



No. 63

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

THIRD SESSION — TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

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, Bradshaw, Wotherspoon, Sproule, Belanger, Mowat, Sarauer, and Pedersen.

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 improve cellular service coverage for northern communities.

(Sessional paper no. 168)

To immediately reinstate the funding to the Saskatchewan hearing aid plan.

(Sessional paper no. 169)

To pass legislation for critical supports for survivors of domestic violence.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 15)

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

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 16)

To enact a plan and allocate appropriate funding to fight climate change.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 116)

To immediately release a full, unredacted copy of records detailing all deficiencies in the Regina bypass project to date.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 122)

To support a new long-term care facility in La Ronge.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 157)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question nos. 91 to 96, 99, and 105 to 108, pursuant to rule 21(6), the questions were converted and orders for return were issued. (see appendix)

The order of the day being called for question nos. 97 to 98 and 100 to 104, they were answered. (see appendix)

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:50 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. 97 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, what are the hours of operation for each crime reduction team in each location?

Answer:

Crime reduction teams are able to modify or extend hours of operation as operational needs require.

Question no. 98 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, how many commercial vehicle inspectors did not pass the additional training for the provincial response team?

Answer:

The Ministry of Corrections and Policing is not the ministry responsible for the commercial vehicle inspectors.

Question no. 100 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, what upgrades and renovations are planned for correctional centres in the 2019–2020 fiscal year?

Answer:

Paul Dojack Youth Centre:

- (a) 14-bed unit new build
- (b) Cultural centre completion
- (c) Design work for upgrading locks and security infrastructure

Kilburn Hall Youth Centre

- (a) Ventilation upgrade and new kitchen equipment in the kitchen
- (b) Washroom upgrades

Pine Grove Correctional Centre

- (a) Medical unit expansion
- (b) Laundry expansion
- (c) Cultural Centre — new build
- (d) Design work for upgrading locks and security infrastructure
- (e) Fencing

Saskatoon Correctional Centre

- (a) Locks and security infrastructure project
- (b) Body scanner and drug loo
- (c) Fencing

Prince Albert Correctional Centre

- (a) Finish paving and internal renovations related to the new kitchen project
- (b) Body scanner and drug loo
- (c) Fencing

Regina Correctional Centre

- (a) Drug loo
- (b) Automated accountability system (Guard1 system) — pilot is underway and may move to other facilities after pilot assessment
- (c) On-unit kitchen renovations
- (d) Outdoor lighting for exercise yards
- (e) Fencing

Question no. 101 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, (a) does the provincial government receive any commission through its contracts with Telmate, (b) if so, what is the commission structure, and (c) how much has the provincial government received since the contract was signed?

Answer:

- (a) The provincial government does receive commissions through its contract with Telmate.
- (b) The commission amount is 10% and \$1,300 for a monthly service fee.
- (c) The provincial government has received \$1,151,628, however, this amount has been deposited into the offender's collective trust bank account.

Question no. 102 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, (a) does the provincial government receive any commission through its contracts with Compass Group Canada, (b) if so, what is the commission structure, and (c) how much has the provincial government received since the contract was signed?

Answer:

- (a) The provincial government does receive commissions through its contract with Compass Group Canada.
- (b) The commission amount is 10% of the commission sales excluding GST.
- (c) The provincial government has received \$461,980 however, this amount has been deposited into the offender's collective trust bank account.

Question no. 103 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, for each Saskatchewan correctional facility, what is the wait time to see each type of medical specialist in the past fiscal year?

Answer:

Wait times vary depending on the availability of the service provider in each community.

Prince Albert Correctional Centre

- General practitioner — 1 to 2 weeks
- Psychiatry — 1 to 2 weeks
- Optometry — 24 weeks
- Dental — 1 to 3 weeks
- Harm reduction — 0 hours per week

Pine Grove Correctional Centre

- General practitioner — 3 weeks
- Psychiatry — 8 to 12 weeks
- Optometry — None
- Dental — 8 to 12 weeks
- Methadone — each client seen (1 per month)

Regina Correctional Centre

- General practitioner — 2.4 weeks (Regina Correctional Centre/few days at White Birch Remand Centre)
- Psychiatry — 12 to 16 weeks
- Optometry — 8 weeks if they qualify, 12 + weeks if they don't meet criteria
- Dental — 8 to 12 weeks
- Harm reduction — 0
- Methadone — seen next clinic after admission
- Phlebotomy — 2 weeks
- Sexual transmitted infection clinic — no waitlist

Saskatoon Correctional Centre

- General practitioner — 1 to 2 weeks

- Psychiatry — 6 to 8 weeks
- Optometry — 12 to 16 weeks
- Dental — 24 to 28 weeks
- Harm reduction — 4 to 8 weeks
- Methadone - 0

Question no. 104 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, what is the status of the justice access centre which planned for the Weyburn court house, and the Saskatoon provincial court house?

Answer:

The Ministry of Corrections and Policing is not responsible for the justice access centres which are planned for Weyburn court house and Saskatoon provincial court house.

QUESTIONS ORDERED FOR RETURN

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

Return no. 58 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice, (a) the ministry programs that had a reduction in funding in the 2019–20 budget, (b) for each program that had funding reduced, the original allocation, and (c) for each program that had funding reduced, the value of the reduction.

Return no. 59 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, (a) the ministry programs that had a reduction in funding in the 2019–20 budget, (b) for each program that had funding reduced, the original allocation, and (c) for each program that had funding reduced, the value of the reduction.

Return no. 60 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice, (a) if any community-based organizations (CBOs) have had a funding reduction in the last year, (b) of those CBOs that had their funding reduced in the last year, the original funding allocation, and (c) of those CBOs that had their funding reduced in the last year, the value of the reduction.

Return no. 61 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, (a) if any CBOs have had a funding reduction in the last year, (b) of those CBOs that had their funding reduced in the last year, the original funding allocation, and (c) of those CBOs that had their funding reduced in the last year, the value of the reduction.

Return no. 62 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice, (a) the number of Gladue reports that were requested and written in the last year, and (b) for each, who wrote the report.

Return no. 63 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice, the cost of implementing the provincial response team to the Saskatchewan Police College.

Return no. 64 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, (a) the number of files that have gone through each one of the remand initiatives, and (b) what the impact has been on remand counts and wait times.

Return no. 65 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice, in terms of files handled by the office of the children's lawyer in the last fiscal year, (a) the number there were, (b) the number of lawyers that were utilized in those files, (c) the locations in the province, and (d) the resolutions of those files.

Return no. 66 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice, the number of people that utilized the child support recalculation project in the last budget year.

Return no. 67 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice, if there is any further work being done within the Ministry of Justice on the legalization of cannabis.

Return no. 68 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Government, to date, the work that has been done to consider the creation of an independent police oversight body.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 60 and are to be answered by day no. 65:

Question no. 109 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, how many assisted lifts were performed by the Saskatoon fire department in the former Saskatoon Health Region in 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018?

Question no. 110 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, for each community-based organization that received funding from the ministry in the last 5 fiscal years, (a) how much was received, (b) how much was operations funding, (c) how much was capital, (d) how much was provincial funding, and (e) how much was federal funding?

Question no. 111 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, according to the most recent data, (a) how many addictions counsellors are there in the provincial opioid agonist therapy (OAT) program, and (b) how many patients across the province are receiving methadone or suboxone for addictions in the OAT program?

Question no. 112 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, in terms of the OAT program, (a) what is the number of addictions counsellors working in the OAT program in each of Saskatoon, Regina, Prince Albert, North Battleford, Moose Jaw, Weyburn, and La Ronge, and (b) how many patients are supported in each location?

Question no. 113 (Ms. Chartier):

To the Minister of Health, what programs, services and organizations had funding from the ministry reduced in the 2019–20 budget?

Question no. 114 (Mr. Pedersen):

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation, (a) what is SaskPower's current battery/electrical storage capacity, (b) how much battery/storage capacity is being planned to be added in the next 10 years, (c) what is SaskPower's current electricity generation capacity from natural gas, and (d) what is the anticipated expansion of electricity generation from natural gas in the next 10 years?

Question no. 115 (Mr. Pedersen):

To the Minister of Environment, in terms of *The Wildlife Habitat Protection Act* infractions investigated in each of the past five years, (a) how many alleged or suspected infractions were investigated, (b) how many resulted in charges, (c) what category of charges did each fall into, and (d) what was the nature of the alleged offense?

Question no. 116 (Mr. Pedersen):

To the Minister of Finance, for each of the last 15 fiscal years, (a) how many individuals reported income which would have been subject to the highest marginal income tax rate (before assessing any applicable credits), and (b) what was the aggregate amount of income tax calculated on those individuals' tax returns (before assessment of any applicable credits)?

Question no. 117 (Mr. Pedersen):

To the Minister of Finance, for each of the last 15 fiscal years, (a) how many individuals reported income which would have been subject to the middle marginal income tax rate, but not the highest (before assessing any applicable credits), and (b) what was the aggregate amount of income tax calculated on those individuals' tax returns (before assessment of any applicable credits)?

Question no. 118 (Mr. Pedersen):

To the Minister of Finance, for each of the last 15 fiscal years, (a) how many individuals reported income which would have been subject to the lowest marginal income tax rate, but not the middle (before assessing any applicable credits), and (b) what was the aggregate amount of income tax calculated on those individuals' tax returns (before assessment of any applicable credits)?