



No. 89

# **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

AND

# **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN**

**FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Tuesday, May 16, 2017**

*PRAYERS*

## **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

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### ADJOURNED DEBATES

1. On the proposed motion of Mr. Wotherspoon:  
That *Bill No. 602 – The Election (Fairness and Accountability) Amendment Act* be now read a second time.

(Mr. Forbes)  
*Adjourned twice*

### SECOND READINGS

1. *Bill No. 604 – The Saskatchewan Employment (Support for Victims of Domestic Violence) Amendment Act*

(Ms. Sarauer) PRINTED

### MOTIONS FOR RETURNS (DEBATABLE)

1. Ms. Sproule to move the following motion:

That an order of the Assembly be issued for return no. 96 seeking SaskPower board meeting minutes from May 23, 2013 where the Global Transportation Hub was first presented as an option for the logistics warehouse complex.

## APPENDIX A

### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 84 and are to be answered by day no. 89:

**1. Question no. 385 (Ms. Sproule):**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: On what day was the decision made by SaskPower officials to pursue the logistics warehouse complex at the Global Transportation Hub?

**2. Question no. 386 (Ms. Chartier):**

To the Minister of Health: What are the protocols around hearing tests for babies by health region public health nurses at immunization appointments?

**3. Question no. 387 (Ms. Chartier):**

To the Minister of Health: What types of hearing tests are performed on babies by health region public health nurses at immunization appointments?

**4. Question no. 388 (Ms. Chartier):**

To the Minister of Health: How many private audiologists are currently equipped to provide the full range of audiological services for children?

**5. Question no. 389 (Ms. Chartier):**

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many children were fitted with hearing aids through the hearing aid plan in 2006? (2) 2007? (3) 2008? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) 2014? (10) 2015? (11) 2016? (12) 2017 (to date)?

**6. Question no. 390 (Mr. Meili):**

To the Government: What was the total cost of out-of-province travel on behalf of the government for each elected member for every year since 2007-08?

**7. Question no. 391 (Mr. Meili):**

To the Government: What was the total cost of in-province travel on behalf of the government for each elected member for every year since 2007-08?

**8. Question no. 392 (Mr. Meili):**

To the Government: What are the total in-province ministerial travel costs for each year since 2007-08?

**9. Question no. 393 (Mr. Meili):**

To the Government: What are the total out-of-province ministerial travel costs for each year since 2007-08?

**10. Question no. 394 (Mr. Meili):**

To the Minister of Central Services: What anti-spam software was purchased by the ministry in 2008-09?

**11. Question no. 395 (Mr. Meili):**

To the Minister of Central Services: (1) For any anti-spam software purchased by the ministry in 2008-09, what was the tendering process? (2) Was the product tested through open source plagiarism software? (3) Is the tender publicly available?

**12. Question no. 396 (Mr. Meili):**

To the Minister of Central Services: For each fiscal year from 2007-2008 to 2016-2017, which companies (including location) were Central Vehicle Agency (CVA) vehicles procured from?

**13. Question no. 397 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Government: What is the response and actions to date to the first recommendation “Culture and Customer Service focuses on corporate culture and develops a customer-centric service delivery model” as made by the Committee of Review as released in November 2016?

**14. Question no. 398 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Government: What is the response and actions to date to the first recommendation “Culture and Customer Service” specific subsections as listed below as made by the Committee of Review released in November 2016?

1. Investing in time and training to meet customer service survey targets.
2. Developing service quality standards and ensure they are met.
3. Increasing WCB Claim Entitlement Services Unit hours beyond conventional business hours, including noon.
4. Improving operational decision-making in the claims adjudication process so as to reduce the number of appeals at the tribunal level.
5. Developing open and clearly written communication to provide to injured workers.
6. Minimizing the number of caseworkers per claim.
7. Shortening length of time from date of injury to initial payment by half.

**15. Question no. 399 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Government: What is the response and actions to date to the second recommendation “Board Structure and Governance – Modernize Board structure to reflect the diversity of skill sets required to guide the work of the WCB” as made by the Committee of Review as released in November 2016?

**16. Question no. 400 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Government: What is the response and actions to date to the second recommendation “Board Structure and Governance” specific subsections listed below as made by the Committee of Review as released in November 2016?

1. Investing time in improving performance by gauging the effectiveness of WCB against its performance metrics.
2. Developing a formal skill set matrix and recruitment process for choosing board members.
3. Expanding the board structure to include seven members – three full-time members and four part-time members with equal representation from both employer and employee groups.

**17. Question no. 401 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Government: What is the response and actions to date to the third recommendation “Appeals – Significantly reduce the average number of days to a decision and communicate clearly with appellants throughout the process” as made by the Committee of Review as released in November 2016?

**18. Question no. 402 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Government: What is the response and actions to date to the third recommendation “Appeals” specific subsections listed below as made by the Committee of Review as released in November 2016?

1. Providing clear communication and explanation of appeal decisions including the explanation of medical information.
2. Ensuring board level appeals are to be decided within 30 days of the hearing.
3. Providing training for front line staff to alleviate the number of appeals at all levels of appeal.

**19. Question no. 403 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Government: What is the response and actions to date to the fourth recommendation “Psychological Injury – Strengthen the Psychological Injury Policy (POL 01/2009) regarding Post Trauma Stress Disorder (PTSD) and mental health coverage for Saskatchewan workers” as made by the Committee of Review as released in November 2016?

**20. Question no. 404 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Government: What is the response and actions to date to the fourth recommendation “Psychological Injury” specific subsections listed below as made by the Committee of Review as released in November 2016?

1. Updating the policy to define coverage for PTSD and mental health.
2. Employing caseworkers dedicated specifically to psychological injury claims.

**21. Question no. 405 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Government: What is the response and actions to date to the fifth recommendation “Fatality Service Specialists – assign fatality service specialists to assist individuals and families affected by workplace fatalities and minimize the number of caseworkers per claim” as made by the Committee of Review as released in November 2016?

**22. Question no. 406 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Government: What is the response and actions to date to the sixth recommendation “Coordination of Benefits – coordinate benefits between the WCB and SGI to ensure that no worker is disadvantaged in the event of a work-related motor vehicle accident” as made by the Committee of Review as released in November 2016?

**23. Question no. 407 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Government: What is the response and actions to date to the seventh recommendation “Privacy Policy – Repeal sections 173 and 174 of *The Workers’ Compensation Act, 2013* to comply with the provisions of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and update the WCB’s privacy policy to align with the changes” as made by the Committee of Review as released in November 2016?

**24. Question no. 408 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Government: What is the response and actions to date to the eighth recommendation “Employer Resource Centre – establish an Employer Resource Centre, coordinated through the Office of the Workers’ Advocate, dedicated to helping employers navigate the workers’ compensation system” as made by the Committee of Review as released in November 2016?

**25. Question no. 409 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Government: What is the response and actions to date to the ninth recommendation “Communication and Surplus – increase transparency and awareness so that the public

understands the application of the surplus in the Funding Policy (POL 01/2014) through Consulting with stakeholders at the Annual General Meeting and consulting with stakeholders, specifically employers respecting the Funding Policy (POL 01/2014)” as made by the Committee of Review as released in November 2016?

**26. Question no. 410 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Government: What is the response and actions to date to the tenth recommendation “Rate Review and Standard Discount – ensure best practices are fair and equitable for all employers and not excessively punitive for small employers. This can be achieved through educating and ensuring the Rate Review Committee has the skill sets necessary to conduct their review and analyzing changes to the standard discount to alleviate the potential for unintended consequences prior to implementation” as made by the Committee of Review as released in November 2016?

**27. Question no. 411 (Mr. Forbes):**

To the Government: What is the response and actions to date to the eleventh recommendation “Review Implementation and Oversight – strengthen ongoing communication with stakeholders regarding Committee of Review recommendations and implementation by making the Committee of Review Report a more prominent agenda item at the Annual General Meeting and providing stakeholders with a rationale for Committee of Review recommendation decisions made by the WCB” as made by the Committee of Review as released in November 2016?

## APPENDIX B

### IN STANDING COMMITTEES

#### STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

**Committed after Second Reading:**

†Specified bills: Pursuant to part 10 of the sessional order dated May 18, 2016

‡Specified bills: Pursuant to part 8 of the sessional order dated May 18, 2016

†*Bill No. 44 – The Water Security Agency Amendment Act, 2016*

(Hon. Mr. Moe)

‡*Bill No. 62 – The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act, 2017*

(Hon. Mr. Harrison)

‡*Bill No. 61 – The Saskatchewan Commercial Innovation Incentive (Patent Box) Act*

(Hon. Mr. Harrison)

#### STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE

**Committed after Second Reading:**

\*Specified bills: pursuant to part 6 of the sessional order dated May 18, 2016

‡Specified bills: pursuant to part 8 of the sessional order dated May 18, 2016

\**Bill No. 30 – The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2016*

(Hon. Mr. Wyant)

\**Bill No. 31 – The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2016*

(Hon. Mr. Wyant)

‡*Bill No. 59 – The Summary Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2017*

(Hon. Mr. Wyant)

‡*Bill No. 60 – The Legal Profession Amendment Act, 2017*

(Hon. Mr. Wyant)

**APPENDIX C****BILLS AWAITING ROYAL ASSENT  
PROJETS DE LOI EN ATTENTE DE SANCTION ROYALE**

*Bill No. 52 – The Meewasin Valley Authority Amendment Act, 2017*

*Bill No. 51 – The Saskatchewan Grain Car Corporation Repeal Act*

*Bill No. 53 – The Provincial Health Authority Act*

*Bill No. 54 – The Provincial Health Authority Consequential Amendment Act, 2017*

*Projet de loi no 54 – Loi de 2017 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Provincial Health Authority Act*

*Bill No. 63 – The Education Amendment Act, 2017*

*Projet de loi no 63 – Loi modificative de 2017 sur l'éducation*

*Bill No. 43 – The Pipelines Amendment Act, 2016*

*Bill No. 55 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Economy – Audit Assessments) Amendment Act, 2017*

*Bill No. 56 – The Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 2017*

*Bill No. 64 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (SaskPower and SaskEnergy) Amendment Act, 2017*

*Bill No. 50 – The Provincial Capital Commission Act*

*Bill No. 70 – The Provincial Sales Tax Amendment Act, 2017*

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

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