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ET DES AFFAIRES ÉCONOMIQUES**

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The committee met at 0900 in room 151.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

The Chair (Ms. Soo Wong): We're going to call the meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs to order.

We have a report of the subcommittee on committee business. I believe Ms. Hoggarth is going to read out the subcommittee report. Ms. Hoggarth?

Ms. Ann Hoggarth: The Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs report of the subcommittee:

Your subcommittee on committee business met on Wednesday, October 29, 2014, and Wednesday, November 19, 2014, to consider the method of proceeding on pre-budget consultation 2015, and recommends the following:

(1) That the committee hold pre-budget consultations in Cornwall, Fort Erie, Fort Frances, London, Ottawa, Sudbury and Toronto between January 19 and January 30, 2015.

(2) That the Chair, on behalf of the committee, request the House leaders to authorize the committee to meet for up to eight days during the winter adjournment for the purpose of pre-budget consultations.

(3) That the Clerk of the Committee, with the authorization of the Chair, post information regarding the pre-budget consultations on the Ontario parliamentary channel, on the Legislative Assembly website and with Canada NewsWire.

(4) That the Clerk of the Committee, with the authorization of the Chair, place an advertisement in a major newspaper for one day in each of the cities where the committee intends to hold pre-budget consultations, and that the advertisements be placed in both English and French papers where possible.

(5) That interested people who wish to be considered to appear before the committee contact the Clerk of the Committee by 12 noon on Wednesday, December 10, 2014.

(6) That following the deadline for requests, the Clerk of the Committee provide the subcommittee members with an electronic list of all potential witnesses who have requested to appear before the committee.

(7) That, if all requests to appear cannot be accommodated in any given location, each of the subcommittee

members supply the Clerk of the Committee with a prioritized list of witnesses chosen from the Clerk's list and that the scheduling be done in the order of the government, the official opposition and the third party.

(8) That, if all requests to appear can be accommodated in any given location, the Clerk of the Committee, in consultation with the Chair, be authorized to schedule the witnesses.

(9) That late requests to appear may be considered, space permitting.

(10) That witnesses be offered a total of 15 minutes, 10 minutes for presentations and five minutes for questioning by party rotation.

(11) That the deadline for written submissions be 5 p.m. on Friday, January 30, 2015.

(12) That the research officer provide the committee with a draft report by Monday, February 23, 2015.

(13) That, with the exception of procedural motions during public hearings, the committee consider all other motions during report writing.

(14) That the committee authorize one staff person from each recognized party to travel with the committee, space permitting, for the purpose of pre-budget consultations and that reasonable expenses incurred for travel, accommodation and meals be paid for by the committee upon receipt of a properly filed expense claim.

(15) That the Clerk of the Committee, in consultation with the Chair, be authorized prior to the adoption of the report of the subcommittee to commence making any preliminary arrangements to facilitate the committee's proceedings.

The Chair (Ms. Soo Wong): Okay. Do we have any discussion or debate on the subcommittee report? Can we call the question—oh, Ms. Fife?

Ms. Catherine Fife: Just a question of clarification: In the past, when OLIP interns have accommodated the committee—if some of us have an intern and we'd like to bring them for this experience, would it still be paid for by the committee or does it come out of the member's—do you know?

The Chair (Ms. Soo Wong): Mr. Clerk?

The Clerk of the Committee (Mr. Katch Koch): I need to verify with our finance branch on that one.

Ms. Catherine Fife: Okay. It would be a good experience for them to come.

The Chair (Ms. Soo Wong): Any other discussion or debate on this item? Mr. McNaughton?

Mr. Monte McNaughton: Should we add in here—I don't know which point it would be; maybe point 16—that we're not taking Bearskin Airlines? We did that once, and it was rough.

The Chair (Ms. Soo Wong): We did have the same experience last year too with Jazz, so don't even get us started. Right? With Jazz, the door didn't close. Remember that experience in Kingston?

Ms. Catherine Fife: Yes.

The Chair (Ms. Soo Wong): All right. Any more debate and discussion? Can I call the question? All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

It's six minutes after 9. Thank you, everybody. Have a great morning.

The committee adjourned at 0906.

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