Human Resources Legislative Update

Ontario Budget Bill Referred to Committee

Date: June 6, 2013

On June 5, 2013, Bill 65, *Prosperous and Fair Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2013*, carried on recorded division at Second Reading and was ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs.

As previously reported, Bill 65 is legislation which, if passed, will give effect to certain initiatives contained in the Ontario Budget 2013.

On June 5, 2013, a Procedural Order relating to the timetable for consideration of Bill 65 also carried on division. The Order establishes a short timeframe for Committee hearings and, once the Bill is returned to the Legislature, allots two hours for the Third Reading stage.

The Legislature is currently scheduled to rise for the summer on June 6, 2013. The Order establishes that, if needed, the Parliamentary Calendar will be revised to allow the Legislature to resume sitting on June 10, 2013 for consideration of Bill 65.

The Procedural Order also requires the government to table a bill with respect to the establishment of a Financial Accountability Office within two days of resumption of sitting in September 2013.