



No. 77

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday, April 25, 2017

1:30 p.m.

*PRAYERS*

## SPEAKER TABLES REPORTS

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the 2016 annual report of the Advocate for Children and Youth pursuant to section 39 of *The Advocate for Children and Youth Act*.

(Sessional paper no. 344)

## PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Carr, Vermette, Chartier, Forbes, Rancourt, Beck, Sproule, Belanger, McCall, Sarauer, and Meili.

## READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to order and pursuant to rule 16(7), petitions from residents of the province of Saskatchewan, requesting the following action, were read and received:

To reverse all budget decisions that specifically affect seniors adversely.

(Sessional paper no. 343)

To stop the federal government from imposing a carbon tax on the province.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 225)

- To reverse funding cuts to the Lighthouse stabilization unit.  
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 233)
- To increase funding to Prince Albert mobile crisis.  
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 314)
- To eliminate the wage gap between women and men.  
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 315)
- To stop the passage of Bill No. 40 – The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2016.  
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 318)
- To ensure job security for victims of domestic violence.  
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 320)
- To stop the plan to sell off the Saskatchewan Transportation Company.  
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 329)
- To restore funding to post-secondary institutions.  
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 335)
- To stop the cuts to spiritual care programs in health region facilities.  
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 340)

#### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question no. 334, pursuant to rule 21(6), the question was converted and an order for return was issued. (see appendix)

#### ADJOURNED DEBATES

##### **Bill No. 68 – The Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 2017**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Doherty: That Bill No. 68 – The Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Merriman, in accordance with rule 85, Bill No. 68 – The Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 2017 was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

##### **Bill No. 69 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2017**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Doherty: That Bill No. 69 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Merriman, in accordance with rule 85, Bill No. 69 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2017 was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Merriman:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 2:59 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

*Hon. Corey Tochor*  
*Speaker*

## QUESTIONS ORDERED FOR RETURN

The following written question was converted and an order for return was issued:

**Return no. 92 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Transportation Company: (1) The Minister responsible has been quoted in the media saying: “STC only drives by or only serves 253 communities and there are well over 500 communities in this province. So, that means there is well over 250 other communities that don’t have STC service and those people still make it to their appointments in Regina or Saskatoon.” The names of the 250 communities which are not served by STC. (2) The population of each community not served.

## NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Ms. Rancourt to move the following motion:

That this Assembly condemns the government for their deep and unexpected cuts to cities and towns, for axing grants-in-lieu, forcing municipalities to raise taxes and cut services, and for making Saskatchewan families pay for the Saskatchewan Party’s decade-long run of mismanagement, scandal, and waste.

## NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

**No. 1 (Government)**

ADJOURNED DEBATES

On the proposed **Motion No. 3** moved by Ms. Carr:

That this Assembly commends the Government of Saskatchewan for having very attractive mining policies which has led Saskatchewan to be ranked the most attractive jurisdiction for mining investment in the world.

(Mr. Doke)  
*Adjourned twice*

**No. 2 (Opposition)**

Not submitted – Item of business determined pursuant to rule 24(4).

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 74 and are to be answered by day no. 79:

**Question no. 335 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: How many Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) claims of psychological injury have been reported and accepted from workers in the retail sector?

**Question no. 336 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: How many employers within the retail sector have seen an increase in their WCB premiums or other charges related to an increase in WCB claims due to violence in the workplace?

**Question no. 337 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: How many WCB claims of psychological injury have been reported in 2015?

**Question no. 338 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: How many WCB claims of psychological injury have been accepted in 2015?

**Question no. 339 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: What has been the time loss due to WCB claims of psychological injury in 2015?

**Question no. 340 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: What has been the average duration in days due to WCB claim of psychological injury in 2015?

**Question no. 341 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: How many WCB claims of psychological injury have been accepted that had no time loss in 2015?

**Question no. 342 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: How many WCB claims of psychological injury have been disallowed in 2015?

**Question no. 343 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: How many WCB claims of psychological injury have been reported in 2016?

**Question no. 344 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: How many WCB claims of psychological injury have been accepted in 2016?

**Question no. 345 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: What has been the time loss due to WCB claims of psychological injury in 2016?

**Question no. 346 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: What has been the average duration in days due to WCB claims of psychological injury in 2016?

**Question no. 347 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: How many WCB claims of psychological injury have been accepted that had no time loss in 2016?

**Question no. 348 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: How many WCB claims of psychological injury have been disallowed in 2016?

**Question no. 349 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: How many WCB claims of psychological injury have been reported since November 1, 2016?

**Question no. 350 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: How many WCB claims of psychological injury have been accepted since November 1, 2016?

**Question no. 351 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: What has been the time loss due to WCB claims of psychological injury since November 1, 2016?

**Question no. 352 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: What has been the average duration in days due to WCB claims of psychological injury since November 1, 2016?

**Question no. 353 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: How many WCB claims of psychological injury have been accepted that had no time loss since November 1, 2016?

**Question no. 354 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: How many WCB claims of psychological injury have been disallowed since November 1, 2016?

**Question no. 355 (Ms. Sproule):**

To the Government: For each ministry and Executive Council, how many times has the Saskatchewan Party's "Compass" database been accessed by computers in the offices of members of the Executive Council in each month since April, 2016?

**Question no. 356 (Mr. Meili):**

To the Minister of Advanced Education: What is the total reduction in full-time equivalent positions (FTEs) at the University of Regina since March 23, 2017?

**Question no. 357 (Mr. Meili):**

To the Minister of Advanced Education: What is the total reduction in FTEs at the University of Saskatchewan since March 23, 2017?

**Question no. 358 (Mr. Meili):**

To the Minister of Advanced Education: What is the total reduction in FTEs at the Saskatchewan Polytechnic since March 23, 2017?

**Question no. 359 (Mr. Meili):**

To the Minister of Advanced Education: What is the total reduction in FTEs at regional colleges since March 23, 2017?

**The following questions were given notice on day no. 76 and are to be answered by day no. 81:**

**Question no. 360 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) How many people died from asbestos exposure in each of the last 10 years? (2) What was the age at the time of death of the worker?

**Question no. 361 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: How many violent deaths occurred in Saskatchewan workplaces where the victim knew the assailant?

**Question no. 362 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: What parts or sections of *The Saskatchewan Employment Act* are teachers who work in Saskatchewan schools (K-12) exempt from?

**Question no. 363 (Ms. Beck):**

To the Minister of Advanced Education: (1) How many early childhood educators (ECE) graduated in 2016 from Saskatchewan's post-secondary institutions as ECE levels 1? (2) Levels 2? (3) Levels 3?

**Question no. 364 (Ms. Beck):**

To the Minister of Advanced Education: Based on the most recent data available, what percentage of the students who enrolled in full-time early childhood educator programs in Saskatchewan completed those programs?

**Question no. 365 (Ms. Beck):**

To the Minister of Education: As of the 2016 re-licensing date, how many childcare centres in Saskatchewan were staffed entirely by early childhood educators at level 3?

**Question no. 366 (Ms. Beck):**

To the Minister of Education: As of the 2016 re-licensing date, how many childcare centres in Saskatchewan met the minimum staffing requirements for ECE levels 1, 2, and 3 staff members without any of those staff working under "exemption"?

**Question no. 367 (Ms. Beck):**

To the Minister of Education: (1) How many ECE's in Saskatchewan were working in a childcare centre while under exemption in 2009? (2) 2010? (3) 2011? (4) 2012? (5) 2013? (6) 2014? (7) 2015? (8) 2016?

**Question no. 368 (Ms. Beck):**

To the Minister of Education: In 2016, how many people employed in licensed, non-profit childcare centres received early childhood educator training while working in a centre?

**Question no. 369 (Ms. Beck)**

To the Minister of Education: (1) Of those people obtaining or upgrading their early childcare qualification while employed in a childcare centre, what levels of training were obtained – specifically, how many people went from no ECE level to ECE level 1? (2) How many people went from ECE level 1 to ECE level 2? (3) How many people went from ECE level 2 to ECE level 3?

**Question no. 370 (Ms. Beck):**

To the Minister of Education: In 2016, how much did the ministry reimburse for the tuition and materials for people working on ECE qualifications while working in childcare centres?