn Hammond, Director of Communications

Lesley Clarke, Media Relations Manager

Clair Bartlett, Executive Assistant

Chief Patrick Roche, Chief of Police, RNC

Andrew Green, Executive Director Support Services, RNC

Terri Twyne, Manager of Court Security

Shelley Organ, Chief Executive Officer, Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador

May 4, 2026

Department of Social Supports and Well-Being:

Hon. Joedy Wall, Minister

Tracy King, Deputy Minister of Social Supports and Well-Being

Sara Dow, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services and Performance Improvement

Mark Griffin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Child and Youth Services

Lori Rose, Assistant Deputy Minister, Prevention and Early Intervention

Robert Hodder, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Programs

Tanya Noseworthy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Healthy Communities

Barb Hudson, Executive Assistant to the Minister

Gayle St. Croix, Communications Director

Department of Newfoundland and Labrador Corporation:

Joedy Wall, Minister Responsible for the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation

Mike Tizzard, Chief Executive Officer, Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation

Krista Connolly, Executive Director, Financial and Corporate Services

Melissa Penney, Director of Finance



Joe Mercer, Executive Director, Regional Operations and Engineering
Melanie Thomas, Executive Director, Programs, Community Partnerships and Homelessness
Mike Budgell, Director of Communications
Barb Hudson, Executive Assistant to the Minister
Tina Neary, Ministerial Liaison

May 5, 2026

Department of Municipal and Community Affairs

Chris Tibbs, Minister
Candice Ennis-Williams, Deputy Minister
Gerry Osmand, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal and Community Support Branch
Mark Healy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Community Engagement Branch
Michelle Hunt-Grouchy, Director of Communications
Christopher Stamp, Director of Municipal Support Division
Lori Evoy, Director of Local Governance and Land Use Planning Division
Jennifer Torrance, Departmental Controller
Paul Forristall, Manager of Finance, Budget and General Operations
David Thomlyn, Executive Assistant

May 19, 2025

Department of Health and Community Services

Lela Evans, Minister
Colleen Stockley, Deputy Minister
Katie Norman, Associate Deputy Minister
Justin Garrett, Assistant Deputy Minister, Regional Services
Robyn Hayes, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services, Governance and Accountability
Gillian Sweeney, Assistant Deputy Minister, Population Health
Chad Antle, Departmental Controller
Victoria Barbour, Director of Communications
Jennifer Konieczny, Media Relations Manager
Bradley Russell, Executive Assistant

May 21, 2026

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

Paul Dinn, Minister
Judith Hearn, Deputy Minister, Advanced Education and Skills
Greg Clarke, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services



Heather Craniford, Assistant Deputy Minister, Post Secondary Education
Lisa Baker-Worthman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Early Learning, Inclusion and Child Development
Terry Hall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Education Operations
Scott Linehan, Assistant Deputy Minister, K-12 Education
Clifford Smith, Assistant Deputy Minister, Apprenticeship and Trades
Tracy Stamp, Departmental Controller
Brian Scott, Director of Communications
Lynn Robinson, Manager of Communications
Walt Mavin, Executive Assistant

May 25, 2026

Department of Seniors

Craig Pardy, Minister
Jeannine Herritt, Deputy Minister of Seniors
Chad Antle, Departmental Controller
Adrienne Luther, Director of Communications
Curtis Knee, Executive Assistant