

Standing Committee on  
**Public Safety and Services**

Review of Financial Disclosure  
for Leadership Contestants

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To the Honourable Ken Kowalski  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta

The Standing Committee on Public Safety and Services has the honour to submit its Report on the Review of Financial Disclosure for Leadership Contestants for consideration by the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

(original signed by)

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**Review of Financial Disclosure for Leadership Contestants  
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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

On February 25, 2010, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General wrote to the Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Safety and Services (the Committee) requesting that the Committee inquire into the issue of whether the province should adopt legislation respecting financial reporting by individuals who are seeking the leadership of their political party.

The Committee undertook this inquiry pursuant to Standing Order 52.07(2), which provides that

[a] Policy Field Committee may on its own initiative, or at the request of a Minister, inquire into any matter concerned with the structure, organization, operation, efficiency or service delivery of any sector of public policy within its mandate.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

At the September 13, 2010, meeting of the Committee, the Committee approved the following motion that

the committee recommend to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General to bring back to this committee a detailed discussion paper to address the practicality of leadership disclosure legislation.

The Committee further recommends that this discussion paper specifically consider the following issues as well as any questions or concerns that were raised at Committee meetings during the inquiry:

- Auditing requirements, including the potential costs to leadership contestants and who would be responsible for carrying out audits
- The role of the Chief Electoral Officer
- How the legislation would be implemented
- How the legislation would be administered
- When a leadership race would be considered to have commenced and concluded for the purposes of the legislation
- How the legislation would be enforced

The Committee also recommends that this paper consider the experience of other jurisdictions that have implemented similar legislation and include information about whether Canadian jurisdictions without this legislation have considered implementing financial disclosure rules for leadership contestants.

## APPENDIX A: LIST OF WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS

The following organizations and individuals made written submissions and oral presentations as part of the Committee's review of financial disclosure for leadership contestants. The Committee invited all registered provincial political parties to make an oral presentation and heard presentations on July 8, 2010, from the five political parties that accepted the invitation.

### Written Submissions

Name	Organization
Tom Flanagan	Private Citizen
R.B. (Bruce) Hutton	Separation Party of Alberta
Robert Leddy	Alberta Party
Brian Mason, MLA	NDP Opposition
No individual author named	Office of the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner of Canada
Scott Hennig	Canadian Taxpayers Federation
Len Skowronski	Alberta Social Credit Party

### Oral Presentations

Name	Organization
Bill Smith	Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta
Rachel Notley, MLA	Alberta NDP
Edwin Erickson, Bob Whyte	Alberta Party
Corey Hogan	Alberta Liberal Party
Vitor Marciano	Wildrose Alliance Party



