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First Session of the Thirty-Eighth Parliament

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL REPORT

(Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations)

2 May 2012

Hon Giz Watson:

Mr President

I am directed to report that on Monday, 30 April 2012 the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations resolved to hold the Budget Estimates Hearings in relation to the 2012/13 Budget commencing on Tuesday, 5 June 2012.

The Committee has revised its budget estimates process this year and is currently scheduling a program for the 2012/13 Budget Estimates to be undertaken from Tuesday, 5 June 2012 to Friday, 8 June 2012 which includes sitting days of the House set aside for Budget Estimates.

The Committee has reserved additional hearing days for the afternoons of Monday, 11 June, Monday, 18 June, Monday, 25 June 2012. In light of feedback from witnesses and Members regarding a lack of time to adequately respond to the Committee's questions, the Committee has resolved to allocate Monday, 11 June 2012 to follow up questions where responses received during the previous week are considered inadequate or more time is required to respond adequately.

A full day hearings is planned for Monday, 2 July and Tuesday, 3 July 2012. Additional hearings after this date may be arranged if the Committee believes they are required.

Due to the timing of the handing down of this year's budget the Committee has resolved to dispense with taking questions in advance of the hearings until after the Monday, 11 June 2012 hearings.

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Once completed, the program will be distributed to members together with an agency nomination form so that members can provide some input into the agencies selected for the Committee's Hearings for the additional days in June 2012.

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A. Watson
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Signed