

All Party Committee on Basic Income
Meeting # Minutes – November 19, 2024
9:00 am – 10:30 am
West Block, Confederation Building

In attendance:

Hon. Paul A. Pike, Minister, Children, Seniors and Social Development (CSSD), Chair
Hon. Scott Reid, Minister Responsible for Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation
Sherry Gambin-Walsh, MHA, Placentia-St. Mary's
Jordan Browne MHA, Labrador West
Aisling Gogan, ADM, Prevention and Early Intervention
Margot Pitcher, Executive Assistant, CSSD
Scott Fleming, Policy Analyst, Third Party Caucus
Emily Timmins, Director, Social Well-Being, CSSD (Recorder)
Jay Griffin, Director of Tax Policy (for agenda item 1)
Lisa Ivey, Tax Policy Analyst (for agenda item 1)

Agenda Items:

1. Discussion with Dept of Finance

- Jay Griffin and Lisa Ivey from the Department of Finance attended the first portion of the meeting to answer questions about tax credits and benefits available to people living in low income and scenarios included in the draft report.

2. Review of requested edits to the draft report

- The committee reviewed the previously requested edits to the draft report.

3. Update on the TBI for Youth Services

- CSSD provided an update on the Targeted Basic Income for youth participating in CSSD's Youth Services Program.

4. Updates on discussions with other jurisdictions

- Minister Pike provided an update on discussions with counterparts in Atlantic Canada and CSSD officials provided an update on an officials level discussion with Employment and Skills Development Canada. Minister Pike shared that basic Income is a topic of interest in the Atlantic region and there is a commitment to further discussions by officials. Federal Government officials offered to share appropriate data with the province and continue conversations.

5. Approval of Minutes from Oct 2, 2024

- Deferred to next meeting.

6. Next steps

- Deferred to next meeting.