



No. 31

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION—TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Francis, Wotherspoon, Beck, Forbes, and Chartier.

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:

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| To stop the federal government from imposing a carbon tax on the province. | (Addendum to sessional paper no. 17) |
| To reverse cuts to education. | (Addendum to sessional paper no. 20) |
| To restore funding to post-secondary institutions. | (Addendum to sessional paper no. 26) |
| To immediately appoint a seniors' advocate. | (Addendum to sessional paper no. 119) |

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

The following bills were reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bills having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, they were read the third time and passed, on division:

Bill No. 77—The Miscellaneous Statutes (Superannuation Plans) Amendment Act, 2017

Bill No. 78—The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 2017

Bill No. 79—The Public Employees Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2017

Bill No. 80—The Municipal Financing Corporation Amendment Act, 2017

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question nos. 106 to 124, 132 to 137, 140 to 143, 147 to 157, and 164 to 167, they were answered. (see appendix)

The order of the day being called for question nos. 125 to 128, they were answered and pursuant to rule 21(7), converted to return nos. 54 to 57.

(Sessional paper nos. 121–124)

The order of the day being called for question nos. 129 to 131, 138 to 139, 144 to 146, 158 to 163, and 168 to 169, pursuant to rule 21(6), the questions were converted and orders for return were issued. (see appendix)

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

Bill No. 121—The Cannabis Control (Saskatchewan) Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 121—The Cannabis Control (Saskatchewan) Act be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Mowat, adjourned.

Bill No. 122—The Cannabis Control (Saskatchewan) Consequential Amendments Act, 2018 Projet de loi n° 122—Loi de 2018 corrélative de la loi intitulée The Cannabis Control (Saskatchewan) Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 122—The Cannabis Control (Saskatchewan) Consequential Amendments Act, 2018 be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Morgan: Que le projet de loi n° 122—Loi de 2018 corrélative de la loi intitulée The Cannabis Control (Saskatchewan) Act soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Mowat, adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de Mme Mowat, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 115—The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2017

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 115—The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. McCall, adjourned.

Bill No. 94—The Saskatchewan Advantage Grant for Education Savings (SAGES) Amendment Act, 2017

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cox: That Bill No. 94—The Saskatchewan Advantage Grant for Education Savings (SAGES) Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Rancourt, adjourned.

Bill No. 95—The Miscellaneous Statutes Repeal and Amendment Act, 2017

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 95—The Miscellaneous Statutes Repeal and Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Wotherspoon, adjourned.

Bill No. 97—The Arbitration (Family Dispute Resolution) Amendment Act, 2017

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 97—The Arbitration (Family Dispute Resolution) Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Forbes, adjourned.

**Bill No. 98—The Miscellaneous Statutes (Family Dispute Resolution) Amendment Act, 2017
Projet de loi n° 98—Loi modificative diverse (résolution des conflits familiaux) de 2017**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 98—The Miscellaneous Statutes (Family Dispute Resolution) Amendment Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Morgan: Que le projet de loi n° 98—Loi modificative diverse (résolution des conflits familiaux) de 2017 soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Beck, adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de Mme Beck, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 99—The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2017 (No. 2)
Projet de loi n° 99—Loi modificative n° 2 de 2017 sur l'interprétation

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 99—The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2017 (No. 2) be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Morgan: Que le projet de loi n° 99—Loi modificative n° 2 de 2017 sur l'interprétation soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Wotherspoon, adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Wotherspoon, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 103—The Land Contracts (Actions) Act, 2017

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 103—The Land Contracts (Actions) Act, 2017 be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Chartier, adjourned.

Bill No. 104—The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code, 2017
Projet de loi n° 104—Code des droits de la personne de la Saskatchewan de 2017

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 104—The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code, 2017 be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Morgan: Que le projet de loi n° 104—Code des droits de la personne de la Saskatchewan de 2017 soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Forbes, adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Forbes, il est ajourné.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Brkich:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Mark Docherty
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following responses to written questions were tabled by the government:

Question no. 106 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure, (a) what are the names and court numbers of each legal case related to land purchase for the Regina bypass project since 2009, (b) which of these cases are still active, and (c) if not currently active, how was each case resolved?

Answer:

- (a) Ailsby Enterprises Inc. v. Government of Saskatchewan—QBG 2224/12, JCR
All-Rite Rural Housing Corporation and All-Rite Holdings Ltd. V. Government of Saskatchewan—QBG 1643/17, JCR
Argues, Earle and Sharen v. Government of Saskatchewan—QBG 982/17, JCR
Bolingbroke, Bruce v. Government of Saskatchewan—QB 2240/16, JCR
Brightstone Properties Ltd. And Zocalo Holdings Ltd. v. Government of Saskatchewan—QBG 1348/17, JCR
Dentons, Lyle and Florence v. Government of Saskatchewan—QBG 2225/12, JCR
Dukes, Harvey and Sharon v. Government of Saskatchewan—QBG 1351/17, JCR
Duncan, John and Duncan Enterprises Ltd., v. Government of Saskatchewan—QBG 1493/17, JCR
Falks, Bernard and Elliot v. Government of Saskatchewan—QBG 1056/17, JCR
Frank, Gertrud v Government of Saskatchewan—QBG 1109/17 JCR
Fresh Air Enterprises Ltd., Mryglod, Allen, Mryglod, Nestor and Mryglod, Sylvia v. Government of Saskatchewan—QBG 1518/17 JCR
Fresh Air Enterprises Ltd. V. Government of Saskatchewan—QBG 1494/17 JCR
Harle, Douglas v. Government of Saskatchewan—QBG 1102/17, JCR
Harle, Lorne and Dorothy v. Government of Saskatchewan—QBG 1103/17, JCR
Industrial Parts & Equipment Ltd. V. Government of Saskatchewan et al—QBG 1715/17, JCR
Martin, William Donald and Martin, Olga v. Government of Saskatchewan—QBG 1370/17, JCR
McNally Enterprises Ltd. v. Government of Saskatchewan—QBG 633/16, JCR
Middleton, Owen & Lanna v. Government of Saskatchewan—QBG 1104/17, JCR
North Plains Management Ltd. v. Government of Saskatchewan—QBG 1962/12, JCR, QBG 1445/16, JCR
O & T Farms Ltd. and Oleet Processing Ltd. v. Government of Saskatchewan—QBG 1419/17, JCR
Ripplinger, James v. Government of Saskatchewan—QBG 1350/17, JCR
Siller, Frederick v. Government of Saskatchewan—QBG 2227/12, JCR
Estate Wellman, James Marshall v. Government of Saskatchewan—QBG 2122/17, JCR
- (b) All cases are active with the exception of one Bolingbroke, Bruce v. Government of Saskatchewan.
- (c) Bolingbroke, Bruce v. Government of Saskatchewan—the claim was settled and discontinued.

Question no. 107 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure, (a) what are the names and court numbers of each legal case related to land purchase for the Global Transportation Hub since 2009, (b) which of these cases are still active, and (c) if not currently active, how was each case resolved?

Answer:

- (a) Granitewest Developments Ltd. v. Government of Saskatchewan—QBG71/11, QBG 1050/12, JCR
Hadwiger, William v. Government of Saskatchewan—QBG 513/12, JCR

Hayward, Robert et al v. Government of Saskatchewan—QBG 1324/10, JCR
Ripplinger, James v. Government of Saskatchewan—QBG 1323/10, JCR
Tanner, James et al v. Government of Saskatchewan—QBG 512/12, JCR
Voss, Douglas v. Government of Saskatchewan—QBG 911/10, JCR, QBG 1503/11, JCR

- (b) Granitewest Developments Ltd. v. Government of Saskatchewan.
- (c) The remainder of the claims were settled and discontinued.

Question no. 108 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure, (a) what are the names and court numbers of each legal case related to the construction of the Regina bypass project since 2009, (b) which of these cases are still active, and (c) if not currently active, how was each case resolved?

Answer:

- (a) The Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure has not been served with any lawsuits related to the construction of the Regina bypass project.
- (b) N/A
- (c) N/A

Question no. 109 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation, what was the OM&A (operating, maintenance, and administration) expense at the Boundary Dam Carbon Capture facility in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 (to date)?

Answer:

Total OM&A (operating, maintenance and administration) expense at the Boundary Dam Carbon Capture and Power Island facility for each fiscal year are as follows:

	(millions)
January 1–December 31, 2014	\$12.2
January 1–December 31, 2015	\$19.7
April 1, 2016–March 31, 2017	\$21.4
April 1, 2017–February 28, 2018	\$26.7

Question no. 110 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Advanced Education, (a) have there been any funding reductions to the University of Regina since the 2017-18 budget, and (b) if so, by how much?

Answer:

- (a) No.
- (b) N/A

Question no. 111 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Advanced Education, (a) have there been any funding reductions to the University of Saskatchewan since the 2017-18 budget, and (b) if so, by how much?

Answer:

- (a) No.
- (b) N/A

Question no. 112 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Advanced Education, (a) have there been any funding reductions to the Saskatchewan Polytechnic since the 2017-18 budget, and (b) if so, by how much?

Answer:

- (a) No.
- (b) N/A

Question no. 113 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Advanced Education, (a) have there been any funding reductions to Campion College since the 2017-18 budget, and (b) if so, by how much?

Answer:

- (a) No.
- (b) N/A

Question no. 114 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Advanced Education, (a) have there been any funding reductions to Luther College since the 2017-18 budget, and (b) if so, by how much?

Answer:

- (a) No.
- (b) N/A

Question no. 115 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Advanced Education, (a) have there been any funding reductions to St. Thomas More College since the 2017-18 budget, and (b) if so, by how much?

Answer:

- (a) No.
- (b) N/A

Question no. 116 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Advanced Education, (a) have there been any funding reductions to the First Nations University of Canada since the 2017-18 budget, and (b) if so, by how much?

Answer:

- (a) No.
- (b) N/A

Question no. 117 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Advanced Education, (a) have there been any funding reductions to the Gabriel Dumont Institute Training and Employment Inc. since the 2017-18 budget, and (b) if so, by how much?

Answer:

- (a) No.
- (b) N/A

Question no. 118 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Advanced Education, (a) have there been any funding reductions to the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies since the 2017-18 budget, and (b) if so, by how much?

Answer:

- (a) No.
- (b) N/A

Question no. 119 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Advanced Education, (a) have there been any funding reductions to affiliated colleges since the 2017-18 budget, and (b) if so, by how much?

Answer:

- (a) No.
- (b) N/A

Question no. 120 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Advanced Education, (a) have there been any funding reductions to regional colleges since the 2017-18 budget, and (b) if so, by how much?

Answer:

- (a) No.
- (b) N/A

Question no. 121 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Social Services, what is the maximum child care subsidy available for families with one child, two children, and three children?

Answer:

The following table provides the maximum child care subsidy varied by location per month (Tier 1, 2 or 3), whether the child is attending a child care centre or family child care home, and whether full-time care or part-time care is needed. The maximum subsidy for 2 children in any category is times two of the subsidy amount and for 3 children it is times three of the subsidy amount, and so on.

	Tier 1*		Tier 2*		Tier 3*	
	Full Time	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time
Child Care Centres						
Infant	\$570	\$400	\$485	\$340	\$410	\$290
Toddler	\$440	\$310	\$390	\$275	\$375	\$265
Preschool	\$405	\$285	\$350	\$245	\$340	\$240
Kindergarten	\$365	\$365	\$325	\$325	\$315	\$315
School Age:						
Sept–June	\$275	\$275	\$245	\$245	\$230	\$230
July–Aug	\$385	\$275	\$340	\$245	\$330	\$230
Family Child Care Homes						
Infant	\$485	\$340	\$415	\$295	\$410	\$290
Toddler	\$440	\$310	\$390	\$275	\$375	\$265
Preschool	\$405	\$285	\$350	\$245	\$340	\$240
Kindergarten	\$365	\$365	\$325	\$325	\$315	\$315
School Age:						
Sept–June	\$275	\$275	\$245	\$245	\$230	\$230
July–Aug	\$385	\$275	\$350	\$245	\$330	\$230

*The tiers are based on location of the child care centre/home as follows:

Tier 1—Regina, Saskatoon, and communities in the northern administration district.

Tier 2—Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Yorkton, Battlefords, Lloydminster, Meadow Lake, Nipawin, Balgonie, Pilot Butte, Martensville, and Warman.

Tier 3—other cities, towns and rural areas.

Question no. 122 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Social Services, what was the total spent on childcare subsidies to families in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017?

Answer:

The Ministry collects data based on the fiscal year (April 1–March 31). The total spent on childcare subsidies by fiscal year is as follows:

2011–12:	\$16,309,000
2012–13:	\$15,710,000
2013–14:	\$15,435,000
2014–15:	\$14,637,000
2015–16:	\$14,292,000
2016–17:	\$14,165,000

Question no. 123 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Social Services, how many families received childcare in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017?

Answer:

The Ministry of Social Services does not monitor the number of families in Saskatchewan who access child care, nor does the Ministry provide child care.

Question no. 124 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation, (a) what customer fees and charges have been increased since January 1, 2016, and (b) for the answers to (a), what was the original fee or charge, what was the fee or charge changed to, and (c) on what day was the change implemented?

Answer:

Fee Changed Since 2016

Residential overhead service replacement to underground service (No boring required)

	Price January 2016	Price (effective June 1, 2017)
Single Family Dwelling	\$1,200	\$1,275
Duplex	\$1,400	\$1,500

Residential overhead service replacement to underground service (Boring required)

	Price January 2016	Price (effective June 1, 2017)
Single Family Dwelling	\$2,200	\$2,275
Duplex	\$2,400	\$2,500

Alter/Replace urban underground service to accommodate construction of a garage (unobstructed trenching path)

	Price January 2016	Price (effective June 1, 2017)
Single Family Dwelling	\$725	\$750

Question no. 132 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Health, for each former health region, what was the average emergency department wait time to physician initial assessment in January 2016, February 2016, March 2016, April 2016, May 2016, June 2016, July 2016, August 2016, September 2016, October 2016, November 2016, December 2016, January 2017, February 2017, March 2017, April 2017, May 2017, June 2017, July 2017, August 2017, September 2017, October 2017, November 2017, December 2017, January 2018, and February 2018?

Answer:

This information can be found on the Canadian Institute for Health Information website. The website address is: <https://www.cihi.ca/en>.

Question no. 133 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Health, in terms of the \$158,500,000 federal mental health funding announced in January 2017, (a) what programs, organizations, third party institutions have received funding, and (b) for each response to (a), how much was provided; is this one-time funding; and does any of this funding reinstate funding that had been reduced since 2012?

Answer:

\$400,000 of funding for the University of Regina's Online Therapy Unit to expand internet-delivered cognitive behavioural therapy for adults with anxiety and depression and potentially for adults with substance use and misuse issues; includes the establishment of a clinical team to facilitate broader provincial delivery;

\$200,000 to pilot an online module for parents of children with anxiety;

\$150,000 to increase opportunities for physicians to receive targeted training in child and adolescent mental health;

\$640,000 to establish multi-disciplinary teams and peer supports to provide client centered services to individuals with serious and persistent mental illness with complex needs, and for whom traditional services have not been frequent or intensive enough;

\$50,000 to expand suicide prevention efforts;

\$140,000 to enhance addictions medicine services in Prince Albert and the North; and

\$100,000 to expand the Police and Crisis Team initiative (PACT) into the community of Prince Albert.

The federal government requires that the province negotiate the expenditure of future funds and that process is ongoing. The Ministry of Health has not reduced mental health funding and this is not a reinstatement.

Question no. 134 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Health, what is the total amount of money spent on recruitment and retention initiatives for all health care professionals combined for the fiscal year 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17?

Answer:

2012-13: \$13,050,249

2013-14: \$13,873,343

2014-15: \$14,002,193

2015-16: \$12,866,226

2016-17: \$15,819,333

Question no. 135 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Health, how many nursing vacancies, including RNs, RPNs, and LPNs are there in the following employment categories in the Provincial Health Authority: permanent full-time, permanent part-time, and casual?

Answer:

Vacancies can be found on the Health Careers in Saskatchewan website at: <https://www.healthcareersinsask.ca/>.

Question no. 136 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Health, for each former health region, what was the employee attrition rate in 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17?

Answer:

Attrition Rate	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Cypress	3.8%	4.4%	4.2%	3.9%	4.5%
Five Hills	4.3%	4.5%	5.4%	4.8%	4.8%
Heartland	4.7%	4.2%	5.0%	5.2%	4.9%
Keewatin Yatthe	4.7%	3.9%	4.2%	5.5%	4.5%
Kelsey Trail	4.4%	4.1%	5.4%	4.8%	3.7%
Mamawetan Churchill River	6.0%	9.1%	5.9%	5.5%	6.0%
Prince Albert Parkland	3.5%	4.2%	5.4%	4.5%	4.0%
Prairie North	5.2%	4.8%	4.8%	4.2%	4.0%
Regina Qu'Appelle	3.7%	4.0%	3.6%	3.5%	3.7%
Saskatoon	2.9%	2.9%	2.8%	2.7%	2.5%
Sun Country	5.9%	6.2%	6.3%	6.4%	5.0%
Sunrise	3.9%	3.8%	4.8%	3.7%	4.1%
Overall	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	3.7%	3.6%

Question no. 137 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Health, for each former health region, what was the total number of patient days spent in acute care beds by patients waiting for placement in a special care home in 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17?

Answer:

The hospital reporting system does not capture the number of days spent in acute care beds by patients waiting for placement in special care homes.

Question no. 140 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Health, what was the wait times for Wait 1 (using 55B data) for child and youth psychiatry in 2015-16, 2016-17, and the period between April 2017 to January 2018?

Answer:

N/A

Question no. 141 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Health, what was the wait times for Wait 1 (using 55B data) for child and youth psychology in 2015-16, 2016-17, and the period between April 2017 to January 2018?

Answer:

N/A

Question no. 142 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Health, what was the wait times for Wait 1 (using 55B data) for geriatric psychology in 2015-16, 2016-17, and the period between April 2017 to January 2018?

Answer:

N/A

Question no. 143 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Health, what was the wait times for Wait 1 (using 55B data) for geriatric psychiatrist in 2015-16, 2016-17, and the period between April 2017 to January 2018?

Answer:

N/A

Question no. 147 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, how much money was paid to outside lawyers/law firms in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017?

Answer:

The summary is shown in the table below by fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	Outside Counsel	Court-Ordered Counsel	Total Justice Cost
2012–13	230,758	973,285	1,204,043
2013–14	296,313	1,155,118	1,451,431
2014–15	288,283	1,309,250	1,597,533
2015–16	277,514	955,090	1,232,604
2016–17	386,014	936,435	1,322,449
2017–18	229,324	996,302	1,225,626

- The expenses are separated into court-ordered counsel and outside counsel.
- The report is summarized by fiscal years as per government fiscal calendar.
- The report does not include the cost incurred by Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission.
- The 2017-18 year does not include quarter 4 numbers—January–March.

Question no. 148 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, how many files have been assigned to outside counsel in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016?

Answer:

The Ministry of Justice and Attorney General's files assigned to outside legal counsel were:

2012–2013:	3
2013–2014:	8
2014–2015:	9
2015–2016:	8
2016–2017:	11

Question no. 149 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: (a) has the Government of Saskatchewan sought any outside legal counsel on the constitutionality of the federal government's carbon pollution pricing benchmark or the federal carbon pricing backstop legislation, (b) if outside legal counsel has been sought, who provided this counsel, (c) if outside counsel has been sought, what was the cost, and (d) if outside counsel has been sought, what were the findings, opinion and/or recommendations?

Answer:

Whether the Government of Saskatchewan has sought outside legal advice concerning the constitutionality of the federal government's carbon pricing backstop legislation or other issues related to the federal government's stated intention to impose a carbon tax on Saskatchewan residents and businesses, notwithstanding the Province's opposition to such a tax, who might have been consulted, the cost and the specific advice that may have given is all confidential information that will not be disclosed, at this time, because it could be prejudicial to our preparations for the litigation that we expect concerning these issues.

Question no. 150 (Ms. Rancourt):

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, (a) how many labour standards inspectors are currently employed and actively working, and (b) how many occupational health and safety inspectors are currently employed and actively working?

Answer:

- (a) There are 17 employment standards officers employed and actively working.
- (b) There are 59 occupational health officers currently employed and 56 actively working.

Question no. 151 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Environment, how many conservation officers are currently employed and actively working for the Ministry of Environment?

Answer:

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Question no. 152 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Social Services, In January 2018, how many individuals were clients or recipients of Saskatchewan Assistance Program (SAP), Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID), Seniors Income Plan (SIP), and Saskatchewan Family Health Benefits?

Answer:

SAP: 27,625
SAID: 18,320
SIP: 14,489

The Family Health Benefits program is not under the purview of the Minister of Social Services.

Question no. 153 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Social Services, how many single individuals had their Seniors Income Plan benefits reduced in March 2017, April 2017, May 2017, June 2017, July 2017, August 2017, September 2017, October 2017, November 2017, December 2017, January 2018, and February 2018?

Answer:

The following number of single individuals receiving the Seniors Income Plan received a reduced benefit, compared to the previous month:

March 2017: 10
April 2017: 5
May 2017: 8
June 2017: 12
July 2017: N/A*
August 2017: 3
September 2017: 4
October 2017: 3
November 2017: 7
December 2017: 8
January 2018: 13
February 2018: 6

*New payment year. Recipients are reassessed for eligibility at the start of every benefit year in July.

Question no. 154 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Social Services, how many new single individuals received the Seniors Income Plan in March 2017, April 2017, May 2017, June 2017, July 2017, August 2017, September 2017, October 2017, November 2017, December 2017, January 2018, and February 2018?

Answer:

The following number of single individuals received a benefit from the Seniors Income Plan in the given month and not in the month immediately preceding:

March 2017: 84
April 2017: 63
May 2017: 93
June 2017: 79
July 2017: N/A*
August 2017: 87
September 2017: 71
October 2017: 88
November 2017: 111
December 2017: 83
January 2018: 74
February 2018: 76

*New payment year. Recipients are reassessed for eligibility at the start of every benefit year in July.

Question no. 155 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Social Services, how many couples were cut off from the Seniors Income Plan in March 2017, April 2017, May 2017, June 2017, July 2017, August 2017, September 2017, October 2017, November 2017, December 2017, January 2018, and February 2018?

Answer:

Recipients are not removed from the Seniors Income Plan (SIP) during the benefit year. However in some situations a recipient would no longer be eligible for SIP (e.g. they passed away). A small number of recipients may also be removed from SIP due to an increase in income.

March 2017: 8
April 2017: 5

May 2017: 13
June 2017: 7
July 2017: N/A*
August 2017: 8
September 2017: 12
October 2017: 11
November 2017: 13
December 2017: 6
January 2018: 7
February 2018: 19

*New payment year. Recipients are reassessed for eligibility at the start of every benefit year in July.

Question no. 156 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Social Services, how many single individuals had their Seniors Income Plan benefits cut off in March 2017, April 2017, May 2017, June 2017, July 2017, August 2017, September 2017, October 2017, November 2017, December 2017, January 2018, and February 2018?

Answer:

Recipients are typically not removed from the Seniors Income Plan (SIP) during the benefit year. However in some situations, a recipient would no longer be eligible for SIP (e.g. they passed away). A small number of recipients may also be removed from SIP due to an increase in income.

March 2017: 10
April 2017: 5
May 2017: 8
June 2017: 12
July 2017: N/A*
August 2017: 71
September 2017: 47
October 2017: 69
November 2017: 65
December 2017: 53
January 2018: 86
February 2018: 100

*New payment year. Recipients are reassessed for eligibility at the start of every benefit year in July.

Question no. 157 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Social Services, how many new couples received the Seniors Income Plan in March 2017, April 2017, May 2017, June 2017, July 2017, August 2017, September 2017, October 2017, November 2017, December 2017, January 2018, and February 2018?

Answer:

The following number of couples received a benefit from the Seniors Income Plan in the given month and not in the month immediately preceding:

March 2017: 19
April 2017: 34
May 2017: 21
June 2017: 19
July 2017: N/A*
August 2017: 40
September 2017: 22
October 2017: 24
November 2017: 22
December 2017: 18
January 2018: 25

February 2018: 20

*New payment year. Recipients are reassessed for eligibility at the start of every benefit year in July.

Question no. 164 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Social Services, how much was spent on specialized diets for income assistance clients in each month since January 2016?

Answer:

The values below represent the total identified special diet needs. However, it may not represent the total amount paid as the combined assets and income of an eligible recipient and members of the family may reach a point where they could reduce the benefit paid in a given month.

Month	Need Amount for Special Diet (\$000)	Month	Need Amount for Special Diet (\$000)	Month	Need Amount for Special Diet (\$000)
January 2016	\$436	January 2017	\$471	January 2018	\$416
February 2016	\$435	February 2017	\$467	February 2018	\$411
March 2016	\$450	March 2017	\$482		
April 2016	\$457	April 2017	\$481		
May 2016	\$466	May 2017	\$487		
June 2016	\$468	June 2017	\$487		
July 2016	\$457	July 2017	\$493		
August 2016	\$466	August 2017	\$488		
September 2016	\$467	September 2017	\$478		
October 2016	\$462	October 2017	\$386		
November 2016	\$468	November 2017	\$400		
December 2016	\$471	December 2017	\$406		

Question no. 165 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Social Services, how many income assistance clients received specialized diet funding in each month since January 2016?

Answer:

Month	Paid Households	Month	Paid Households	Month	Paid Households
January 2016	5,831	January 2017	5,976	January 2018	5,312
February 2016	5,833	February 2017	5,937	February 2018	5,345
March 2016	5,947	March 2017	6,058		
April 2016	5,973	April 2017	6,011		
May 2016	6,063	May 2017	6,076		
June 2016	6,087	June 2017	6,064		
July 2016	5,966	July 2017	6,114		
August 2016	6,002	August 2017	6,025		
September 2016	6,026	September 2017	5,889		
October 2016	5,966	October 2017	5,011		
November 2016	5,991	November 2017	5,166		
December 2016	6,009	December 2017	5,259		

Question no. 166 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Social Services, how many new income assistance clients received specialized diet funding in each month since January 2016?

Answer:

The following represents number of households who had an identified special diet need in the given month and did not receive a SAP or SAID benefit in the prior month.

Month	New Paid Households	Month	New Paid Households	Month	New Paid Households
January 2016	61	January 2017	82	January 2018	71
February 2016	76	February 2017	104	February 2018	69
March 2016	94	March 2017	95		
April 2016	94	April 2017	52		
May 2016	78	May 2017	75		
June 2016	97	June 2017	81		
July 2016	73	July 2017	106		
August 2016	76	August 2017	68		
September 2016	101	September 2017	72		
October 2016	78	October 2017	63		
November 2016	98	November 2017	79		
December 2016	89	December 2017	67		

Question no. 167 (Mr. Wotherspoon):

To the Minister of Social Services, how many income assistance clients had their specialized diet funding cut off in each month since January 2016?

Answer:

The following table represents the number of households in SAP or SAID that received a special diet in the previous month but did not receive a special diet in the following month.

Month	Paid Households	Month	Paid Households	Month	Paid Households
January 2016	287	January 2017	287	January 2018	253
February 2016	279	February 2017	322	February 2018	274
March 2016	233	March 2017	263		
April 2016	307	April 2017	322		
May 2016	260	May 2017	282		
June 2016	298	June 2017	318		
July 2016	339	July 2017	292		
August 2016	282	August 2017	322		
September 2016	308	September 2017	364		
October 2016	322	October 2017	1,154		
November 2016	317	November 2017	255		
December 2016	299	December 2017	246		

QUESTIONS ORDERED FOR RETURN

The following written questions were converted and order for returns were issued:

Return no. 58 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Health, the number of rural hospitals that have had no emergency services and had to temporarily close in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Return no. 59 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Health, the average length of rural hospital emergency service closures, in days, in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Return no. 60 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Health, rural hospitals that have had no emergency services and had to temporarily close in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Return no. 61 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Health, the wait times for Wait 1 (using 55B data) for the top ten specialties averaged in the period of April 2017 to January 2018.

Return no. 62 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Health, (a) the ten specialties with the greatest average wait times for Wait 1 (using 55B data) in the period of April 2017 to January 2018, and (b) for the answers in (a), the average Wait 1 for each specialty in 2015-16, and the average Wait 1 for each specialty in 2016-17.

Return no. 63 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Minister of Health, the wait times for Wait 1 (using 55B data) for all specialties in 2015-16, 2016-17, and the period between April 2017 to January 2018.

Return no. 64 (Ms. Beck):

To the Government, (a) for each ministry, with regard to the Government of Saskatchewan paying for the expenses of stakeholders to attend government news conferences or announcements in the 2015-16 year, the details of each expenditure, including stakeholder, organization represented, date of announcement, total expenditure, and (b) the itemized breakdown of each travel expense referenced in (a), including airfare, other transportation, accommodation, per diems, and other.

Return no. 65 (Ms. Beck):

To the Government, (a) for each ministry, with regard to the Government of Saskatchewan paying for the expenses of stakeholders to attend government news conferences or announcements in the 2016-17 year, the details of each expenditure, including stakeholder, organization represented, date of announcement, total expenditure, and (b) the itemized breakdown of each travel expense referenced in (a), including airfare, other transportation, accommodation, per diems, and other.

Return no. 66 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Social Services, for each housing authority, the number of family or social housing units that are operated by Saskatchewan Housing Corporation.

Return no. 67 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Social Services, for each housing authority, the number of seniors housing units that are operated by Saskatchewan Housing Corporation through its local house authorities.

Return no. 68 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Social Services, for each housing authority, the number of affordable housing units that are operated by Saskatchewan Housing Corporation through its local house authorities.

Return no. 69 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Social Services, for each housing authority, the number of Saskatchewan Housing Corporation family or social housing units that are currently vacant.

Return no. 70 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Social Services, for each housing authority, the number of Saskatchewan Housing Corporation seniors housing units that are currently vacant.

Return no. 71 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Social Services, for each housing authority, the number of Saskatchewan Housing Corporation affordable housing units that are currently vacant.

Return no. 72 (Ms. Beck):

To the Government, (a) for each ministry, with regard to the Government of Saskatchewan paying for the expenses of stakeholders to attend government news conferences or announcements in the 2013-14 year, the details of each expenditure, including stakeholder, organization represented, date of announcement, total expenditure, and (b) the itemized breakdown of each travel expense referenced in (a), including airfare, other transportation, accommodation, per diems, and other.

Return no. 73 (Ms. Beck):

To the Government, (a) for each ministry, with regard to the Government of Saskatchewan paying for the expenses of stakeholders to attend government news conferences or announcements in the 2014-15 year, the details of each expenditure, including stakeholder, organization represented, date of announcement, total expenditure, and (b) the itemized breakdown of each travel expense referenced in (a), including airfare, other transportation, accommodation, per diems, and other.

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Mr. Bradshaw to move the following motion:

That this Assembly urges the Government of Canada to pass an order in council, including minimum movements and interswitching options, to help address the transportation backlog of all commodities and further supports the implementation of Bill C-49 The Transportation Modernization Act to address this issue from occurring in the future.

NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

No. 1 (Opposition)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 606—The Election (Fairness and Accountability) Amendment Act, 2017

(Mr. Forbes) PRINTED

No. 2 (Government)

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

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 27 and are to be answered by day no. 32:

Question no. 170 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Education, for each school division, how many full time equivalents (FTEs) were employed in the following positions in the 2012-13 school year (a) distance learning, (b) student support services, (c) English as an additional language, (d) counselling, (e) teacher librarian, (f) in-school administration, (g) director, (h) assistant director, (i) superintendent, (j) consultant, (k) coordinator, (l) psychologist, (m) speech-language pathologist, (n) education assistants, (o) non-educator counsellors, (p) speech-language pathologists, and (q) occupational therapists?

Question no. 171 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Education, for each school division, how many FTEs were employed in the following positions in the 2013-14 school year (a) distance learning, (b) student support services, (c) English as an additional language, (d) counselling, (e) teacher librarian, (f) in-school administration, (g) director, (h) assistant director, (i) superintendent, (j) consultant, (k) coordinator, (l) psychologist, (m) speech-language pathologist, (n) education assistants, (o) non-educator counsellors, (p) speech-language pathologists, and (q) occupational therapists?

Question no. 172 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Education, for each school division, how many FTEs were employed in the following positions in the 2014-15 school year (a) distance learning, (b) student support services, (c) English as an additional language, (d) counselling, (e) teacher librarian, (f) in-school administration, (g) director, (h) assistant director, (i) superintendent, (j) consultant, (k) coordinator, (l) psychologist, (m) speech-language pathologist, (n) education assistants, (o) non-educator counsellors, (p) speech-language pathologists, and (q) occupational therapists?

Question no. 173 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Education, for each school division, how many FTEs were employed in the following positions in the 2015-16 school year (a) distance learning, (b) student support services, (c) English as an additional language, (d) counselling, (e) teacher librarian, (f) in-school administration, (g) director, (h) assistant director, (i) superintendent, (j) consultant, (k) coordinator, (l) psychologist,

(m) speech-language pathologist, (n) education assistants, (o) non-educator counsellors, (p) speech-language pathologists, and (q) occupational therapists?

Question no. 174 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Education, for each school division, how many FTEs were employed in the following positions in the 2016-17 school year (a) distance learning, (b) student support services, (c) English as an additional language, (d) counselling, (e) teacher librarian, (f) in-school administration, (g) director, (h) assistant director, (i) superintendent, (j) consultant, (k) coordinator, (l) psychologist, (m) speech-language pathologist, (n) education assistants, (o) non-educator counsellors, (p) speech-language pathologists, and (q) occupational therapists?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 28 and are to be answered by day no. 33:

Question no. 175 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Government, (a) for each severance package paid to former employees in minister's offices and deputy minister's offices since January 1, 2018, what was the value of the package, (b) to whom was it awarded, and (c) what was the former position?

Question no. 176 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Government, (a) for each severance package paid to former employees of Executive Council since January 1, 2018, what was the value of the package, (b) to whom was it awarded, and (c) what was the former position?

Question no. 177 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Government, (a) for each severance package paid to former employees of CIC Crown Corporations since January 1, 2018, what was the value of the package, (b) to whom was it awarded, and (c) what was the former position?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 29 and are to be answered by day no. 34:

Question no. 178 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Finance, what are the entities that currently use consolidated offset balance concentration (COBC) arrangements?

Question no. 179 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Finance, in terms of entities that used COBC arrangements, what was the interest rate these entities earned as of March 31, 2005, March 31, 2008, March 31, 2011, March 31, 2014 and March 31, 2017

Question no. 180 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Finance, in terms of entities that used COBC arrangements, what was the amount held in the general revenue fund by these entities as of March 31, 2005, March 31, 2008, March 31, 2011, March 31, 2014 and March 31, 2017

Question no. 181 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Finance, in terms of COBC arrangements, how many times did the Government of Saskatchewan use the COBC to finance temporary cash shortages in the fiscal years ending March 31, 2005, March 31, 2008, March 31, 2011, March 31, 2014 and March 31, 2017

The following questions were given notice on day no. 31 and are to be answered by day no. 36:

Question no. 182 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Justice, (a) for each claim received by the Public and Private Rights Board related to the expropriating authority of the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure in 2013, what was the name of the complainant, (b) what was the legal land description(s) related to the claim, (c) what was the basis of the complaint, and (d) was a settlement mediated by the board?

Question no. 183 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Justice, (a) for each claim received by the Public and Private Rights Board related to the expropriating authority of the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure in 2014, what was the name of the complainant, (b) what was the legal land description(s) related to the claim, (c) what was the basis of the complaint, and (d) was a settlement mediated by the board?

Question no. 184 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Justice, (a) for each claim received by the Public and Private Rights Board related to the expropriating authority of the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure in 2015, what was the name of the complainant, (b) what was the legal land description(s) related to the claim, (c) what was the basis of the complaint, and (d) was a settlement mediated by the board?

Question no. 185 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Justice, (a) for each claim received by the Public and Private Rights Board related to the expropriating authority of the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure in 2016, what was the name of the complainant, (b) what was the legal land description(s) related to the claim, (c) what was the basis of the complaint, and (d) was a settlement mediated by the board?

Question no. 186 (Mr. McCall):

To the Minister of Central Services, (a) for each the 660 government-owned buildings referenced by the Minister of Central Services in the Assembly on March 19, 2018, what is the name and location of the building, (b) what is the square footage, (c) what is the current vacancy rate, (d) what is the appraised value, (e) is the building owned or leased, and (f) if leased, what is the term outstanding on the lease?

Question no. 187 (Mr. McCall):

To the Minister of Central Services, how much was paid in severance resulting from the transition to private sector cleaning services in government-owned buildings?

Question no. 188 (Mr. McCall):

To the Minister of Central Services, how much was paid in severance resulting from the transition to private cleaning services in the Legislative building?

Question no. 189 (Mr. McCall):

To the Minister of Central Services, how many severance packages were issued as a result of the transition to private sector cleaning services in government-owned buildings?

Question no. 190 (Mr. McCall):

To the Minister of Central Services, how many severance packages were issued as a result of the transition to private sector cleaning services in the Legislative building?