



No. 71

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

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: Forbes, Belanger, Chartier, and McCall.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the following petitions were favourably examined and pursuant to Rule 16(7) read and received:

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to improve cellular coverage in northern communities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 224)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to pass *The Respect for Diversity – Student Bill of Rights Act*.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 987)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to adopt Bill No. 609 – *The Residents-in-care Bill of Rights Act*.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 988)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to immediately increase funding for post-secondary education.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 989)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The Minister, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, the following bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 188 – The Best Value in Procurement Act, 2015

(Hon. Mr. Wyant)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 970, pursuant to Rule 21(6), the question was converted and an Order for Return was issued:

Ms. Chartier, for Return No. 696 showing:

To the Minister of Education: (1) For each school division, the number of education assistants that were employed in 2007/08. (2) 2008/09. (3) 2009/10. (4) 2010/11. (5) 2011/12. (6) 2012/13. (7) 2013/14. (8) 2014/15. (9) 2015/16 (to date).

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 971 to 974, they were answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 186 – The Municipal Conflict of Interest Amendment Act, 2015

The Hon. Mr. Reiter, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 186 – The Municipal Conflict of Interest Amendment Act, 2015 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Belanger, adjourned.

Bill No. 187 – The Saskatchewan Farm Security Amendment Act, 2015

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Stewart: That Bill No. 187 – The Saskatchewan Farm Security Amendment Act, 2015 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Belanger, adjourned.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 179 – The MRI Facilities Licensing Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Duncan: That Bill No. 179 – The MRI Facilities Licensing Act – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff, in accordance with Rule 85, Bill No. 179 – The MRI Facilities Licensing Act – was committed to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Bill No. 183 – The Saskatchewan Employment (Essential Services) Amendment Act, 2015

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 183 – The Saskatchewan Employment (Essential Services) Amendment Act, 2015 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 184 – The Automobile Accident Insurance (Motorcycles) Amendment Act, 2015

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. McMorris: That Bill No. 184 – The Automobile Accident Insurance (Motorcycles) Amendment Act, 2015 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, the Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 6(7).

The Assembly adjourned at 5:01 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Dan D'Autremont
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS, AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Reiter:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan for the year ended June 30, 2015

(Sessional Paper No. 994)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Ms. Chartier asked the government the following Question No. 971, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:

To the Minister of Health: How many seniors applied for funding from the 'Special Support Program' for high priced drugs (in relation to their incomes) from March 2015 to present?

Answer:

1,064 seniors applied for the 'Special Support Program' from March 2015 to present.

Ms. Chartier asked the government the following Question No. 972, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How much was spent by the ministry on the Emergency Department Waits and Patient Flow Initiative in 2012? (2) 2013? (3) 2014? (4) 2015 (to date)?

Answer:

The Ministry of Health funds the Emergency Department Waits and Patient Flow Initiative. The following lists the investment by the Ministry of Health for each fiscal year.

- (1) \$2M was spent on the Emergency Department Waits and Patient Flow Initiative in 2012-13.
- (2) The ministry did not spend any additional funds on the Emergency Department Waits and Patient Flow Initiative in 2013-14. Funding from 2012-13 carried over for the initiative.
- (3) \$2.2M was spent on the Emergency Department Waits and Patient Flow Initiative in 2014-15.
- (4) \$4.7M has been allocated for the Emergency Department Waits and Patient Flow Initiative in 2015-16.

Ms. Chartier asked the government the following Question No. 973, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How much funding was provided to health regions by the ministry for the Emergency Department Waits and Patient Flow Initiative in 2012? (2) 2013? (3) 2014? (4) 2015 (to date)?

Answer:

The Ministry of Health funds the Emergency Department Waits and Patient Flow Initiative. The following lists the investment by the Ministry of Health for each fiscal year.

- (1) \$2M was spent on the Emergency Department Waits and Patient Flow Initiative in 2012-13.
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- (3) \$2.2M was spent on the Emergency Department Waits and Patient Flow Initiative in 2014-15.
- (4) \$4.7M has been allocated for the Emergency Department Waits and Patient Flow Initiative in 2015-16.

Ms. Chartier asked the government the following Question No. 974, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How much funding was provided to Health Quality Council by the ministry for the Emergency Department Waits and Patient Flow Initiative in 2012? (2) 2013? (3) 2014? (4) 2015 (to date)?

Answer:

The Ministry of Health funds the Emergency Department Waits and Patient Flow Initiative. The following lists the investment by the Ministry of Health for each fiscal year.

- (1) \$2M was spent on the Emergency Department Waits and Patient Flow Initiative in 2012-13.
- (2) The ministry did not spend any additional funds on the Emergency Department Waits and Patient Flow Initiative in 2013-14. Funding from 2012-13 carried over for the initiative.
- (3) \$2.2M was spent on the Emergency Department Waits and Patient Flow Initiative in 2014-15.
- (4) \$4.7M has been allocated for the Emergency Department Waits and Patient Flow Initiative in 2015-16.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 69 and are to be answered by day no. 74:

Mr. Nilson, to ask the government the following Question No. 981:

To the Minister of Economy: (1) How many physical site inspections were conducted at potential or actual sour gas wells in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011? (6) 2012? (7) 2013? (8) 2014? (9) 2015 (to date)?

Mr. Nilson, to ask the government the following Question No. 982:

To the Minister of Economy: (1) What was the greatest concentration of sour gas/hydrogen sulphide per section reported in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011? (6) 2012? (7) 2013? (8) 2014? (9) 2015 (to date)?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 71 and are to be answered by day no. 76:

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 983:

To the Minister of Health: (1) For each health region please provide the average reported time to physician initial assessment in emergency departments for CTAS (Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale) level 1 in 2012? (2) 2013? (3) 2014? (4) 2015 (to date)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 984:

To the Minister of Health: (1) For each health region please provide the average reported time to physician initial assessment in emergency departments for CTAS level 2 in 2012? (2) 2013? (3) 2014? (4) 2015 (to date)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 985:

To the Minister of Health: (1) For each health region please provide the average reported time to physician initial assessment in emergency departments for CTAS level 3 in 2012? (2) 2013? (3) 2014? (4) 2015 (to date)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 986:

To the Minister of Health: (1) For each health region please provide the average reported time to physician initial assessment in emergency departments for CTAS level 4 in 2012? (2) 2013? (3) 2014? (4) 2015 (to date)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 987:

To the Minister of Health: (1) For each health region please provide the average reported time to physician initial assessment in emergency departments for CTAS level 5 in 2012? (2) 2013? (3) 2014? (4) 2015 (to date)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 988:

To the Minister of Health: (1) For each health region please provide the median reported time to physician initial assessment in emergency departments for CTAS level 1 in 2012? (2) 2013? (3) 2014? (4) 2015 (to date)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 989:

To the Minister of Health: (1) For each health region please provide the median reported time to physician initial assessment in emergency departments for CTAS level 2 in 2012? (2) 2013? (3) 2014? (4) 2015 (to date)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 990:

To the Minister of Health: (1) For each health region please provide the median reported time to physician initial assessment in emergency departments for CTAS level 3 in 2012? (2) 2013? (3) 2014? (4) 2015 (to date)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 991:

To the Minister of Health: (1) For each health region please provide the median reported time to physician initial assessment in emergency departments for CTAS level 4 in 2012? (2) 2013? (3) 2014? (4) 2015 (to date)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 992:

To the Minister of Health: (1) For each health region please provide the median reported time to physician initial assessment in emergency departments for CTAS level 5 in 2012? (2) 2013? (3) 2014? (4) 2015 (to date)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 993:

To the Minister of Health: (1) For each health region please provide the 90th percentile reported time to physician initial assessment in emergency departments for CTAS level 1 in 2012? (2) 2013? (3) 2014? (4) 2015 (to date)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 994:

To the Minister of Health: (1) For each health region please provide the 90th percentile reported time to physician initial assessment in emergency departments for CTAS level 2 in 2012? (2) 2013? (3) 2014? (4) 2015 (to date)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 995:

To the Minister of Health: (1) For each health region please provide the 90th percentile reported time to physician initial assessment in emergency departments for CTAS level 3 in 2012? (2) 2013? (3) 2014? (4) 2015 (to date)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 996:

To the Minister of Health: (1) For each health region please provide the 90th percentile reported time to physician initial assessment in emergency departments for CTAS level 4 in 2012? (2) 2013? (3) 2014? (4) 2015 (to date)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 997:

To the Minister of Health: (1) For each health region please provide the 90th percentile reported time to physician initial assessment in emergency departments for CTAS level 5 in 2012? (2) 2013? (3) 2014? (4) 2015 (to date)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 998:

To the Minister of Health: What is the last reported waitlist for long-term care in the Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 999:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many individuals on the long-term care waitlist in Mamawetan Churchill River are from Creighton/Denare Beach? (2) La Ronge? (3) Air Ronge? (4) Pelican Narrows? (5) Sandy Bay?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 1000:

To the Minister of Health: For each health region, on what date did the Ministry of Health initially receive submissions of information stemming from the CEO tours that took place in 2015?