

No. 56

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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Wednesday, May 9, 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: Vermette, Lambert, Forbes, Mowat, 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:

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 make Orkambi available through the Saskatchewan drug plan for Cystic Fibrosis.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 74)

To provide trapping license exemptions for residents 65 years or older.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 127)

To fully restore cuts to education.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 140)

To restore the rental housing supplement.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 181)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

The following bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bills having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed:

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

ROYAL ASSENT / SANCTION ROYALE

2:21 p.m.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Chamber, took his seat upon the Throne.

Son Honneur le Lieutenant gouverneur fait son entrée dans le Chambre et prend place au Trône.

The Speaker addressed His Honour:

Le Président s'adresse à Son Honneur:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

QU'IL PLAISE À VOTRE HONNEUR:

This Legislative Assembly at its present session has passed several bills which, in the name of the Assembly, I present to Your Honour and to which bills I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

Cette Assemblée législative, au cours de la présente session, a adopté des projets de loi que je présente à Votre Honneur, au nom de l'Assemblée, et que je demande respectueusement à Votre Honneur de sanctionner.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the titles of the bills that had been passed severally as follows: Le Greffier de l'Assemblée a donné lecture des titres du projets de loi adoptés comme suit:

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

Bill No. 108—The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2017

Bill No. 109—The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2017 (No. 2) Projet de loi no 109—Loi no 2 de 2017 modifiant le droit législatif

Bill No. 74—The Evidence Amendment Act, 2017 Projet de loi nº 74—Loi modificative de 2017 sur la preuve Bill No. 96—The Choice of Court Agreements (Hague Convention Implementation) Act Projet de loi n° 96—Loi sur les accords d'élection de for (mise en œuvre de la Convention de La Haye)

Bill No. 101—The Agricultural Implements Amendment Act, 2017

Bill No. 102—The Agri-Food Amendment Act, 2017

Bill No. 72—The Privacy Amendment Act, 2017

Bill No. 75—The Electronic Communications Convention Implementation Act Projet de loi n° 75—Loi de mise en œuvre de la Convention sur les communications électroniques

Bill No. 87—The Data Matching Agreements Act

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

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

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

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

Bill No. 105—The Saskatchewan Human Rights Consequential Amendment Act, 2017

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

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then replied: "In Her Majesty's name, I assent to these bills."

Son Honneur le Lieutenant gouverneur alors a répondu: "Au nom de Sa Majestée, je sanctionne ces projets de loi."

The Speaker addressed His Honour:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

This Legislative Assembly has voted the supplies required to enable the government to defray the expenses of the public service. In the name of the Assembly, I present to Your Honour the following bill, to which bill I respectfully request Your Honour's assent:

Bill No. 130—The Appropriation Act, 2018 (No. 1)

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then replied: "In Her Majesty's name, I thank the Legislative Assembly, accept their benevolence, and assent to this bill."

His Honour then retired from the Chamber.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question nos. 253 to 257, pursuant to rule 21(6), the questions were converted and orders for return were issued. (see appendix)

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 114—The Vehicles for Hire Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hargrave: That Bill No. 114—The Vehicles for Hire Act be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Brkich:
Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:30 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Mark Docherty Speaker

OUESTIONS ORDERED FOR RETURN

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

Return no. 99 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Social Services, (a) for each housing authority, the number of accessible units there are, (b) the number of people that are currently waiting for accessible units, and (c) the last recorded wait time.

Return no. 100 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Social Services, (a) for each housing authority, the number of units for individuals there are, (b) the number of people that are currently waiting for individual units, and (c) the last recorded wait time for individual units.

Return no. 101 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Social Services, (a) for each housing authority, the number of units for families there are, (b) the number of people that are currently waiting for family units, and (c) the last recorded wait time for family units.

Return no. 102 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Social Services, (a) in terms of the Government of Saskatchewan's portfolio renewal initiative, who was consulted on the development of this initiative, (b) with who were meetings held in the development of this initiative, (c) if there were any external contracts in the development of this initiative, (d) if there were any external contracts in the development of this initiative, who they were with, (e) if there were any external contracts in the development of this initiative, the value of each, (f) the objective of this initiative, (g) how long is the initiative planned to last, (h) if the initiative is planned to be revenue neutral, and (i) if the initiative is not planned to be revenue neutral, the anticipated impacts on revenue.

Return no. 103 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Social Services, (a) for each fiscal year since 2011-12, the government expenditure on the rental construction incentive, (b) the affordable home ownership program, (c) the corporate income tax rebate, and (d) Headstart on a Home program.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 56 and are to be answered by day no. 61:

Question no. 258 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice, (a) how many cases have been resolved through the Government of Saskatchewan's remand strategy program, (b) for each case resolved, what was the resolution, and (c) how many cases were resolved by the remand strategy program in each jurisdiction?

Question no. 259 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice, how many provincial court trial dates have been cancelled in Weyburn since January 1, 2017?

Question no. 260 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice, (a) how much has been spent on renovations at the Estevan Queen's Bench court house since January 1, 2017, and (b) what is the budgeted cost of planned renovations at the Estevan Queen's Bench court house in 2018-19?

Question no. 261 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice, (a) how much has been spent on travel and accommodations for staff, including judiciary, to Weyburn since January 1, 2017 for court matters, and (b) how much has it cost for travel and accommodations for staff, including judiciary, to Estevan since January 1, 2017 for court matters?

Question no. 262 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice, (a) how many additional full-time equivalents (FTEs) have been added to the Estevan Queen's Bench court house since January 1, 2017, (b) how many Queen's Bench trials have been held at the Days Inn in Estevan since January 1, 2017, (c) what is the current wait time for a Queen's Bench trial in Estevan, (d) what is the average length of the chambers list in Estevan Queen's Bench, by number of cases since January 1, 2017, and (e) what is the longest length of the chambers list in Estevan Queen's Bench, by number of cases since January 1, 2017?

Question no. 263 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice, (a) what is the status of the occupational health and safety complaint regarding the reduction of deputy sheriffs in court houses, and (b) are deputy sheriffs or commissioners being used to transport inmates from court locations to jails?

Ouestion no. 264 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice, (a) in terms of legal aid Saskatchewan, how many FTE positions are currently unfilled, and (b) what is the location of the unfilled positions?

Question no. 265 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice, for each legal aid location, what is the average current wait time for a meeting in each area of law?

Question no. 266 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice, for each additional training course/requirement for the members of the provincial response team, how many hours are required?

Question no. 267 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice, (a) how much has been paid in severance each fiscal year since 2006-07, and (b) how many people have been laid off in each fiscal year since 2006-07?

Question no. 268 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice, (a) in terms of the Family Matters program, how many inquiries were made to Family Matters each year since 2016, (b) how many individuals received mediation each year since 2016, (c) how many individuals received legal advice each year since 2016, (d) what were other possible outcomes of calls received, and (e) for each service offered, what is the average wait time for someone to access services through Family Matters each year since 2016?

Question no. 269 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice, what is the status of the fine option program redesign request for proposal?

Question no. 270 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice, (a) in terms of the Office of Residential Tenancies, how many files were opened in 2017-18, (b) how many FTEs were actively working at the end of the 2017-18 fiscal year, (c) how many FTEs were actively working at the end of the 2016-17 fiscal year, (d) how many FTEs are budgeted to be employed in 2018-19, (e) how many certificate applications have been made per s. 12.4 of *The Residential Tenancies Act*, 2006, as per the changes found in *The Victims of Interpersonal Violence Amendment Act*, and (f) how many certificate applications have been made per s. 12.4 of *The Residential Tenancies Act*, 2006, as per the changes found in *The Victims of Interpersonal Violence Amendment Act* have been approved?

Question no. 271 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice, what is the funding allocation for Community Legal Assistance Services for Saskatoon Inner City Inc. (CLASSIC) in the 2018-19 budget?

Question no. 272 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice, (a) what is the current status of the Pelican Narrows court house construction, and (b) has the construction at the Pelican Narrows court house been deferred or will it take place in the 2018-19 fiscal year?

Question no. 273 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, for each correctional centre with a canteen, what is the current cost of each item?

Question no. 274 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, (a) for each city and town receiving provincial government funding for municipal policing, what was the funding in 2016-17, (b) what was the funding in 2017-18, and (c) what is the budgeted allocation for 2018-19?

Question no. 275 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, (a) how much has been paid in severance each fiscal year since 2006-07, and (b) how many people have been laid off in each fiscal year since 2006-07?

Question no. 276 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, for each corrections facility, how many program coordinators FTEs are currently on staff?

Question no. 277 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, how many inmates have purchased the monthly call package as per the Synergy contract to provide telmate services to Saskatchewan correctional facilities?

Question no. 278 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, what are the point in time custodial percentage capacity rates for May 1, 2018?

Question no. 279 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, (a) what is the percentage of inmates who have a diagnosed mental illness, and (b) of those inmates diagnosed with a mental illness, how many suffer from an addiction?

Question no. 280 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, (a) in terms of the Battlefords community correctional centre, when is it scheduled to be closed, (b) where will the inmates be placed once it is closed, and (c) what are the primary residences of the current Battleford closed correctional facility inmates?

Question no. 281 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, (a) in terms of the North Battleford Youth Centre, when is it scheduled to be closed, (b) where will the inmates be placed once it is closed, and (c) what are the primary residences of the current Battleford closed correctional facility inmates?

Question no. 282 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, how many qualified palliative care physician FTEs were working in 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18?

Ouestion no. 283 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, for each location that exists, how many acute palliative care beds were there in 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18?

Question no. 284 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, for each location that exists, how many hospice beds were there in 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18?

Question no. 285 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, how much funding went specifically to palliative care in 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18?