



FIRST SESSION — THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE

of the

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 33

Monday, May 5, 2025

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: Hugh Gordon, Joan Pratchler, Erika Ritchie, and Bhajan Brar.

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 enshrine Duty to Consult into law by enacting meaningful duty to consult legislation.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 28)

To recognize the Timber Bay school as a provincially run residential school and release the school records to the survivors.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 96)

To immediately mandate education on intimate partner violence be included in the orientation process for all new employees across all workplaces in the province.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 98)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion no. 1, moved by Erika Ritchie:

That the Assembly calls upon the government to implement a procurement policy that prioritizes local workers and local businesses in Saskatchewan.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of the Hon. Tim McLeod adjourned.

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion no. 3, moved by Meara Conway:

That the Assembly calls upon the government to ban the practice of using virtual doctors for patients giving birth to a child or experiencing a life-threatening emergency,

and the proposed amendment moved by the Hon. Lori Carr:

That all words following “that the Assembly” be replaced with:

commends the Saskatchewan Health Authority and health care providers for continuously looking for new ways to expand health care services in all parts of Saskatchewan, including making virtual health services available to people in rural and northern areas of Saskatchewan.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, it was moved by Matt Love: That this debate be now adjourned. The question being put, it was negatived.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, pursuant to rule 54(3) the mover of the motion closed debate. The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEAS — 32

Scott Moe	Daryl Harrison	David Marit	Jeremy Cockrill	Jim Reiter
Everett Hindley	Jeremy Harrison	Terry Jenson	Colleen Young	Ken Cheveldayoff
Travis Keisig	James Thorsteinson	Jamie Martens	Racquel Hilbert	Doug Steele
Eric Schmalz	Alana Ross	Tim McLeod	Lori Carr	Sean Wilson
Kevin Weedmark	Chris Beaudry	Blaine McLeod	Brad Crassweller	Barret Kropf
Michael Weger	Megan Patterson	Terri Bromm	Darlene Rowden	David Chan
Kim Gartner	Kevin Kasun			

NAYS — 14

Erika Ritchie	Vicki Mowat	Matt Love	Aleana Young	Jared Clarke
Leroy Laliberte	Jordan McPhail	Meara Conway	Keith Jorgenson	Bhajan Brar
Hugh Gordon	Darcy Warrington	Joan Pratchler	Jacqueline Roy	

The question being put on the motion as amended, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEAS — 47

Scott Moe	Daryl Harrison	David Marit	Jeremy Cockrill	Jim Reiter
Everett Hindley	Jeremy Harrison	Terry Jenson	Colleen Young	Ken Cheveldayoff
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Kim Gartner	Kevin Kasun	Erika Ritchie	Vicki Mowat	Matt Love
Aleana Young	Jared Clarke	Leroy Laliberte	Jordan McPhail	Meara Conway
Keith Jorgenson	Bhajan Brar	Hugh Gordon	Darcy Warrington	Joan Pratchler
Jacqueline Roy	Don McBean			

NAYS — NIL

On motion of the Hon. Tim McLeod:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:07 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Todd Goudy
Speaker

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS AVIS DE MOTIONS PORTANT PREMIÈRE LECTURE DE PROJETS DE LOI

On Wednesday / mercredi:

Carla Beck to move first reading of Bill No. 604 — The Referendum and Plebiscite (Keep Saskatchewan in Canada) Amendment Act

Hon. Tim McLeod to move first reading of Bill No. 22 — The King's Bench Amendment Act, 2025

L'hon. Tim McLeod proposera la première lecture du projet de loi n° 22 — Loi modificative de 2025 sur la Cour du Banc du Roi

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following question was given notice on day no. 31 and is to be answered by day no. 36:

Question no. 5 (Matt Love):

To the Minister of Education, (a) what is the total funding and year-over-year change in funding to independent schools in the province in the 2025–26 budget; (b) are there any new independent schools and/or any that changed categories, and were any other changes made to how independent schools are funded, in the formula or otherwise; and (c) which schools are categorized as: (i) registered independent schools, (ii) qualified independent schools, (iii) certified independent schools, (iv) alternative schools, and (v) historical high schools?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 33 and are to be answered by day no. 38:

Question no. 6 (Keith Jorgenson):

To the Minister of Health, (a) what are the staff ratios for each long-term care facility funded by the SHA; (b) how many FTE staff are employed at each long-term care facility funded by the SHA; (c) how many beds are there — including occupied and vacant — at each long-term care facility funded by the SHA; (d) what number of beds consists of maximum occupancy at Cozy Nest Care Home; and (e) what is the total cost of the contract with Cozy Nest Care Home at maximum occupancy?

Question no. 7 (Aleana Young):

To the Minister of Immigration and Career Training, (a) what changes were made to the Saskatchewan immigrant nominee program from the 2024–25 to the 2025–26 fiscal years; (b) what is the new annual target number of immigrants for the Saskatchewan immigrant nominee program; (c) which countries or regions are being prioritized for immigration in 2025–26; (d) how many instances of immigration fraud were detected in 2024–25; (e) how many immigrants/companies are currently under investigation for fraud; (f) how many social services clients did ICT employees meet with in 2024–25 to create action plans to support their career development goals and connection to the labour market; (g) how many social services clients do ICT employees expect to meet with in 2025–26; and (h) of the immigrants that came to Saskatchewan in 2024–25, how many have taken additional career training, and how many have found employment?

Question no. 8 (Aleana Young):

To the Government of Saskatchewan, what is the cost for each of SaskPower's future supply plan scenarios published by the government in the document *Supply Planning Overview PowerPoint*?

Question no. 9 (Aleana Young):

To the Government of Saskatchewan, what is the range of borrowing necessary to cover SaskPower's capital costs for (a) 2025–26, (b) 2026–27, (c) 2027–28, (d) 2028–29, and (e) 2029–30?

Question no. 10 (Aleana Young):

To the Government of Saskatchewan, what is the current valuation of SaskPower's infrastructure deficit for (a) 2025–26, (b) 2026–27, (c) 2027–28, (d) 2028–29, and (e) 2029–30?

Question no. 11 (Aleana Young):

To the Government of Saskatchewan, what is the annual cost of routine maintenance and infrastructure sustainment for (a) 2025–26, (b) 2026–27, (c) 2027–28, (d) 2028–29, and (e) 2029–30?

Question no. 12 (Aleana Young):

To the Government of Saskatchewan, what is the timeline of SaskPower's borrowing costs for (a) 2025–26, (b) 2026–27, (c) 2027–28, (d) 2028–29, and (e) 2029–30?

Question no. 13 (Aleana Young):

To the Government of Saskatchewan, does the net income projection for 2025–26 include funding from Ottawa's future electricity fund, the province's clean electricity transition grant?

Question no. 14 (Aleana Young):

To the Government of Saskatchewan, (a) in the absence of the future electricity fund and CETGs, what would SaskPower's 2024–25 net income be; and (b) in the absence of the future electricity fund and CETGs, what would SaskPower's revenue forecasts be for (i) 2025–26, (ii) 2026–27, (iii) 2027–28, (iv) 2028–29, and (v) 2029–30?

Question no. 15 (Aleana Young):

To the Government of Saskatchewan, what is SaskPower's projected debt for (a) 2025–26, (b) 2026–27, (c) 2027–28, (d) 2028–29, and (e) 2029–30?

Question no. 16 (Aleana Young):

To the Government of Saskatchewan, (a) what rate increases have been budgeted by SaskPower to hit its ROE range, and (b) what revenue increase will be required for SaskPower to hit its ROE range?

Question no. 17 (Aleana Young):

To the Government of Saskatchewan, what is SaskPower projecting the increase in the OBPS carbon tax in (a) 2025–26, (b) 2026–27, (c) 2027–28, (d) 2028–29, and (e) 2029–30?

Question no. 18 (Aleana Young):

To the Government of Saskatchewan, (a) what are the numbers for total capital spending, capital spending on generation, capital spending on transmission, and capital spending on distribution for (i) 2025–26, (ii) 2026–27, (iii) 2027–28, (iv) 2028–29, and (v) 2029–30; (b) what capital projects above \$500,000 have been planned for (i) 2025–26, (ii) 2026–27, (iii) 2027–28, (iv) 2028–29, and (v) 2029–30; and (c) what capital projects are above \$10M in the generation, transmission, and distribution categories of capital spending?

Question no. 19 (Aleana Young):

To the Government of Saskatchewan, what is the value of SaskPower's forecasted capital program in (a) 2026–27, (b) 2027–28, (c) 2028–29, (d) 2029–30, and (e) 2030–31?

Question no. 20 (Aleana Young):

To the Government of Saskatchewan, what is the escalation from Chinook to Great Plains, and Great Plains to Aspen?

Question no. 21 (Aleana Young):

To the Government of Saskatchewan, (a) what is the cost of service for each customer class for (i) 2021–22, (ii) 2022–23, (iii) 2023–24, (iv) 2024–25, and (v) 2025–26; and (b) what is the projected cost of service for each customer class for (i) 2026–27, (ii) 2027–28, (iii) 2028–29, (iv) 2029–30, and (v) 2030–31?

Question no. 22 (Aleana Young):

To the Government of Saskatchewan, (a) how much in incremental debt would be required to fund the initial SMR; (b) how much has been spent to date on SMR-related activities; (c) how much SMR activity has been funded by Ottawa through the clean electricity transition grants; (d) how much SMR activity has been funded by the OBPS; and (e) what is the expected cost of each SMR?

Question no. 23 (Aleana Young):

To the Government of Saskatchewan, (a) what is the investment being made this year into engineering, design, and procurement for the coal-refurb project for 2025–2026; and (b) what capital spending has been targeted to the coal refurbishment project for (i) 2026–27, (ii) 2027–28, (iii) 2028–29, (iv) 2029–30, and (v) 2030–2031?

Question no. 24 (Aleana Young):

To the Government of Saskatchewan, what additional tariffs on imports have been undertaken by the Crown as it relates to the southwest power pool transmission line?

Question no. 25 (Aleana Young):

To the Government of Saskatchewan, the 2023–24 annual report noted that SaskPower was launching competitive procurement processes for 600 MW of new renewable generation — consisting of 200 MW solar generation and 400 MW wind generation — to be located in south-central Saskatchewan; what is the status of this competitive procurement process?

Question no. 26 (Aleana Young):

To the Government of Saskatchewan, as of March 5, 2025, were/are American firms eligible to bid on SaskPower procurement processes?

Question no. 27 (Aleana Young):

To the Government of Saskatchewan, (a) how many renewable projects are planned for (i) 2025–26, (ii) 2026–27, (iii) 2027–28, (iv) 2028–29, and (v) 2029–30; and (b) which renewable projects are planned for (i) 2025–26, (ii) 2026–27, (iii) 2027–28, (iv) 2028–29, and (v) 2029–30?

Question no. 28 (Aleana Young):

To the Government of Saskatchewan, is SaskPower still committed to its stated plan for net-zero by 2050?

Question no. 29 (Aleana Young):

To the Government of Saskatchewan, what is the number of GWH sold to each of your six major customer classes in 2024–25?

Question no. 30 (Aleana Young):

To the Government of Saskatchewan, what are the projected GWH sales SaskPower is forecasting for (a) 2025–26, (b) 2026–27, (c) 2027–28, (d) 2028–29, and (e) 2029–30?