



No. 40

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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Wednesday, April 11, 2018

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

MOTION TO EXTEND QUESTION PERIOD

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Brkich, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That notwithstanding rule 20(1) of *The Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*, Question Period shall be limited to 30 minutes on session day no. 40 being Wednesday, April 11, 2018 through to session day no. 44 being Wednesday, April 18, 2018.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

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

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

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 17)

To overhaul Saskatchewan campaign finance laws.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 18)

To reverse cuts to education.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 20)

To restore public inter-municipal transportation services for persons with disabilities.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 118)

To immediately appoint a seniors' advocate.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 119)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question nos. 194, and 196 to 210, they were answered. (see appendix)

The order of the day being called for question nos. 195 and 211, pursuant to rule 21(6), the questions were converted and orders for return were issued. (see appendix)

RESUMPTION OF BUDGET DEBATE

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer, seconded by Mr. Dennis:

That the Assembly approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

The debate continuing, it was moved by Ms. Sproule, seconded by Ms. Chartier:

That all the words after "That the Assembly" be deleted and the following be added:

disagrees with the government for tabling a budget that fails to make smart investments to grow the economy, create jobs, prioritize education, and protect the most vulnerable.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, pursuant to rule 6(7), the Speaker adjourned the Assembly.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Mark Docherty
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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

Question no. 194 (Mr. McCall):

To the Government, how many pedestrian deaths were there on provincial highways in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 (to date)?

Answer:

2008—5
2009—4
2010—6
2011—11
2012—8
2013—5
2014—12
2015—4
2016—7
2017—6
2018 (to date)—2

Question no. 196 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Finance, what was the amount of corporate income tax revenue generated from the general corporate income tax rate in 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 (to date)?

Answer:

2012-13—\$1,221.6M
2013-14—\$1,408.1M
2014-15—\$1,466.0M
2015-16—\$1,404.6M
2016-17—\$1,376.0M
2017-18—\$1,439.1M (3rd quarter forecast)

Question no. 197 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Finance, what was the value of the reduction of the small business tax rate in 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 (to date)?

Answer:

2012-13—\$277.8M
2013-14—\$348.3M
2014-15—\$360.4M
2015-16—\$410.3M
2016-17—\$438.2M
2017-18—\$545.1M (3rd quarter forecast)

Question no. 198 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Finance, what was the value of the manufacturing and processing profits tax reduction in 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 (to date)?

Answer:

2012-13—\$15.2M
2013-14—\$10.1M
2014-15—\$14.2M
2015-16—\$11.9M
2016-17—\$10.8M
2017-18—\$15.0M (3rd quarter forecast)

Question no. 199 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Finance, what was the value of the research and development tax credit in 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 (to date)?

Answer:

2012-13—\$9.6M
2013-14—\$28.6M
2014-15—\$33.7M
2015-16—\$25.1M
2016-17—\$0.0M
2017-18—\$10.0M (3rd quarter forecast)

Question no. 200 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Finance, what was the value of the investment tax credit for manufacturing and processing acquisitions in 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 (to date)?

Answer:

2012-13—\$60.8M
2013-14—\$54.5M
2014-15—\$20.2M
2015-16—\$40.7M
2016-17—\$32.7M
2017-18—\$36.0M (3rd quarter forecast)

Question no. 201 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Finance, what was the revenue for the diesel fuel component of the fuel tax revenue in 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 (to date)?

Answer:

2012-13—\$221.9M
2013-14—\$224.9M
2014-15—\$221.5M
2015-16—\$193.0M
2016-17—\$191.4M
2017-18—\$220.1M (3rd quarter forecast)

Question no. 202 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Finance, what was the revenue for the locomotive component of the fuel tax revenue in 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 (to date)?

Answer:

2012-13—\$38.8M
2013-14—\$40.6M
2014-15—\$41.8M
2015-16—\$40.2M
2016-17—\$37.6M
2017-18—\$43.8M (3rd quarter forecast)

Question no. 203 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Finance, what was the revenue for the propane and aviation component of the fuel tax revenue in 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 (to date)?

Answer:

Liquid propane gas

2012-13—\$12.6M

2013-14—\$12.5M

2014-15—\$10.9M

2015-16—\$6.9M

2016-17—\$5.9M

2017-18—\$8.1M (3rd quarter forecast)

Aviation/Turbo fuel

2012-13—\$0.7M

2013-14—\$0.8M

2014-15—\$1.7M

2015-16—\$1.8M

2016-17—\$1.4M

2017-18—\$1.9M (3rd quarter forecast)

Question no. 204 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Finance, what was the revenue for the gasoline competition assistance program in 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 (to date)?

Answer:

2012-13—\$1.7M

2013-14—\$1.4M

2014-15—\$3.1M

2015-16—\$0.6M

2016-17—\$0.4M

2017-18—\$0.6M (3rd quarter forecast)

Question no. 205 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Finance, what was the rebate for fuel purchased on reserve by First Nations individuals in 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 (to date)?

Answer:

2012-13—\$14.6M

2013-14—\$15.0M

2014-15—\$14.8M

2015-16—\$16.0M

2016-17—\$15.9M

2017-18—\$16.9M (3rd quarter forecast)

Question no. 206 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Finance, what was the revenue for commercial refunds component of the fuel tax revenue in 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 (to date)?

Answer:

2012-13—\$6.0M

2013-14—\$4.9M

2014-15—\$5.3M

2015-16—\$4.6M

2016-17—\$3.2M

2017-18—\$4.6M (3rd quarter forecast)

Question no. 207 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister of Finance, what was the total fuel tax revenue in 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 (to date)?

Answer:

2012-13—\$496.0M
 2013-14—\$509.8M
 2014-15—\$515.4M
 2015-16—\$479.3M
 2016-17—\$488.7M
 2017-18—\$535.4M (3rd quarter forecast)

Question no. 208 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation, how much was paid in penalties to Cenovus in 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 (to date)?

Answer:

The net revenue that SaskPower has earned from Cenovus over this period is the following:

	CO2 Revenue (Millions \$)	Cenovus Contract Shortfall	Revenue Net of Shortfall
2014 (12 months)	2.8	11.8	(9.0)
2015 (12 months)	10.3	7.2	3.1
2016 (3 months)	4.8	0.4	4.4
2016/17 (12 months)	17.3	3.6	13.7
2017/18 (year to date)	12.5	5.5	7.0
Total	47.7	28.5	19.2

Question no. 209 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation, (a) in written question no. 109, it was asked what the OM&A (operating, maintenance, and administration) expenses were at the Boundary Dam Carbon Capture facility in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 (to date) and the answer provided combined figures for expenses the Boundary Dam Carbon Capture and Power Island facility for each fiscal year, do the figures provided include the OM&A costs for the Boundary Dam 3 Power Station, and (b) if not, what were the OM&A costs for the Boundary Dam 3 Power Station for 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 (to date)?

Answer:

Yes. The OM&A costs reported in written question no. 109 include the OM&A costs for the Boundary Dam 3 Power Station.

Question no. 210 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Government, (a) how much has been spent on the oil processing investment incentive to date, (b) how many companies have applied for the incentive, and (c) which companies have been granted the incentive?

Answer:

- (a) \$0
- (b) 0
- (c) N/A

QUESTIONS ORDERED FOR RETURN

The following written questions were converted and orders for return were issued:

Return no. 84 (Mr. McCall):

To the Government, (a) in terms of each data hosting provider used by the Government of Saskatchewan to store government data, where each server is physically located, (b) what services they are providing, and (c) the value and terms of the contract.

Return no. 85 (Mr. Forbes):

To the Government, the amount of notices of intention regarding home foreclosures the Saskatchewan Provincial Mediation Board received in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 (to date).

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 36 and are to be answered by day no. 41:

Question no. 212 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, how many autism spectrum disorder consultants are currently provincially funded?

Question no. 213 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, how many autism spectrum disorder consultants are currently employed and actively working?

Question no. 214 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, how many autism support workers are currently provincially funded?

Question no. 215 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, how many provincially funded autism support workers are employed and actively working?

Question no. 216 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, how many children are there in Saskatchewan that have been diagnosed with autism under the age of six?

Question no. 217 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, how many children are there in Saskatchewan who have been diagnosed with autism between 6 and 17?

Question no. 218 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, what was the total budget allocation for autism supports and services in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18?

Question no. 219 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, what was the total amount spent for autism supports and services in the following fiscal years, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18 (to date)?

Question no. 220 (Ms. Sproule):

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation, what is the total cost of the Boundary dam carbon capture project to date (including retrofit costs)?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 37 and are to be answered by day no. 42:

Question no. 221 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, how many deaths were there among remanded inmates in custody in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 (to date)?

Question no. 222 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice, (a) in terms of the new court fees being introduced on July 1, 2018, what are the details of the fee or charge, (b) what is the rate?

Question no. 223 (Mr. McCall):

To the Minister Responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission, (a) what is the current footprint of the existing Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) building in square feet, (b) what is the current square footage of the existing CNIB building, (c) what is the footprint of the new proposed CNIB building, (d) what is the square footage of the new proposed CNIB building, (e) what will be the square footage allocation for each entity occupying the new proposed CNIB building, (f) what landscaping will need to be undertaken to allow for construction of the new CNIB building, (g) will any trees need to be removed for the construction of the new proposed CNIB building and if so, how many, (h) how many parking spaces are there at the current CNIB building, and (i) how many parking spaces are planned for the new proposed CNIB building?

The following question was given notice on day no. 40 and is to be answered by day no. 45:

Question no. 224 (Ms. Beck):

To the Minister of Education, in terms of the “system-wide library review” announced by the Minister of Education in April 2017, (a) what outside agencies participated in the review, (b) what was the scope of the review, (c) what was the timeline of the review, (d) who was consulted, and (e) what were the findings, conclusions, or outcomes of the review?