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**Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan**

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**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS  
AND  
ORDERS OF THE DAY**

No. 39

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**Wednesday, May 14, 2025**

*PRAYERS*

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

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### ADJOURNED DEBATES

1. 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.  

(Hon. Tim McLeod)  
*Adjourned twice*
2. On the proposed **motion no. 4** moved by James Thorsteinson:  
That this Assembly call upon the new Liberal government of Canada to stand up for Saskatchewan by eliminating Bill C-69, the industrial carbon tax, the methane cap, the oil and gas cap, and the clean electricity regulations.  

(Hon. Lori Carr)  
*Adjourned once*
3. On the proposed motion of Aleana Young:  
That Bill No. 602 — The Buy Local Day Act be now read a second time.  

(Nicole Sarauer)  
*Adjourned once*

### SECOND READINGS

1. Bill No. 603 — The Ukrainian Heritage Month Act  

(Keith Jorgenson) PRINTED
2. Bill No. 604 — The Referendum and Plebiscite (Keep Saskatchewan in Canada) Amendment Act  

(Carla Beck) PRINTED

## APPENDIX A

### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 34 and are to be answered by day no. 39:

**1. Question no. 31 (Erika Ritchie):**

To the Government of Saskatchewan, (a) what portion of sub-vote SP01 is associated with EBMP, also known as GEMS; (b) what work remains outstanding on the EBMP/GEMS system capital project; (c) what individual software systems are part of the EBMP/GEMS system, and who are their respective corporate developers/owners; (d) what was the initial capital cost of this system when it was first approved by the Government of Saskatchewan; (e) what was the final capital cost of the EBMP/GEMS system when it was completed and amortized, or, if it has not been completed and amortized, what is the total capital cost to date; (f) does the EBMP/GEMS system use the same software as the Ministry of Health's AIMS system; (g) which companies were involved in the development of the EBMP system during (i) proposal or concept development, (ii) purchase of the software, (iii) development of the system, and (iv) integration with other government systems and software; (h) which ministry is responsible for the operation of the EBMP/GEMS system; and (i) how much has each company been paid, to date, for their work on the EBMP/GEMS system?

**2. Question no. 32 (Erika Ritchie):**

To the Government of Saskatchewan, (a) what are the comparative office equipment and information allocations between 2024–25 and 2025–26; (b) what budget has been allocated to each ministry for new equipment in 2025–26; (c) what procurements in 2025–26 are through public tenders, sole-source contracts, and special arrangements, broken down on a dollar basis and by percentage; and (d) what sole-source contracts over \$20M are budgeted to be issued in 2025–26?

**3. Question no. 33 (Erika Ritchie):**

To the Government of Saskatchewan, what SaskBuilds and Procurement contracts issued in 2024–25 have specific requirements for northern or Indigenous ownership, and what were the individual requirements?

**4. Question no. 34 (Erika Ritchie):**

To the Government of Saskatchewan, (a) how many cybersecurity incidents did the executive government experience during 2024–25; (b) how many privacy breaches occurred in executive government in 2024–25 where personal information of either clients or staff was obtained by an external party; (c) how many computers in executive government were infected with computer viruses and had to be disinfected/rebuilt in 2024–25; and (d) how many instances of blackmail that resulted in computers being virtually seized by external parties occurred in 2023–24 concerning executive government computers or software systems?

**5. Question no. 35 (Erika Ritchie):**

To the Government of Saskatchewan, what percentage, by value, of the work/services/capital goods paid for by the Government of Saskatchewan are purchased from Saskatchewan companies, and what percentage, by value, is from out-of-Saskatchewan organizations in 2024–25?

**6. Question no. 36 (Erika Ritchie):**

To the Government of Saskatchewan, (a) how many contracts were awarded last year concerning the use of aircraft; (b) what type of airline of aircraft service were each of those contracts for; and (c) how many existing contracts for airline or aircraft services are there?

**7. Question no. 37 (Erika Ritchie):**

To the Government of Saskatchewan, (a) how much money has been allocated for the process of starting the College Avenue Campus renewal in 2025–26; and (b) is this project currently incorporated into debt projections over the next five years?

**8. Question no. 38 (Erika Ritchie):**

To the Government of Saskatchewan, what is the most recent projection for the cost of the Prince Albert Victoria Hospital expansion?

**9. Question no. 39 (Erika Ritchie):**

To the Government of Saskatchewan, how much money was allocated in the 2024–25 budget for the design of the first phase of the Lake Diefenbaker Irrigation Project?

**10. Question no. 40 (Erika Ritchie):**

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency, (a) broken down by wetland class 1–5, how many acres of Crown land are on inventory along the bed and bank of the existing inventory of the purported 86 per cent retained wetlands in Saskatchewan; (b) what is the estimated monetary value of these Crown lands; and (c) what provisions are in place to protect the Crown's interests (monetary, ecological, etc.) in these lands?

**11. Question no. 41 (Darcy Warrington):**

To the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, for the capital budget allocation for Saskatchewan provincial parks, what projects exceeding \$250,000 in estimated value are included in the capital budget allocation for 2025–26?

**12. Question no. 42 (Darcy Warrington):**

To the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, (a) what private business operations were either approved or contracted for work with the provincial parks in 2024; and (b) what new private business operations are planned for the provincial parks in 2025–26, and which park is each new business operation planned to operate in?

**13. Question no. 43 (Darcy Warrington):**

To the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, (a) has the veteran service club support program been cancelled; (b) if the veteran service club support program is still in operation, how much was budgeted in 2024–25 and now in 2025–26, and how much of the budget in 2024–25 was actually spent; and (c) which groups in which communities received money under the veteran service club support program in 2024–25, and which groups will receive money in 2025–26?

**14. Question no. 44 (Darcy Warrington):**

To the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, (a) how much money is budgeted for the community rink affordability grant program in 2025–26; and (b) who received money from the program in 2024–25?

**15. Question no. 45 (Darcy Warrington):**

To the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, how many heritage reviews or evaluations were conducted in 2024–25?

**16. Question no. 46 (Darcy Warrington):**

To the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, how much in subsidies will be provided to the Royal Saskatchewan Museum in 2025–26?

**17. Question no. 47 (Darcy Warrington):**

To the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, (a) how much in subsidies will be provided to the T-Rex Discovery Centre in 2025–26; (b) who owns and operates the T-Rex Discovery Centre; and (c) how much of the T-Rex Discovery Centre’s overall operating budget is covered by government subsidies?

**18. Question no. 48 (Darcy Warrington):**

To the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, (a) how many buildings does the Royal Saskatchewan Museum (RSM) use to house its collections that are not on display, and where are those buildings located; (b) what would best quantify how frequently the collections and materials routinely stored in these buildings are used/presented (at least annually), as opposed to simply stored (less than 10 per cent of the time, less than 5 per cent of the time, etc.); and (c) are there any major excavation projects presently underway at the RSM concerning dinosaurs?

**19. Question no. 49 (Darcy Warrington):**

To the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, how much of the funding for the Saskatchewan Science Centre comes from their provincial grant (provide in percentage format if possible)?

**20. Question no. 50 (Darcy Warrington):**

To the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, (a) what heritage organizations in the 2024–25 budget allocation also received funding in 2025–26; and (b) what heritage organizations in the 2024–25 budget allocation received funding in 2023–24, and what funding did they receive in 2024–25?

**21. Question no. 51 (Darcy Warrington):**

To the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, what are the general budget lines and/or major expenditures of the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation?

**22. Question no. 52 (Darcy Warrington):**

To the Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport, (a) who paid for the screen system that was installed at the John Hopkins Regina Soundstage, and were any government funds used to do so; and (b) how many days was the soundstage in use in (i) 2023–24 and (ii) 2024–25?