

Sincerely,
Deregulate it. Allow proper economic markets, supply and demand determine product selection and price.
Putting a cap on the markup of expensive liquors (like scotch) would allow SK stores to be more competetive with AB stores. Balance revenue for other services with consumer demand. I certainly won't pay over \$100 for a bottle that I can get in AB for under \$60. Think of the revenue you are losing. How much of the inter-provincial spending could you keep in the province if you balanced price a bit better?
And we don't need a high paid provincial employee to ask for ID. They fact our unions (in other provinces too) make that argument is insulting to our intelligence as a society. If a clerk at 7-11 can ask for ID to sell cigarettes, I'm sure s/he can do likewise for the sell of liquor. An appropriate fine for selling to minors should be a good deterrent.
Maybe full out privatization is the right thing; maybe not. But the tight control we have now isn't good for the consumer. Let the market decide where stores should be, when they should be open, and the prices they charge (within reason, considering minimums).
Please don't privatize. Alcohol needs to be controlled and that won't happen if owned by the public.
With the profit from public stores you could build and maintain new liquor stores with no extra government "dollars" and still have profits for government coffers. I'd much rather the people of Sask receive the profits from liquor sales rather than private companies. Keep it public.
Government should get out of the business of selling liquor.
I would like to see the variety , especially for wine, increased, not only from other countries, but, from our Canadian wineries as well.pricing is less important to me, I don't think we need to be as low as US pricing, but,more standard pricing with our bordering provinces would be nice.
I think Government should discontinue the sale and distribution of all alcohol beverages and allow the private sector to step up to the plate and manage and create many jobs and business ventures ,Private business is welcome my a mile as investors move in and expand this market and create jobs in many areas as well as real estate...i would also like to see the age lowered to 18 as this law now does not collaborate with being an responsible adult ,you can fight in a war and be an adult at 18 but you can not have a beer ,This is not fair or right and could prove to be against rights and freedoms as an adult in Saskatchewan ...while we are at it i wish they would sell off a lot more areas of government departments that are no longer needed ,example ,phone ,Auto parts ,casinos ,insurance company ,etc ,etc ...thank you .
Regulation needs to be maintained and the sale of alcohol needs to be heavily taxed in order to offset the costs alcohol creates in the health sector.
keep liquor stores public!
Consider the models in B.C., Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec in our new mandate. Also consider the models of liquor retailing in Europe -- particularly in the Scandinavian countries . . . Really, the bottom line is maintaining crucial revenues to the province and expanding revenues as we move forward. Enhance the system we have in place now and Saskatchewan residents will benefit in accordance . . . Don't lose this so easy and so manageable benefactor
When and if the government decides to privatize...what happens to the displaced employees'...what will be the cost to private stores with theft,,what will be the cost to Saskatchewan taxpayers with increase alcohol consumption if there are more stores open later and readily available at later hours.....detox...rehab...hospital costs....incarceration....the sask party needs to rethink their mandate
Seems to work well in Alberta and other Provinces where wine and beer can be purchased in grocery stores.
I don't feel that the government should make a lot of money off of liquor sales. What does that say to consumers. Don't they take enough of our money through taxes!!!
the government should get out of the liquor business entirely, retail and wholesale. also home distillation of alcohol should be legalised.
Keep the LBs but allow grocery stores to sell liquor. It would be so convenient in this busy day and age.
If the SLGA themselves looked at the private run liquor stores in Saskatchewan and Alberta (Liquor Depot/Wine and Beyond), and ran a similar business this survey would never be an issue. People would be satisfied with liquor sales. Instead the SLGA didn't adapt to the changing demands of the customer and now the consumer sees the benefits of the private store.
Don't privatize the liquor stores, make the government ones better.

Allow liquor inside stores/gas stations. Taxes are too high.
I wholeheartedly agree with total privatization of the liquor system in Saskatchewan. Perhaps the government would gain even more support from the public if it pursued a method of taxing private retailers a set percentage of profits in order to contribute to alcohol rehabilitation facilities and methods? This would, of course, be only if a total privatization plan was adopted. Just a thought.
Just leave it the way it is. It is working well and provides the government with revenue.
More organic drinks.
Alcohol is a drug with known and quantifiable harms. As such, it should not be treated as a "normally" retailed commodity. The government should maintain ownership: both in the distribution and in the revenue collection. As well, should any other product come onto the market that requires government oversight (e.g., e-cigarettes, bath salts, marihuana, etc), an infrastructure will already be in place to deal with such a situation.
I think it is ridiculous that every time we go to Alberta we bring back wine and other types of alcohol by the case to save money and for better selection. It makes me angry that I know others do this also. We do not drink a lot - never have, never will. However I don't appreciate paying a lot more for a product that is much less expensive right next door. I also do not appreciate the lack of variety and I feel that the government has no place in retailing liquor. This is another reason why so many left for Alberta years ago. It's time to fix that huge disparity between our provinces. I am an adult and do not need the government to be involved in selling me alcohol. Thank you and please, please make needed changes.
My only concerns are government revenue, alcohol selection, and price. Government revenue - The government should retain the same amount of revenue from alcohol sales to ensure continued and potentially expended social programs and services. Alcohol selection - I enjoy a wide varieties of beers and scotches and the selection in government stores, for reasons unknown to me, has an extremely reduced selection. Pricing - I am a student with a limited budget and who unfortunately enjoys the occasional glass of scotch. Scotch is naturally going to be extremely expensive. I would appreciate the occasional sale, just as a common business practice to attract customers. (student discounts anyone). With all that being said, alcohol is a luxury and should be taxed at a higher rate than other items just as a good tax policy. However, I just want to make sure that Saskatchewan doesn't have the highest prices for alcoholic products due to arbitrary price setting.
I prefer the Alberta system of liquor retail.
I wish to see an Alberta style deregulation with Quebec style availability
It would be great to see Government owned liquor establishments offer a lower price on alcohol. Not only will this prevent people with little to no income from drinking mouthwash and such, it will also be a great way to compete with privatized liquor stores. Increasing the variety of beer and wine would also entice people to shop at Government liquor establishments more often.
100% believe in privatization of liquor retailing in the province.
I am Not a regular user of the SLBS, but it would be nice to have more variety in the liquor I do purchase.
You should consider delivering alcohol
Having grown up in Calgary for the majority of my life, my experience with privatized liquor stores really demonstrated the limits of the government owned stores in Saskatchewan once I moved here. Competitive pricing is important and we only have two options here: expensive (government owned stores) or really expensive (off-sale). The variety in pricing as well as hours of operation would be very beneficial. I think the government can keep its stores but also introduce some privatized and franchised stores as well.
My first impression is in how flawed the survey is. It does not take into account the way the system is currently operating, for example, the question that the government should focus on other priorities like health instead of running liquor stores does not take into account that the profit made from liquor stores goes into health and roads. Also the question asking if government should maintain its revenue does not allow a person to answer that they should be allowed to increase their revenue. If this survey was to be really fair there should be a better question selection. Shame on the authors.
I have nothing against government stores at all. The employees there have been great in my experience. However, liquor is one product among many that I purchase on a regular basis and I'd like to see increased innovation in how this occurs. I think that this innovation best comes when the government monopoly on liquor sales is reduced and business can compete with government stores to serve customers, such myself, better. Thank you very much for taking the time to listen to my input and I hope that the results of this survey are informative/actionable.

It is a dream to be able to walk into SOBEY's, etc. like Ralphs in the US and buy wine!
its nice to have input!!!!
My greatest concern is the government tax on alcohol. I buy wine through Opimian Society wine club. In the November offering of wine the difference in price between SK and AB is as follows: South African blended red wine: SK 33.50...AB 21.50 = \$12.00/bottle difference New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc: SK 31.33...AB 20.33 = \$11.00/bottle difference Australian Pinot Grigio: SK 18.67...AB 14.00 = \$4.67/bottle difference Australian blended red: SK 23.17...AB 13.92 = \$9.25/bottle difference Can anyone explain to me this highly erratic difference in price, especially when the wine prices are similar? All of these wines arrived in Canada at the same price, but at the local level we see this massive difference in pricing. I guess it begs the question, how much inter-provincial transport of liquor is currently going on between SK and AB? This is a serious problem which should be addressed in these changes to the liquor store operations.
Selling off public liquor stores will make any gov. look good for 1st year or 2, operating on an average of 12 to 15%. Franchises get a 20% discount and then make a profit of 10% after 100 thousand dollars. Private stores cannot operate on this margin and make profit and will not put back into coffers fund, instead into their own pockets.
I believe that beer and wine should be available for purchase within grocery stores, not in a separate building that is adjacent - this is a convenience issue. There are far too few liquor retail stores -- government has relied on offsale outlets that charge a premium price and have limited selection. The market will determine the right number and location. Access and convenience is a huge issue. There can be long line-ups at government stores during peak periods and there is often a long drive required. I think government should get out of the distribution business and its price-setting role. Use taxes as the vehicle to keep revenue whole -- this is more transparent. Require private liquor stores to display price including taxes, deposits and environmental charges -- I hate this about Alberta.
I am fully satisfied with the current system and support the good work that our publicly funded stores provide. The current system is currently producing revenue and providing good jobs in many communities. I support the employees of those stores. At the same time I am in support of rural communities being allowed to provide a space in their grocery stores for liquor sales where other opportunities are not available. Having shopped in Alberta's system as well I do not see the long term advantage to the province for a completely privately run system.
I will educate my friend, family and co workers the importance of keeping liquor sales public. This current government needs to go. I would rather pay a little more for my wine then to have to pay for my medical bills.
I think there should be a combination of public and private stores.
Why does the Weyburn SLGA stop selling every decent wine they bring in? The wine is 10X better in Wadena SLGA, I stop there on my way to the lake.
I would like to see an expanded selection of alcohol. I live in Swift Current and am limited to what SLGA offers. I find them to be very over priced with a limited selection of non-wine options. I don't agree with not allowing cheap alcohol and I don't believe increasing the prices on alcohol decreases dependency issues, DULs and underage drinking.
I know a lot of people that buy their alcohol in Alberta when they visit their province and bring it back to Saskatchewan.
My main reasons for having no support for Government run liquor stores, and my arguments towards privatization: 1) The government will still be regulating liquor, resulting in revenues from this. 2) SLGA employees are rarely helpful, and if so, have very limited knowledge of products. 3) SLGA employees do no more work than your local grocery store workers. As a result, they DO NOT deserve to be paid SUBSTANTIALLY more. 4) Minimum pricing on liquor sales does not help social problems. It simply puts alcoholics in tough financial situations, resulting in them turning to other forms of drugs/alcohol.
I have gone from having liquor hidden behind opaque windows to available in grocery stores. People who want to abuse alcohol will do so no matter how tucked away it is. The government should get out of the retail liquor business. They should be more than satisfied with the control they exercise through the wholesale control. I would like to see all govt. stores moved to the private sector and I would like to see the govt. ease up on the wholesale control by going to the single markup on a bottle of alcohol. This would encourage competition where as now there limited ability to

control their pricing due to the cost control exercised by the provincial govt.
I don't know why the sask party want to privatize liquor stores . If these stores go private they will produce all min. Wage jobs that no one other than temporary foreign workers will take . No private employer is going to pay big wages the profits will go directly into there pockets. There is nothing wrong with people making a decent wage be it liquor stores or any of the other crown corp. please don't dismantle our province buy privatizing everything
I want option 3, fully privatized liquor sales like Alberta.
I definitely do not want liquor sales to go into private hands. This would result in more harm to the public as the private sector would be driven by profit only. Right now under our current system our diligently trained government employees play an important role in protecting the public as this is their primary role..they are not driven by profit at any cost like the corner store owner who would be more likely to sell to minors in the pursiut of earlier retirement. Whereas government employees enjoy a friutful career only by following strict regulation....there is zero tolerance for making a decision which would potentially harm the public with our current system.....so I stongly believe the only option here is an expansion of the government run liquor stores in our province , so we can continue to be proud of the way they are run and can continue to fund our health care system and keep paying our roads with an expanded tax revenue.
Trying to get the result you want through leading questions is despicable and should not be allowed in government matters
The government overcharging for alcohol to make me 'socially responsible' is absurd and slightly offensive. Add to that the archaic laws that deal with liquor sales in Saskatchewan, one would think we are living in the dark ages. As a consumer I couldn't care less if liquor retail was public or private as long as the prices and convenience are competitive with neighboring provinces.
Wholesale & retail should be run by the private sector and be allowed to compete as in other business. Government should not be dictating what they are allowed to sell, nor for how much. Consumers will!!!! Liquor has been responsibly sold privately for decades.
What we have is working. Why change it? Why put so many people out of a job and put our provinces economy on the line?
I'm very happy to see the expansion of these liquor stores. I live in Saskatoon but frequently purchase alcohol from a rural grocery store when I visit my hometown. I work in public sector and share many left/social views, however government liquor stores is not one of them. I would like to see more of this hybrid approach with private liquor expansion, while continuing to see it regulated by the government. At this point I'm not in favour of shutting down any of the government run liquor board stores, however I don't want to see anymore government lb stores built. The province of saskatchewan should be proud of the various crown corps we have, but I personally feel selling liquor should not be one of them.
Alberta has cheap wine, half the price of SK AND nice roads!
I am overall indifferent to whether a store is privately run or publicly run. What matters most at the end of the day is how much money the government is making through liquor sales in Saskatchewan that can then be reinvested back into roads, hospitals, schools etc.
I believe that your government stores should stay as is. My aunt and my neice(who is a minor) were in the Sobeys store and they had no issues in serving her without asking her to produce ID. How amazing. So is this what is going to happen with the private stores? Are they just concerned about the almighty \$\$\$\$\$!!!!! How many of these places are going to serve minors just to have the sales. I believe in the government stores as I have seen them many a time in line ask many a person and then some for their ID and I appreciate that. I don't want my neice buying alcohol until she is of age. I am dissapointed that Brad Wall thinks this is okay of his stores to do. For this reason I am only in favor of the government run stores. I lwill no longer purchase any grocery and or anything else at Sobeys. And if Coop is doing the same and serving minors just to get the sales I will not leave my dollars in their stores either. And do these stores put dollars back into our communities. I rather doubt that Sobeys is putting any money anywhere but their own pockets. And the owner is one of the wealthiest so maybe he should put back just like the government does. Leave the government employees to do the job that they have been doing all these years. They know their job and do a excellant job!!!!
The only people complaining about privatization are the employees who want to keep there union job.
I agree with the 'expanded private retail system' option. Dump the present system of big liquor-only stores that emphasize nasty government control and taxation. Develop competitive marketing arrangements with professionals like grocery retailers where part of margins could more agreeably support community development.
If liquor is to be distributed trthrough the same warehouse system chhanging retail doesn't make any sense.comparing to Alberta didnt see neither better pricing neither selection compared to government owned stores here.except for the willow park in Calgary most of their outlets are shady and unatractive
Looking for same price liquor as costco / sobeys liquor.
Privatization will result in low wages for Workers, low benefits if any. There are other priorities such as why is U of S Agricultural

College ranked lower than University of Tehran. Leave liquor system alone and get on with University Education improvements. Senior health care improvements.
Having moved back from Alberta within the last two years it has been an adjustment coming from a province with privatized liquor sales. I appreciate the convenience of multiple private locations on this system and the competitive pricing. To be blunt I don't want to pay high liquor tax to go to an employee making upwards of \$30/hour to stock liquor shelves.
I Like shopping at the Private Stores; this was long overdue so happy they are now open.
There is enough alcohol being served in public places like movie theaters, bowling alleys, ball diamonds, hockey rinks etc... Coming from a background of alcohol addiction... There is now no place left that is sacred that a family can go.. not having to worry about our parents now getting drunk at the movie theater and bowling alley, causing irreversible damage to feelings, emotional scars, abuse etc... NOW the government wants to make it more accessible for everyone..... I'm sure the store at the end of the street that is struggling doesn't really give a about who or what he sells to god knows who... His bottom line is at the peak of his interest.. selling to minors will be an epidemic... As a government run liquor store... the employees do very well at ID ing anyone under 25.. as they should.. If they refuse a drunken customer or a under age minor.. the employee still makes their wages.. they have zero benefit to sell to a minor.... UNLIKE THE STORE AT THE END OF THE STREET THAT CARES ABOUT NOTHING MORE THAN PROFIT.. money money money... This is totally wrong... If this goes through I AND MY ASSOCIATES WILL NEVER EVER SUPPORT premier Wall as we have up to this point
Quit privatizing services
The revenue generated from public sales are reinvested into the community, once the sale of liquor is privatized, we will lose this revenue and the services funded by it. How will we maintain current services without revenue? Will the government increase personal income taxes to make up the difference?
why does the government regulate liquor sales on private functions(wedding). As a newcomer to this country, tell me why I have to buy a token before I can purchase liquor at a wedding or a beer garden? And most of the time you can't return the unused token.
Government has limited resources - vending of alcohol isn't one of them plus all the supporting infrastructure
Having more private liquor stores will just increase the crime rate, and encourage people to drink more and drink more often. The prices at the private stores are more expensive and the staff are not knowledgeable. The government needs to stop privatizing places. That will continue to drive people out of Saskatchewan. There have been many people effected from privatization, that are or have lost their good paying jobs that they have spent years working hard at. Now they have to start over at places that don't pay well, pushing more people to work two jobs just to pay rent or make mortgage payments, while our "leaders" make 6 figures and don't even lose sleep to what they are trying to do to hard working people. Your wasting time doing this survey anyways, with all the people you have working for the Sask party, this will come out your way somehow.
No gov't retailing! I do not need a gov't employee to scan a barcode for me. And when the SGEU tells me that only their members can protect society from underage drinkers, well tell that to the union members at Sobeys and Co-Op. Enough already. It's 2014. Gov't out of businesses....period.
Liquor sales is a great source of revenue for the government. Why would we give that up? Investing in new government stores is an investment in more profit. Political ideology should be kept out of this decision.
Saskatchewan residents have been wishing for an Alberta style program for far too long. Government needs to get out of the business and get rid of social reference pricing which should have been more appropriately named revenue assurance pricing. Sask residents shouldn't have to spend more on gas and tires due to overloaded cars filled with cheaper alberta booze on return trips from visiting family. What does this lost revenue cost us? Do the right thing and blow it wide open. We deserve better "If you have ten thousand regulations you destroy all respect for the law" winston churchill
It's a ridiculous notion some people have - to think we need more access to the poison that kills so many! Spend the money on our province's well being instead.
The liquor stores in Alberta such as the Liquor Mart chain are very unattractive, and we do not want some horrid chain like that operating in Saskatchewan. Privatization should mean nicer than government, not uglier.
Slag does so much for Saskatchewan with health highways education you take this away a lot of people will suffer for this we need slag to continue the wonderful things they are doing for our province and for our government too take this away is so awful
I am pleased that alcohol is not readily available the way it is in other provinces or even countries. I like the amount of controls and strongly feel we do not have too much or too little government controls!

Less regulation around beer gardens and social events like that. Be nice to purchase wine and beer in grocery stores.
I support privatization as long as my income taxes do not go up and/or my service levels in provincial services do not decrease as a result.
The Provincial Government should adopt a system that would allow less regulation from Government and allow the consumer to have the option to buy their liquor or Beer with their groceries providing they could provide proper identification similar to some US states. This would also provide the retailer the options to import a variety of liquor from different parts of the world which is now not provided with the current system.
Should be available in groceries as in the states, I would buy no more than I do now @ venders!
I don't think that these questions get to the heart of the matter. The answers to these questions will allow the government to make excuses to privatize more public assets. Increasing the amount of private liquor stores will not decrease prices, will not help in the social aspects and it will lend to people getting paid less who care less about who has access to alcohol. More access to alcohol will mean that there will be a need for the government to properly fund community-based organizations that deal with addiction services and family crisis not to mention health care. Hands off our public services please!
I think the government shouldn't bother trying to fix something that is not broken. Rather its' time would be better spend on trying to deal with issues that citizens of Saskatchewan are actually dissatisfied with! Liquor sales is not one of them.
My thoughts are, I highly respect & commend the promoting of staying with government ran liquors IF the slga can successfully revamp their approach, promotion strategies, & actually start caring about their products & consumers. We do not need more locations (in Regina anyway) nor do we need extended hours. Catering to those whom feel the need to drink excessively. Also, if addicts intend to get a drink, they will get it one way or another. High taxes on all beer/liquor imports weighs on the pockets of your consumers, there must be a better way to deter addicts from "easy access." The slga could improve immaculately by hiring persons with a passion and interest in and knowledge on the product. Much of the current beer selection caters to the individuals whom drink with the sole intentions to drink to get drunk. They drink for the effects.. not the taste the love. There has been a small improvement on the craft beer selections the past couple summers, but there is much more way tonbe made! More of a selection, a better selection, single bottle sale potions(pick your own six packs) would all be great, but you should first start with caring about your current products and the care for them. Beer can get "off" flavors from sitting under your huge florescent lights you have right over them, especially if its non colored glass. Care about your project & consumers. Sadly, i dont think I've met one slga worker who knew anything about their beer selection other then they had one and knew some generals such as Molson budlight,, and I've talked with quiet a few. I would like the slga to continue with their business, but only if they can do better! I do like that money is used for the community, and that's why i want slga to do better. If you can't start caring about your product and consumers, then there needs to be a turn to more private locations WITH slgas.. SLGA, your serve to the community is great & i wish it to continue, SO DO BETTER. So my vote is one ore the other & in this order: 1) Keep slga's only if they can start doing better with their product (my comments are specific to the craft beer selection). 2) implement more private stores along with s lgas (they should still work to make improvements though).
Do not go overboard with the number of private facilities at each location as happened in some locations in Alberta. Example, Leduc Alberta went from 2 Government stores to numerous smaller outlets. Gov't should retain making policy the social aspects and let private business look after their end.
I think this is just another way for the friends of the gov. to cash in, private stores will only make more minimum wage jobs, and how many more drunks do we need on the roads if liquor is available all the time. I grew up in a home with an abusive alcoholic, and Sunday was the only day we could feel a little safer Then lets rip more families apart by having more parenets away from their children every day of the week. Money to these people is all that counts
Cheaper costs@
I don't feel that a government worker has any reason to be in liquor sales whatsoever! This can be done in a private owned facility with government regulations being followed.
NO MORE PRIVATE LIQUOR STORES
The government should get out of liquor sales entirely, both retail and wholesale.
why should the Province spend 16-20 dollars and hour on a stock/retail clerk when a private retailer who is under more scrutiny can sell the same product with the same staff at 2/3 the cost the province should still warehouse and set pricing and let small business do business
I think it should be done via the Alberta way of privatizing the liquor industry. The government should be getting out of the way of running liquor stores and instead focus on higher priorities including highways and health care.

There should be no minimal price for alcohol; as business owners should have the right to charge what they want for alcohol. I am disappointed that the government is still in the business of wholesaling the liquor when it instead should be left to the private industry to look after that. The government would still get its fair share of revenues through corporate taxes along with the liquor consumption tax. If we want people to keep their dollars in Saskatchewan instead of having to go across the border to stock up on alcohol, then we should be line with Alberta and go with their way of the liquor industry. This will keep the dollars in Saskatchewan and support our economy. Its time for us to live in the 21st century and start modernizing the liquor industry in Saskatchewan. That also includes allowing liquor to be sold in grocery stores. Cigarettes are sold in stores where kids are allowed to be in the stores (even though the smokes are behind the counter); therefore alcohol should be allowed to be sold in grocery stores.
We purchase our favourite beer at a small private outlet in Lloydminster that regularly stocks it in small amounts. Governments should govern and retailers should retail. Get out of the business and let private retailers decide how many jobs they create and who they hire. Allow them to dictate the products and pricing. The notion of limiting harm through pricing is ridiculous on so many levels... only in Saskatchewan are the lives of so many defined by the noisy few.
Quit wasting time on stuff like this and figure out what you are going to have to cut before the next election.
living in rural Sask we have had to use venders for all our liquor needs, about time the rest of the province caught up with us.
like to see the superstore/costco type liquor stores like alberta in sask.
In most other countries in North America and Europe where I have traveled allow liquor sales in a large number of retailers. Liquor Sales are far less regulated and the liquor sales outlets have special pricing sales and specialty products. Although personally I drink very little I do believe people should have a choice. We are after all now in 2014 not the 1930's.
I believe all Saskatchewan liquor stores should be publicly owned and operated. Any future liquor stores should be publicly owned and operated. But, according to Don McMorris, the minister responsible for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority, the current provincial government will not expand the public system. So why are you asking us what we think when you eliminate a significant option. I can tell what the government is going to do. Options 2, 3 and 4 are all the same. They all end up with a fully private system. After Jan. 30 you'll add up all the people who chose those three options and say that proves people want a private system. The real options are you want the status quo, all private or all public stores. The government has decided to eliminate the latter option, so this whole survey is fixed to either guarantee all future liquor stores are private or all stores will be private. This whole exercise is a terrible joke.
I fully support keeping our liquor stores public. Stop the privatization of the money making businesses we have example liquor stores casinos as well as other crown corps.
recipients should have a limited amount to spend on booze!
It would be nice to be able to purchase alcohol in grocery stores so that I don't always have to make two stops on the way home.
I'd like to see privatization of liquor sales in SK. Even if prices aren't lowered much, the fact that we have more availability is good for the consumer. It would also get rid of these awful night prices offsales have; night prices for alcohol only exist in SK, and it's because of the current system we have. Ideally, I'd like to see something more comparable to QC or the US in terms of price and availability in grocery stores, but going the Alberta route is a step in the right direction.
If government is going to enter into a private model, there must be a greater opportunity for the retailer to make more profit than 13 to 16%....also, there would need to be more opportunity for consumers to take advantage of greater variations in price....finally, there needs to be better selection and access in rural areas.
Many of the questions in this survey are quite narrow in scope, require assumptions & don't offer the ability for citizens to give accurate feedback. Privatization of government-run operations does very little to help the people of SK. It is basically the transfer of public wealth into the hands of rich individuals/corporations, and for nothing more than a short-term windfall. Start thinking about the future of SK instead of only caring about what will help keep the SK Party in power. This province needs to be sustainable after they leave office...
I am sure Brad Wall has already decided what he wants to do, so get on with the privatisation of liquor sales.
We have too many liquor outlets serving liquor in Sask cities. We seem to be following the age old system of many states in the USA

allowing several outlets in a small area- more is not necessarily required or good.
If this can increase selection and some of the convenience that I have been missing since I relocated from Alberta a decade ago, then I am in full support of going that route. As for the some of the worries about the availability of alcohol, I stand by the fact that if someone wants it bad enough they can still get it.
Yes. Government has NO BUSINESS BEING IN BUSINESS. TURN ALL OPERATIONS OVER TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND LET CAPITALISM RUN ITS COURSE. COMPETITION IS GOOD FOR BUSINESS AND THE CONSUMER. THIS GOVERNMENT HAS FAR TO MUCH WASTE AND OPERATES EXTREMELY INEFFICIENTLY.
The more options available, the more competition which leads to better pricing and availability. I fully support deregulation and opening up the market to other businesses. It creates a better consumer experience, boosts the economy with outside investment and frees up government resources for more important areas.
I agree with liquor to be available at retail outlets like a Sobeys or coop, but not like you local corner store or a 7-11. There still needs to be a certain amount of regulation s on this product.
On a recent visit to Edmonton, I was very, very impressed with the variety of craft beers in some of the liquor stores and pub/restaurants. The craft beer from the US and Canada was great. They also had growler stations where you could get draft beer to take home. Manitoba also has these now. Saskatchewan is so far behind much of the world that it's just sad. Increasing the variety of beer, wine and liquors in this province will not lead us down the road to hell. I won't drink any more then I do now. I will just drink better beer. Privatize all the liquor stores.
The U.S. states have low liquor prices and don't seem to have any social issues relating to cheap alcohol - how do they do it? If Saskatchewan is phasing out gov't stores this must be done without impacting current jobs. Small town govt stores provide good service. May be best to let allow more private stores in remote areas and keep the govt stores, at least until the employees are gone through attrition. Found the first question on the survey rather convoluted.
We don't need government employees stocking shelves. Lower prices would increase sales and tax income. Alberta shopping for alcohol would stop. This isn't rocket science. You would think the NDP were still in power.
privitize it all
I have no problem with purchasing beer and wines in grocery stores. We do that in other jurisdictions.
we do not need government liquor stores.
Maintain current Government run liquor stores
Please make liquor more available at a local level. Less dangerous as people are not driving under the influence and why is the pricing so high, public or private. Why does the government need to make so much money on taxes. Drop the tax dramatically and that will keep the money in Saskatchewan.
After visiting the new Coop store in Blairmore i have never been back to a government store and don't plan to. So much more selection/
I support private and local small business, the revenue created from alcohol sales must stay within the province and the governments share going to healthcare and education in SK. I am not concerned about free samples and the buying experience. I want good selection, good pricing, and the tax dollars to stay home. I do not think the government resources required to build and manage retail facilities and pay union jobs is effective.
Before you allow more private retail, you need to address the markup pricing regulations. As it stands, a private retail situation will raise prices. If Saskatchewan wants to be a destination for people to move to we need to address cost (School taxes, income taxes, and the like). If Liquor is to be addressed you should do it holistically including taxation, price markup, and retail. I will not support the elimination of Saskatchewan being the main purchaser, but retail needs to be a private market.
I think the liquor store should start selling pop. I love the staff at the liquor store in North Battleford. Very frendily and helpful. I think the privet store in Saskatoon is nice but i would never go back there if i was in Saskatoon. They have a lot of wine and thats about it. Not much of a selection of hard stuff.
Reducing social harm and enforcing price controls should not be a government function. Since we have publicly provided healthcare, we should try to fund the program through taxes that provide direct financial strains on the system. Alcohol would be a financial strain on the healthcare system. Perform a study to figure out the the cost of alcohol on public healthcare and tax the alcohol accordingly. This would not be a "sin tax" but instead a pigovian tax.
No to privatizing!!
Personally I am proud of our government run liquor stores. It is a very controlled atmosphere where responsible adults may

purchase adult drinks without any hassle. (in and out). The workers are very pleasant and knowledgeable, they are on top of under age kids trying to purchase alcohol and refusing over intoxicated adults and removing this type of behavior from the store. I would be very afraid of privatizing where employees would not be paid a decent wage and really don't give a dam. Finally it would be a shame to see all those employees without jobs, to lose a good job with benefits and a pension, lets face it those jobs are hard to find and hard to get. Leave it as it is and be proud of the business Saskatchewan runs.
I would like to see liquor sold in grocery stores.
Keep everything the way it is, we do not want to put families out on the street and we all know the government makes profits from Liquor sale, I just don't know why you're trying to fix something that is not broken? Go live and run the government in Alberta if that is the way you like to see things run. Everything is fine maybe we need to open more government run liquor stores?? Did you ever think about that. I am a Saskatchewan Party supporter but now I feel I have to make choices in the next election. I am a big fan of solid secure jobs for families, I cannot live with myself if families are Laid off, neglected and children are affected over privatization. These government jobs are great for everyone and our province, they all work in a nice environment and when done they will have a pension to live and survive off, now why would a thinking government do this to it's own people? That is where this issue divides me thanks.
you cant please everyone. a government job lost is another job created in this case. these private dealers will need employees also. our government has too many other flaws that need to be fixed first. until that happens we cant afford to give up most of the liquor revenue. this survey is moot
Allow retailers to buy directly from suppliers and avoid government distribution. Government can still collect fees and taxes by becoming the clearing house for all retailer/supplier transactions. This would allow retailers to negotiate their own prices with distributors, but would be taxed 40% of the negotiated price. Retailers would have to pay the government clearing house, so that, in turn, the government could pay the supplier. Should the supplier not receive payment from the clearing house it would mean that the retailer has not paid for the order. Any circumvention of the clearing house for payments would result in all liquor licenses owned by the retailer to be revoked. Net income for the government would remain the same, but wages for staffing and administration associated with distribution centers would be substantially less.
Government needs to get out of the business of alcohol sales. Employees are overpaid when compared to every other retail job. A private industry will better serve the public and monies from the sale of retail locations could be better spent on other things.
Keep it government owned
I live close to the Sobey's store in Saskatoon. Go there exclusively for liquor. So much better.
I think all liquor outlets should be government owned or controlled. Alcohol adds to our overall health care costs so ALL profits should go to the government to help defray the costly damage to lives and society it causes. There seems to never be enough money for health care, so we need that more than we need more liquor outlets especially private ones.
It should be like the rest of the world ... being able to pick up a bottle of wine while grocery shopping!
As long as current government stores are profitable, they should continue to operate. However I fully support private businesses being able to open their own stores and competing.
The liquor business is profitable for the Saskatchewan government. Why get rid of something that makes our province money to invest into other things that we need (like health care, roads, etc.)? Private business creates jobs that pay MUCH less than government run stores. If you want your citizens to have the money to spend in our province, they have to have GOOD jobs so they can re-invest in our communities! Private liquor stores will RAISE the cost of alcohol! I've been to Off Sale stores... those are private, yet they are MUCH MUCH more expensive than the government stores. Alcohol, the most common(and most abused)legal drug in Canada SHOULD NOT be available in a grocery store in a large city. This normalizes it for children and makes it more accessible to those fighting addiction. We have the highest rates of death by drunk driving in the country - making alcohol more accessible will NOT HELP!!
Re the question about sales of liquor in grocery stores: I took that to refer only to "hard liquor". I feel that there is a place for wine/beer sales in grocery stores.
It would be nice to pick up wine with my other purchase for dinner.
I am in favour of selling the government stores and managing the number of liquor outlets in a fully private system. I support the sale of alcoholic beverages in grocery stores that are typically associated with meals (e.g. wines and after dinner liquors).
While not part of the review, I would also favour 'fine tuning' social reference pricing and mark-up structures in order to allow

greater price competitiveness. I believe if done creatively this can be done without significantly impacting government revenues.
I heavily support any option that increases the selection and improves the knowledge of staff working in liquor stores in Saskatchewan.
The more store the more availability for younger people to consume alcohol. So less is better.
Where I live in Saskatchewan, there is a very low crime rate. I choose to keep things the way they are rather than upgrading like larger centers. Some change is a good thing but why ask for trouble by giving our younger more choices in the wrong areas. I do consume the occasional drink of alcohol and have nothing against it. Those who are of legal age have access to it just the way it is. No need for change.
I feel very strongly that the gov't should have no involvement in retail distribution of liquor. Current public system is inefficient & expensive resulting in too few locations and high retail costs to taxpayers. Current system serves SGEU members 1st, customers 2nd. I am forced to go to separate store for liquor. What next, govt dairy store?
The cost of liquor is very high in Saskatchewan when compared to Alberta. Therefore we do not (if it can be avoided) shop at liquor stores in Saskatchewan. All of our alcohol purchases are done in bulk in Alberta. The cost difference can be as much as 10 dollars cheaper per bottle of wine in Alberta.
I am happy with the way liquor sales are currently managed in Saskatchewan. I wouldn't want to see people losing decent paying jobs only to be replaced with minimum wage jobs.
Less regulation of the products that stores are allowed to sell. Would love to see a greater variety of Canadian wines and spirits from small businesses on the shelves. End the requirement of booze having to go through government warehouses. It's stifling small producers chances of actually making money with too high of warehouse fees
Liquor is a controlled substance and must remain in government control
I moved back to Sask from the US 4 years ago and was shocked at the prices here and even compared to Alberta. An open market should be allowed. Let the consumer decide.
stores should be privatized
Privatize liquor stores!
Liquor retailing should occur where there is a market and an entrepreneur looking to run the store. If that's at the local corner store or a 7-11 it shouldn't matter. If Costco and Safeway want to sell liquor then they should be able to. They don't need to build a different building, they should be able to sell all types of liquor right in their current store, with their employees, if they so choose. The market will determine the best options and locations, not the government. As for revenue, the province's markup should be adjusted in some way. I understand the need to keep some of the revenue but the policies need to change. Without a reduction in the markup, as an example it would be hard to justify having no minimum price(which we should no longer have) as larger businesses could offer loss leaders to attract customers that smaller business owners just couldn't compete with.
If its not broken don't mess with it. There is nothing better than the way things used to be in my view, however it appears that once you guys get your heads filled with an idea, its come hell or high water for a change. I can see where you would rather see employee's working at two or three part time jobs at minimum wage that to have long time employee's who have done an excellent job thus far. It is almost whimsical that you try to deflect your agenda on improved health care, and in my view that in nothing but ! Further when you tried to give away Casino Regina and Moose Jaw away, what were you thinking? You have up the health care and the prescription drug program to a point of no return. You do not care about those of us who have been dealing with chronic pain for years and being totally disabled, what have you done to improve my lifestyle? Let me tell you this....NOTHING! I can go to my second home in Ecuador and take my empty prescription bottle into the pharmacy there and get a refill from every drug store in town if I so choose, and all you have done is taken away my pain medication after years of being on it, and leave me to suffer. What is my only other option ? To have my back operated on! My neighbor had the same surgery that they want to do on me and that in Regina, the young put her in a wheelchair for the rest of her life. After visiting her it was evident that was filling the place up with Why do you continue to let operate on us? Don't try to tell me that you, with the lost revenue from liquor will some how have more money for investment in health care, and I believe even a could see through that . I cannot wait to leave Saskatchewan after watching the mess you clowns have created. Who knows, with your lack of initiative on the environment as well, you are full steam ahead to kill the planet off with your lack of cleaning up the acid rain from the tar sands and the heavy pollution from our home province one would think that you would be trying to save a planet that will be safe for your children and grandchildren, but instead are proceeding with your lack of effort to help make the humans and living animals on the planet extinct. Think about it. , reload and rotate. [Sincerely, me
A mixed system of retailing liquor in the province provides competition within the industry which is always an advantage to the consumer. That would require updating current gov't. stores and allowing gov't. store managers some flexibility in operating

these outlets so they can best serve their regular customers .
More than anything - I want MORE selection. If a product is available in Alberta or North Dakota, I want to be able to purchase it here too.
I support a general privatization of the liquor industry in Saskatchewan, but there are lessons to be learned from Alberta's experience. The foremost is to limit liquor retailing license. Alberta gave too many out and ended up with multiple liquor stores on a block. I am generally a proponent of free competition, but the detrimental effects of liquor necessitate some regulation in this area. Over time, Liquor Depot has bought up the vast majority of independent liquor stores in Alberta, meaning that widespread shops don't even provide the benefits of competition. Ideally, I would like to see a model focuses on retail delivery by established businesses such as supermarkets and supplemented by specialty stores and maybe some general independent retailers. Additionally, I don't see any reason why supermarkets should be forced to construct a second building in order to sell liquor.
I think we are giving to the business community far too much of our crown corporations. I did not realize when we voted in this government that this was the Mandate, to sell every crown or give every crown over to big business. Need more revenue, go after potash corp.
Services that are publicly delivered should be publicly owned. Revenue from liquor sales should certainly go to all the people of the Province.
Sobey's store has brought Sask Liquor sales in the 21st century. The SLGA Stores here are a dismal shopping experience. Stores are dark and dingy.. limited parking except for University Hts. and Confederation. Sobeys is bright, customer friendly, AIR MILES and a cold beer room. Sales are real sales.. not 50 cents off. Over all a much better shopping experience. Going there all the time now.
Do not allow liquor in grocery stores. Wherever alcohol is sold there should be opportunities for public awareness on alcohol related harms. Employees of retailers should have mandatory education on the harms of alcohol related disabilities ie FASD and alcohol related harms (alcoholism, drinking and driving) Public education should be a priority in the franchise and private retailers as well as in Government run liquor stores Franchises and Retailers should determine their hours of operation based on community consensus The only regulation for selling liquor is that it is never sold to anyone under 19
Government should not privatize liquor stores. Saskatchewan will lose a substantial amount of revenue that is invested back into the province. We do not want to be Alberta, where there is a liquor store on every corner. The current model works. Keep it.
status quo....
If I wanted to own a private beer/wine store, with differentiated product selection, how do I, as an entrepreneur, do that?
The government store serve my purposes; I think it would be a shame to privatize the sale of liquor in Saskatchewan.
The in-efficiency and difficulty of special orders and access to greater selection needs to be addressed. The 'craft beer' section of SLGA stores is absolutely disappointing and minuscule compared to wine and spirits selection. I feel that more selection is absolutely critical as a consumer. Liquor retailing in Saskatchewan is outdated and needs change. I would like to purchase beer and wine at the grocery store and I would like to see more selection like that of the Willow Park and Sobeys liquor stores especially in the SLGA stores, both of which I've gone to in Saskatoon and Regina. The SLGA is not capable of building these type of stores. They are very well done - SLGA stores are old and outdated, lack refrigeration of beer and the service is not equal to that of the private stores.
Allow alcohol to be sold directly to people by retailers. The government should never attempt to compete with private companies, so therefore all government stores should be shutdown or sold off. There is no need to use a "mark-up" (i.e. a tax) to try to reduce social harm. Continue to collect tax on the retail price of the alcohol. Do not set prices by applying a mark-up, this only encourages people to buy their alcohol in Alberta on one of their many trips there.
I am more torn than anything. I would like cheaper prices but i understand the social responsibility of charging higher prices. I would like to see more convenient sales options like having a grocery store/private options, but I also like that revenue is going to the government and funding provincial projects. I would like to see a little more flexibility by the government to allow private companies to stock whichever alcohol they see fit. it is that companies risk as to whether it sells or not.
I believe in free enterprise government can be wholesaler but should leave retailing up to real marketers. We are a free

enterprise Province now Thank God.. We got rid of the Reds...
Government liquor stores have served us well, and offer a good source of revenue to contribute to government funding for education, health and social services. Why transfer this revenue to private sector profits?
private liquor stores will not be beneficial to our province
Privatize! Government should focus on other more important things like roads, hospitals etc. I don't need the government to regulate when and where I can buy booze, what kinds I can only choose from and for how much. I would say at least option 2 if not fully option 3! I sure hope there is a majority of people here in Saskatchewan that agrees with me so we can move on from this old Saskatchewan and continue to prosper the new Saskatchewan! Privatize!
After decades of selling beer, the government still hasn't figured out that people like it chilled. Enough said.
Prefer a totally private and competitive set up for Sask.
Do not go fully private, do not close government run liquor store. Keep the current mixed system. If more private stores open that's fine but don't slash Sask Jobs!
leave it status quo
I strongly support the government still being involved in the liquor retailing process. Not only does the increase in cost improve our communities in other areas, but it also prevents individuals struggling with addiction to have easier access/cost to liquor outlets and supplies. An example would be how cigarette prices have increased, and how many individuals had to quit smoking due to the extremely high costs. As a result this helps their overall health and reduces the chances of them entering the health care system. I fear with privatization, the competition for "cheaper" product will result in higher consumption of alcohol which has been proven time and time again as a danger on our individual health and on the health care system. However, if it is decided that privatization is the direction to go, I hope that the government starts putting some training legislated for anyone who serves, sells, or manages an establishment that serves or sells liquor. Staff need to be aware of the dangers of over serving or selling, and if liquor sales were to be privatized, I fear that the staff will not be provided that education. Legislation of training such as Serve It Right Saskatchewan or similar should be required, and I strongly support it be offered in a workshop form, versus online as it will increase discussion and clarify any concerns the staff might have. We do not need to make liquor more accessible, and cheaper for our communities. This will have detrimental effects elsewhere throughout our systems. Instead, I encourage more training for staff, and education to the community about the dangers of alcohol consumption, and continue the costs as is (neither increased or decreased) to allow for affordable yet reasonable alcohol prices.
1. eliminate the "10% liquor consumption tax"; by all appearances, we pay 10% more for the 'mere privilege' of consuming alcoholic beverages in this province; this is nonsense; it tells me that you are much more reliant on liquor revenues than you otherwise state; 2. privatize the liquor portfolio, back off and then "hands off"; do not impose control on or dictate beverage prices because you simply want to collect "tax revenue" 3. refund the FULL bottle and can deposit; if not in agreement, then at least reduce the container deposit to \$0.10 and then refund exactly that amount
I spend a few weeks a year in California where it is possible to purchase liquor in any grocery store. It's very nice to have the opportunity to include liquor if necessary in a run to the store without having to make a separate stop. All the same ID requirements are in place as they are in Saskatchewan, they are just handled by the store clerks.
Close those government stores that are not making a profit and allow private as well. Option 2
The current system meets my needs. If anything, I'd like more one stop shopping experiences which are unavailable here - grabbing snacks and a beer (or Corona and limes) requires two stops, so any future scenario of standalone private stores that still require two stops really doesn't change anything from the experience point of view. Installing more beer coolers in the existing stores would be an incremental improvement, even with no other change in retailing.
I really don't think price regulation should drive social strategies. Education plays a larger role. Also, just because the price of beer/wine/spirits may be unaffordable, there are many other avenues for the abusive population.
SLGA stores are good, private stores are better (usually). If I need cold beer I'd go to a private store with a cooler. If I'm getting spirits or wine I don't really care if the store I get it from is ran by the government or a private company.
I find the selection is better at private stores, compared to SLGA stores, but still limited when compared to Cava Secreta and private stores in AB
I see no purpose in limiting access to purchasing liquor in stores. Liquor is available for purchase so many places now that it

seems ridiculous that I can not buy alcohol in a grocery store. Otherwise, the only other dissatisfaction that I have when purchasing alcohol is the price variance. I will also admit that as a result I am purchasing more and more alcohol out of province and stock piling it. Therefore the province is missing possible revenue from me by taxing it more.
Do not spend anymore money on building liquor outlets. The government's only role should be to tax the sale of alcohol. Let Costco, Superstore, Safeway, Sobeys, Co-op, Walmart, sell liquor, especially wine and beer. Immediately. Let the retail experts do the retail, let the govt collect the tax on the sales. Every other country I have visited (many) allows me to buy my wine at the same place I buy my steaks. Convenience! Selection! I am not wild about the Willow Park idea, I prefer the booze to be in the grocery stores.
Government should not be in the retail liquor business. It should be the same as tobacco where anyone can sell it. They can collect a tax but that is the extent of it.
I want government to open more government liquor stores
Keep it the way it is now.
I support government only liquor stores..... Keep the cash cow and open more government stores
Better selection and competitive pricing would be appreciated.
The government needs to needs to get their priorities straight,and focus on more important issues. Stop trying to turn us into Alberta!
I do not believe that the government should be involved in retail liquor sales.
The sooner a move towards full privatization the better.
Government should not be in the retail liquor business
The questions should reflect the amount of revenue to the province. They should ask the questions that allow survey takers to understand how their answers affect what is currently in p,ace. Many of these questions are written to get the answer the survey makers were trying to elicit. Very poorly put together. Re- do!
I feel we should be able to buy beer,wine, spirits in our local grocery store or pharmacy or other similar stores. I like how the USA makes it convenient to purchase. We do not need the Government in the liquor business. They can maintain their profits through mark ups which should be FLAT!
I support more government liquor stores
I think that the system in place is working so why change something that isn't broken and that is making a decent profit for the gov't. Giving control to private stores may work for a short period but how will the gov't ensure compliance. The SLGA seems to do well so let's let them do what they have been doing well for many years.
Private or public doesn't matter. Lower the taxes and fees on liquor!
It is ridiculous the price we pay for alcohol in this province!
Keep Sales Government run, keep the jobs, keep making money for public use!
your control of the booze business is rust from the old regime. focus on running the province and stop importing people from other countries. you have no business in the private sector. nor in the importation of terrorists.
I feel that the present liquor retailing system is adequate and see know reason for discount liquor stores
I think there should be no liquor sales on movie hall and saloons there is a time and place for it. I also believe on one had the govt is saying ok on the other they are say no way can't have it both ways. Liquor sales are important to our economy and healthcare etc and everyone deserves good jobs to provide for their families.
There was an article on the news a while ago where a small community could not have a off sale outlet because the neighboring community had one. The representative of the slga said that the avaiability would be too high. I do not believe that a representative of the slga or the government should be making that decision. I feel that in a free country as individuals we should be able to make the decision for ourselves.

Expanding private sale of alcohol is the wrong choice. Private businesses are more likely to sell to minors, while Gov't run stores do not do that.
I THINK THE LIQUOR SHOULD REMAIN THE SAME AS IT IS NOW. IF YOU OPEN IT UP THEN THE BIG BOX STORES WILL HAVE ONE MORE WAY OF RUNNING OUT SMALL INDEPENDANT BUSINESSES. WITH THE FRANCHISES THEY ARE MOSTLY IN SMALLER STORES AND WITH LIQUOR PRICES THE SAME ALL OVER THE PROVINCE THE SMALL STORES HAVE A FAIR CHANCE TO SELL THE SAME BOTTLE AT THE SAME PRICE AS THE LARGER LIQUOR STORES. I HAVE BEEN IN LIQUOR STORES IN ALBERTA AND THEY ARE A DISGRACE. I RUN A BUSINESS AND IT IS HARD ENOUGH TO COMPETE WITH WALMART AND SOBEYS WITHOUT THEM HAVING LIQUOR AS WELL. IF IT IS RIGHT THAT SMALL BUSINESS IS IMPORTANT TO THE SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMY THEN STOP DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO DRAG EVERYONE INTO THE MAJOR CENTERS. THANK YOU
I like the prices at SLGA liquor stores compared to off sale or private liquor stores (based on what I usually purchase) as it is always cheaper at the SLGA liquor stores. However, the government should not own or operate liquor stores as that money could be going toward better roads. If Co-op prices were the same as SLGA stores, I would say privatize SLGA tomorrow...
When you consider the problems with just drinking and driving, why on earth do we need to make liquor more available. Plus all the social ills drinking causes. Personally I am a casual consumer of alcohol and I don't need it at my finger tips 24/7
I think private stores would be a positive move so hopefully there is some competition which I believe will improve availability, selection and price of alcohol.
The trials into a mixed system have been successful and would like to see more of this sort of thing. Increased private sector involvement can only help the industry in terms of efficiency and customer service. The government should maintain its current level of retail involvement, but focus future attention towards licensing, distribution, and other services which will present more indirect opportunities for taxation and user revenues.
Small towns that have a business that want a liquor vendor should not automatically be excluded because a vendor or SLGA store is within X km. In some cases the survival of that town, village or hamlet may depend on the survival of that one business.
I have yet to see a compelling reason to take liquor profits from the people of Sask. and give it to a private enterprise(probably because one doesn't exist).
Increased privatization will result in loss of public sector full time jobs. Any increase in private sector job will be lower paying, part time or casual work, and will mean fewer stable, living wage jobs. These employees CONTRIBUTE to the economy through their municipality, and provincial taxes and reinvestment in the community through the goods and services they buy HERE. Privatization will mean that the significant profits made by the public liquor board system will be lost to the government and an already overburdened middle class will have to make up the difference. Much of the profits from liquor sales will not remain in Saskatchewan but be funnelled out of province into corporate profits and to shareholders outside of the province. Investing in Saskatchewan and in Saskatchewan people benefits the whole province. Also.... Protect our kids. It's not ok that liquor stores could be located closer to parks and schools than they could be to another liquor store. Quit around with my crowns!
Please don't bring any private operations to Sask. We have so many problems with alcoholism, abuse and crime. With stores on every corner it's going to get worse. How many people will lose their jobs if you close government stores. I think what we have is perfect and Saskatchewan is doing great. Not everything is about the money please have a heart.
My biggest issue is that public liquor store employees are making ridiculously high salaries to be store clerks. The salaries and benefits they get must cut into profits. As a taxpayer I find it unacceptable to pay unionized employees \$26 to \$30 per hour to stock shelves and operate a cash register. That's more than many university graduates make. Govt should not be in liquor sales. Customer service is not the greatest in public liquor stores. There is one in Saskatoon in university heights where the customer service is exemplary. However it still doesn't justify the salaries. I'm not much of a union supporter though. They are going to be the financial ruin of our country.
Does the gov't actually care about what the public thinks? I believe they already have decided SLGA's fate.
the province should look at the North Dakota model where grocery stores sell alcohol but in a separate building.
I believe that liquor stores should remain publicly owned. I also would support publicly owned kiosks in other retail locations such as grocery stores.
The Co-op outlet puts the gov. stores to shame.
Having a private store is great in terms of selection and price (and likely price competitiveness), however in a discussion over whether alcohol, or education should win out, there should be no competition.
Total privatization is not the way to go. Public and private stores can co-exist. The public stores need to be given the same

playing field as the private. Hey, my gas station closes @ 8pm out in the rural, so why is there a big to do about hours of operation and selection. We all don't live in a city.
This survey dis not allow for the option of expanding government's role in liquor retailing. It allowed for stating this is not a good idea by stating money could be better spent by investing less in liquor retailing. If the government is looking for a specific type of feedback it looks like this survey was designed to get it. Having said that, I applaud asking for feedback. Here it is - Having lived in North Dakota, Ontario (beer store) and Alberta I can say that private stores did not provide better service than that provided in Saskatchewan. I would be dissapointed to see assets sold from the public sector at a steep discount in order to satisfy ideology. The sask party is at its best when it balances conservative and liberal ideas - solve problems rather than implement ideology.
Expanded Liquor Retailing will not hamper the government's ability to invest in other 'Public Priorities' as the liquor stores are a self-sustaining operation that would be able to invest in itself and keep more dollars in the province. I am a father of two that prefers to have the access to liquor more difficult than picking up a 4 litre of milk that will be closer and closer to unaffordable while the cost of liquor gets closer and closer to competitive pricing based on the number of people needed to be attracted to buying it more cheaply. Taking my kids to grocery stores where alcohol is on the property is not the way to bring in more corporate business, especially when the corporations will hire people at minimum wages with little to no bebefit to being responsible about what condition the customer is in except to punish the minimum wage worker rather than expecting professionalism from someone at a decent wage.
I actually go out of my way to support the government liquor stores because i know the prices will be the same (and fair) and I know the people there are paid a good wage with benefits and I believe it makes the whole province a better place to live and work and play to have such institutions. It makes for more sense that gas tax or some other form of revenue be used to fund the bottomless pit of road building and repairs. I strongly disagree with the move to private liquor stores as has already been done and think it moves us in the wrong direction. This survey had very leading and co-ercive questions and although I did my best... it feels like I wasn't able to give honest answers because the questions were far from neutral.
I believe that having some control over liquor sales in Saskatchewan is important. Saskatchewan has the largest per capita crime rate and reducing control over liquor will cause this to increase. Why is the Sask Party making this such a big issue when they should focus on other things like education and healthcare??? I hate unions but I see through right through this manipulation. You politicians work for us not the other way around.
I think this is a fishing survey and the question wording appears to me as leading. Keep in mind that our children are going to inherit your dreams whatever they are? Maybe we have too many deep thinking politicians' that don't have the best interest of Saskatchewan residents in mind. Or maybe just too many politicians?
I fully support a fully privatized system similar to Alberta. It is time for the province to modernize and get with the 21st century. The old fashioned views on socialist policy that our province was afflicted with during the dark ages of NDP rule are no longer relative in a modern growing economy.
yes, some of these questions are attempting to guide the person who is completing the survey in Favor of what the Sask party wants. This is
I think our pricing is ridiculous....if you look at alberta there is a HUGE price jump!! (le: cheaper to buy 18 cans of twisted teas in alberta than 12 cans in sask- ridiculous!!!) Also more variety would be appreciated.
The government should continue to run it's profitable locations & get rid of / sell it's non-profitable ones.
Time to privatize. Government should not be in the business of selling alcohol!!
It would be nice to be able to buy wine and beer at the grocery store, but there needs to be safeguards so that teenagers do not have access to buying it.
I just want better selection in purchasing products. I think a private store might be able to do that. I also strongly disagree with the regulations regarding transporting alcohol over provincial borders.
There was nothing about the wage that workers get at government liquor stores. The employees are over paid considering it is a retail environment. This is an absolute waste of tax dollars. These government liquor stores need to be shut down and let the private sector take over. The selection and prices do not favour the consumer.
I feel that Saskatchewan is ready to move to a full private retail system.This would provide consumers with more product variety,more competitive pricing,as well as freeing up funds in the provincial budget for more important things than running retail operations.
Alcohol is not in the same realm of government run entities like saskpower or saskenergy which are required for modern day

survival. Alcohol should be in the private sector and have healthy competition.
the SLGA has the best prices by far when it comes to sales in general. I don't like the pricing at the new co-op or sobeys, but i can't buy the selection they offer at any SLGA store which is very disappointing. Honestly i'd prefer if the SLGA would step up and carry all the brands and supply the increasingly popular craft beer available at good prices! the ONLY reason i was happy to see the co-op and sobeys go up is because they bring craft beer in from all over the west..
Businesses, including liquor stores, should be private.
what will happen to the all the organizations that benefits from the sale of liquor?these make money for the province,money that can be used for infrastructure..if they privatize it then drop the 160% mark up and give the people a deal..either get out of it or keep it and make money to help other area's..how bout giving us question about solving homelessness instead of where to buy alcohol at???privatization doesn't mean cheaper alberta type prices..so tell people that cause a lot think it does..
KEEP OUR LIQUOR STORES PUBLIC!!!
Revenue from sales is important for the province as are the jobs the government liquor stores provide.
There is way too much government in Saskatchewan. People are capable of taking care of themselves and makin their own decisions the government does not have to regualte liquor sales. In SK you would think that prohibition has just ended. We are way behind compared to the rest of the world.
Many of these questions implied that if we shut down the government stores there would be more money for other programs but never explains where that money would come from once you shut down this revenue stream. Also. As a person who enjoys a good drink and spent high school in Lloydminster, I can tell you that having more choice didnt change that fact that its not that hard to get a drink. I would like to see the the government back off on controlling how much you drink through price. Change that and we are good.
There is no reason government should be involved in retail sales of any kind including liquor.
Allow competition for sgi as well
Have not seen any price advantage to buying alcohol in Alberta as compared to Sask. Also Alberta liquor outlets aren't well maintained in some cases. Sask liq board stores are neat & clean & staff is helpful & friendly. Makes no sense to me to pass liquor sale profits to private sector then personal taxes will be increased to offset this OR worse, more sevice's cut.
Please just deregulated liquor, wine, and beer sales. Let the big stores compete in what they offer (e.g. Walmart, Costco, Target, etc). The prices I pay in SK are higher than I have paid anywhere else. Let the workers find other jobs in the booming SK economy.
Good luck in deliberations. Remember - there are limited good jobs north of Saskatoon - the more privatization, the fewer opportunities for decent jobs.
It seems likely to me that if the people selling liquor are in non-government jobs, they will be paid less. People who are paid closer to minimum wage are generally not very motivated to do put their all into a job (unless there is a good expectation that excellent performance will lead to an increased wage) and therefore service will suffer. Also, cost of living has risen significantly in Saskatchewan, so any move to decrease the number of well-paying jobs seems to support a reduced quality of life for Saskatchewan people overall. It is also important to note that people who earn less pay fewer taxes and generally buy fewer goods (or take on more debt), having a negative effect on government revenue and on the economy as a whole.
One thing I can say is that quite often I have experienced disrespectful and rude employees at Government Liquor stores to the point where I would drive across the city to another location just so I wouldn't have to deal with those employees. Whereas in Willow Park I only experience incredible customer service. I actually prefer to pay a little extra and drive a little further to access the quality of products and great customer service I receive at Willow Park. Ideally, I would rather pay less and be able to get what I want in my local neighborhood.
As with most retail items, those manufactured in Saskatchewan can and should be subsidized in some form to encourage the economic growth. In the case of liquor, the price minimum prices that are set could be reduced for locally produced liquor.
End the Marxist control on liquor, and the province would still see revenue because people would actually buy hard liquor from saskatchewan instead of always stocking up on their top shelf booze from the states. i priced out getting a case of 6 - 26oz of blackheart rum from kentucky and SLGA was going to charge me \$60 + tax of all things. A 40 oz bottle of this in montana costs me \$18 USD. After i pay duty on declaring this it makes sense to wait till i go to the states to stock up and keep our broken system away from stealing more of my after tax dollars. i don't have a single friend who buys top shelf liquor in this province because of this, might as well have a u.s. holiday and buy it

for much cheaper with great selection from the south. And it never has stood to reason that a SLGA till clerk should make a preposterous amount more of money than a safeway till clerk just cause one is government. Stop the insanity and release the iron fist on this industry.
Government has never been good and never will be good at operating a business. Stop trying to babysit the public, get on with what is important; health care, education and the economy.
I very strongly believe that the government should not be weighing the resultant loss of jobs past compensation for dismissal when evaluating the cost benefit for privatization of the sale of alcohol.
The sale of liquor is not a critical or public service and should not be handled by the government. There are more important things the government could be focusing on. Health care, poverty, education, infrastructure etc. The government of course does have a role in taxing and regulating, and enforcing those liquor regulations.
I fully support special liquor stores that offer a greater variety of products. I do not support private stores or grocery stores selling the same major brands as the crowns. I also would support private stores being allowed to go directly to the source to buy the product VS ordering through SK liquor for any Canadian brewer, distiller, and winery. I also think changes should be made to allow local companies to expand and grow as large as they want without major unjustified government interference
I do not support private liquor sales. I appreciate that although the cost is more in Government run liquor stores, the extra money is being used for Saskatchewan initiatives. Private sales will not help the general public of Saskatchewan and that is what the Sask. government should be concerned with. Helping a few more business men (or women) get rich should NOT be a priority.
Government should not be regulating hours for selling alcohol to limit social harm. Alcohol consumption is legal and this is too controlling. Is this really fixing any problems or punishing the masses?
Allow beer and wine sales in grocery stores.
Cheaper prices! If you aren't building liquor stores anymore, can't you decrease the mark-up slightly.
We badly need more product selection so opening the market to more private retailers is mandatory. We do not need the AB model where there is a store on every corner. I don't see anything wrong with the selling of wine and beer products in grocery stores. However, more money should be spent on education surrounding alcohol. Other places in the world have more access to alcohol without an increase in social harm. We need to change the culture around alcohol in this province.
We should have more liquor specialty shops that are owned by the government and no more private stores.
The Province should consider getting out of the wholesale business as well. Let's have more competition.
I believe the stores are run very well and a couple of extra stores might not be a bad thing. But extending hours which I believe are good & give people plenty of time to buy liquor is not a priority. I don't believe young people need to buy liquor all night. We managed as young people, to buy our liquor to party, within the hours provided and with the amount of government run stores available, including some offsale places. We already have issues with alcohol amongst all ages & more stores & extended hours I don't believe would help this problem. Thankyou for giving me this voice.
Your survey, by structuring the questions so as to suggest assumptions, is sleazy and blatantly designed to provide you with an "alibi" for privatizing liquor stores. example: Participants are asked how they would rate the importance of "Increasing the governments ability for the government to reinvest in other priorities (ie: health care, roads, education, etc..). Naturally, everyone thinks those areas are very important, so why ask? The sleazyness of the question comes in the form of the implicit conclusion that privatizing liquor stores will allow more to be spent in other areas. No where is it pointed out to recipients that privatizing stores will only do it in the short term, and that if an expansion of government stores and hours of operation were to be used, instead of privatization, the long term revenues would be greater and the long term ability to pay for health care, roads, education etc. would be greater. The question, if you this survey were anything but a deceptive propaganda tool, would be something like: "If additional revenues for health care, roads, etc. could be obtained via privatization or by expansion of the number and hours of operation of government stores, which option would you choose?"

I could go on about other such questions in your "survey". I wish we had a government that was more honest.
I live in a rural community that has 3 liquor establishments, and I feel our liquor laws are very archaic. Any of these establishments should be able to sell offsale, as I cannot begin to see the reasoning as to why it is not possible. Also the liquor permitting for functions held as fund raisers etc. are also very outdated and cumbersome to meet the requirements. These also need to be brought up to the 21st century. I am all for privatization of the liquor outlets, to let us catch up with the rest of the modern world.
The Alberta model works. I would enjoy having liquor sold at places like Costco.
Do not privatize our liquor stores or any other Crown Corp. We are only 1.1 million people, we need the revenue to ensure we are a prosperous province for all citizens not just the rich. The rich already buy their alcohol in Arizona and bring it back thru Alberta. They will never purchase local. Privatization will not allow us to compete with Arizona prices. The current process is not broken, off sale will suffer if the Sask. Party goes ahead with privatization. We will have less revenue for the province, lower wages for the workers, and no benefits for the workers. Currently only big business has opened retail outlets, even the small business can not compete with them. Change the law for micro breweries to sell local, instead of thru the warehouse in Regina. There must be a process that can ensure micro breweries will also survive.
We have laws in place to protect us from harm, no need for price constraints! Markets should dictate prices!!!
Why not just bring the standards up to other provinces and American states? Most places have full private, or hybrid systems. A lot of the "safety" arguments put forward from those who oppose any change don't really hold water. Presumably, the relatively tight publicly-administered controls on liquor should produce good outcomes, but by many measures (impaired driving, acute alcohol poisoning), Saskatchewan fares no better than any other place. And for that, we get poorer selection and hours at our stores.
The Saskatchewan Government should get out of liquor business. The ALBERTA private model is a good way to go and it has proven successful.
I feel that the pricing of the private liquor stores is very comparable. The product selection at SLGA is outstanding. The customer service is by far the best I have ever had. Why would you take the profit that SLGA provides to the province of Saskatchewan and mess with it. Why fix what is not broken!! Brad Wall will never get my vote again!!!
I love growler fill systems - any opportunities for small breweries to easily distribute their product are big pluses for me. I actually quite like the government liquor store nearest to my home. The hours and staff are great. I wish the prices were lower and that the selection was wider.
Giver ta yer liver bahd
-I want growlers! -Across Western Canada, our friends can fill their growlers at local pubs, restaurants, retailers and farmers' markets. As a fan of craft beer, I want that in Saskatchewan too. -I want distribution rules eased on brew pub licensees so craft-brewers can work with local retailers to set up growler-fill stations in their establishments across the province.
do not privatize liquor sales, or any other crown corporations!
1. The Saskatchewan Government will maintain it's social responsibility agenda even if they move forward with Privatization. 2. Booze will not be cheaper, Private business will still be required to purchase their booze from the SLGA Warehouse where they will receive a 25% discount on booze...they will still have to mark it up to pay for costs and make a profit. The Government will actually be making more money because they don't have to pay for buildings or Unionised employees. 3. I would definitely support reduced restrictions to the Craft Liquor industry in order to allow entrepreneurs the ability to enter this industry.
Allow and encourage the growler culture in Saskatchewan. Convenient, earth friendly, cost-effective and great product. Ease up restrictions on craft breweries to allow for fill stations across the province.
I want growlers! Across Western Canada, I can fill my growler at local pubs, restaurants, retailers and farmers' market. As a fan of craft beer, I want that in Saskatchewan too.

I want distribution rules eased on brew pub licensees so craft-brewers can work with local retailers to set up growler-fill stations in their establishments across the province. I want better special order selection.
The taxes on alcohol are outrageous. The claim that it reduces harm by making it less affordable is false. Product availability is poor at present for craft beer, it is better, but is still poor. It is worth the time and money to travel out of province and get products at present.
none
Today we are suppose to be a more modern responsible society. So when making decisions the overall picture decision making should come into play. This is more than profit, availability private or public. Alcoholism is a serious matter it touches many aspects of society. Human lives are at stake when these decisions are done. Remember the humans that may placed in danger. Health and health costs, addiction aid, family life, personal well-being. Promotion of healthy lifestyle, consumption, safe driving. etc But to sell liquor for the sake of selling liquor is not a responsible decision to me. So please when you do make decisions take all the major factors into consideration and do choose wisely. I do not see any reason to change things as they are now. I see lots of people who are under addictions. But if there needs to be more responsible actions that are required please do take into account of all the factors. For any decision making will have consequences. As I only live in Regina I have more than enough locations to purchase alcohol already. I am not sure if I know what a private vendor would look like. Is that a person who sells their own wine?
I would like to see more purchasing options, such as allowing growler stations at pubs and retailers. I would like an easing on the restrictions placed on purchasing at some business categories. For example, purchasing off-sale items at Beer Bros. in Regina has some requirements that seem unnecessary. My main personal interest is in having a wider selection of craft beer available. I have made several such purchases at Willow Park and the Saskatoon Co-op, but I have no particular preference for private over public, if they carry the items I'm interested in.
Do NOT privatize liquor sales
The amount of revenue that is generated by Saskatchewan Liquor & Gaming as it is now is a great benefit. Does not make sense to consider privatizing and jeopardizing what we currently contribute to programs now.
-I want growlers! Beer is better and they are environmentally friendly! -Across Western Canada, our friends can fill their growlers at local pubs, restaurants, retailers and farmers' market. As a fan of craft beer, I want that in Saskatchewan too. -I want distribution rules eased on brew pub licensees so craft-brewers can work with local retailers to set up growler-fill stations in their establishments across the province. -I want access to better selection without having to order a whole pallet.
I would agree with a mix of government run and private establishments however a limited number of private businesses with an expanded option of product. The taxpayer is currently getting a good return on the government run stores and we should keep that income coming in. I absolutely disagree with total privatization of government run liquor stores. I am not a government employee nor do I have a relative working at the government stores. Note that the government of Ontario just this month decided to leave their liquor stores under government control as they are making a great deal of cash for the cash starved province. Would be nice to pick up a bottle of wine or two when shopping at Costco but the liquor board store is right behind them so not a big deal for me.
This survey is directed towards the consumer, but does not talk about people who want to enter the industry as a producer. The SLGA monopoly and numerous regulations makes it very difficult to enter the industry, and limits potential for growth unless they get approval from said monopoly to do so.
I buy about 90% of my alcohol from Alberta because it is cheaper, and they have better selection. Even driving 2.5 hrs to Alberta (one way), it is still cost effective to buy there.
Must people drive to pick up liquor, why are samples allowed, so much for zero tolerance "drinking and driving" and with the blessing of the government
Go to the Alberta model!
I am more interested in increased selection and more knowledgeable staff than reduced cost or availability in grocery stores our gas stations. Reduced restrictions on places with liquor licenses, such as bars and breweries, to provide additional retail sales

would also be of interest. This includes allowing things like growler fill stations, etc.
Also, while not directly related to retail sales, reducing the restrictions on brewery's taprooms to allow children such as in other jurisdictions would be appreciated.
I do not agree with the Private Liquor stores within the province as Our government organization is socially responsible when it comes to the sales of alcohol in our province through Check 25, standardization, policies, ect... There is always talk that more jobs want to be created within the province but if they go to private then all our government employees are out of jobs. I really think that this is not a good option for Saskatchewan. The people of Sask are truly misinformed and generally have always had opinion about government employees!!
No need for the government to be involved in the retail sale of liquor.
Expanded Private Retail is the best option, I think. I would like distribution rules eased on brew pub licensees so craft-brewers can work with local retailers to set up growler-fill stations in their establishments across the province. -Good for the environment (reusable containers!) -good for building a community (I talk to the guys who fill my propane tank all summer, and the sellers at farmers' markets. I don't talk to the guys I grab 'n go get beer from...)
I love growlers. If it was easier to get growlers filled up (ie get Bushwakker beer without going to Bushwakker) that would be cool. Also making it easier for Micro Brews to start up. I feel the sooner we start normalizing alcohol instead of 'sin tax'ing it the more businesses can grow and attitudes change.
More selection and better logistics would help the SLGA save money. Allow producers to register their goods, and sell direct to consumers or businesses, rather than ruining product (i.e. unrefrigerated, handled beer) by shipping it all through regina. Ease of access to a wide variety of beer is the ultimate goal.
Nobody cares who sells it, everyone wants the liquor tax reduced.
The gov't monopoly system is a holdover from post-Prohibition, nanny-state policy days. SGEU members shouldn't control how I purchase liquor. Please fix this!
I believe that the Govt. must get out of the liquor business including the SLGA. We need to start acting like the free people that we are supposed to be. Anything less than the European model will be a failure. I can even go to Utah and buy beer and wine at a gas station. we are so controlled in this province (like cattle in beer gardens) this creates binge drinking. Its so nice to go to other countries and stop and buy a drink and stroll down the street or picnic in the park or beach. You just don't see any more alcohol issues in these countries than we do in Saskatchewan. In the end it really comes down to Socialist (NDP) control thing, lets quit being afraid of them and move on!
Things should be left the way they are. Why sell something that is profitable. Use the profits for health care, education, etc.
Keep the sales the way they are and keep the revenue working for us not the private sector
Government generated revenue from artificially high alcohol prices is an ethically questionable practice. I believe strongly in the privatization of non-essential services, especially the selling and distribution of alcohol.
If limiting stores within a certain area make it more than 1 so a reasonable selection is available throughout the designated area.
As the sale of liquor is not an essential service, the government should not be selling alcohol. Only essential services such as providing electrical, natural gas, and telecommunications should be publicly held.
Keep our public liquor sales profits in our province for the public good.
The wages to operate a cash register and stuff bottles of alcohol in a brown bag is out of control. Its not exactly highly skilled labor nor is it an essential service to get us all drunk? NO....so its time to privatize
What will happen to government employees who lose their jobs as a result of privatization?
Do not remove stores, so no one loses jobs, but rather allow private stores to open and attempt to compete. I think they will not be able to stock the selection we have and need to have now.
I support a fully private system, similar to Alberta and the dismantling of the SLGA supply chain monopoly in the province as well.
SLGA has shown that they're unable to properly manage their supply chain when it comes to craft beer in government stores.

The shelves are usually bare and when they do bring in product, it's either not what consumers are looking for or it sells out instantly because it's very popular and SLGA forecast demand poorly. This demonstrates that they're very out of touch. These limitations are also hurting businesses. Craft beer focused restaurants have to carry extremely large inventories because ordering takes so long through the government system. By eliminating this barrier, more craft beer bars and restaurants could operate at much lower operating costs. I applaud the recent legislative changes that have allowed small businesses like Nokomis and Rebellion Brewing to open but it needs to go further to truly give Saskatchewan residents the choices that they want.
Stop the privatization!
Don't set prices but put appropriate taxes on liquor to keep people from becoming drunkards. Make enforcement of drinking & driving/working a priority. Make smoking tobacco illegal instead, there is no upside to the habit.
I would be upset if private liquor stores on urban reserves could sell liquor tax free similar to gasoline and cigarettes. Please ensure this does NOT happen.
sask party has to date had more focus on easier access to alcohol than the time they have spent addressing addictions issues
I manage a bar in Saskatoon and I would definitely like to see a shift towards full privatization. I would like to be able to decide which products I sell in my bar rather than be restricted by the limited selection SLGA offers. I understand that most products can be special ordered by the case but this is not always practical when looking for speciality items that sell slowly or are expensive.
Should be more flexible with specific methods of selling various forms of alcohol, e.g. should allow growler sales of beer in other retail establishments, liquor should be available in other outlets such as grocery stores in urban areas as they are in rural area franchisee operations
Liquor sales should be allowed in all retail outlets. Grocery, gas stations, etc.
I believe In free enterprise . Let the market look after itself.
Speaking as a SLGA employee I find it disheartening that so many people want to see me out of work I work hard and try to do my best and I'm sick of our so called Union doing nothing to defend their good employees I feel sold out and unappreciated by both my employer and the people of Regina there is obviously no reward for doing a good job and trying to be a good employee customers don't understand that having private stores will not benefit them as far as having cheaper booze and contributing to social programs we at Slga work as cashiers warehouse personnel security guards and product knowledge experts not to mention janitors our wages seem to be a sticking point with consumers but I would like to know what they would expect to be paid private liquor stores will put too many people out of work or looking for another job finally if it isn't broken don't fix it
What's done in Alberta doesn't make it magically perfect everywhere else.
Don't close existing stores, but future expansion could be either government owned stores or private stores depending on the community and needs.
i was under the impression that our public liquor stores turned a profit, yet this survey seems to try to create the impression that investing in public stores reduces our ability to pay for essential services... seems like the governments decision has already been made on the matter. Also i would be concerned about the incentive(profit) that private liquor stores would have over the public ones to sell to minors.
From what I have seen in Alberta Private stores tend to have higher prices with the exception of Superstore who have specials.
Please do not make alcohol more accessible than it already is in our communities. Private off-sales in our community ignore rules around both amount sold and hours of sales, often selling to extremely intoxicated people into the early morning hours (e.g. 4 am). This is inappropriate as far as I am concerned.
The protectionist nature of the industry needs to stop. This protectionism cripples government from creating sound policies and legislation that actually make sense and put the end consumer (saskatchewan people)as the first priority. ex. why can't I buy cold beer in any liquor store in the province?
Full access too all product in every grocery store. No Govt retail applications what so ever. Completely private. No minimum pricing structure. Sell the product at the pricing the market dictates as well as the market models. You wish to open a Scotch store, is your biz model sound? Fill your boots. California Wine store? Again Biz model sound, financing solid? Have at it. Govt, shall only have part in the taxation, similar to the Alberta model, except, retail again, in grocery store not a separate building. Pricing in Saskatchewan is considerable higher than Alberta on almost all products. The exception in High end wines, Sask is somewhat cheaper. Loads of tax revenue is lost with out of Province purchases simply because of cost and selection. Far greater selection in Alberta.

I don't need private sales
I strongly support any move toward less government involvement in the retailing of liquor. The role of government is to regulate to ensure product and public safety, not to use these products for the raising of funds. The proper Canadian example of liquor retailing is the Alberta model. I would strongly support Saskatchewan in adopting the Alberta model for liquor retailing.
Liquor sales need to remain as they are and the government should stop the licensing of private outlets and spend on increasing the number of publicly owned and staffed liquor stores
I do not want to see private liquor stores. I want to see government maximize revenue from liquor. If it means building more gov't stores to increase revenue, I would agree to do that. This is an election issue for me & I would switch my vote from the Sask Party if more privatization is done.
Do not stay with the status quo and please do not go with any half hearted options for privatization. Keep the wholesale part of the business for now but do not rule out leaving that business in the future.
We don't have government food stores, gas stations, etc. why do we need government owned liquor stores? As long as the government gets the same revenue through taxes get out of running stores.
1. Unfortunately, quality of selection and purchasing of alcohols comes with variety and competitiveness. SK is so backwards, it's not even funny. Same, limited selection of wines and beers, over and over. Just going West of SK border is such a wonderful experience when visiting a liquor store. I hope that the edge will come to SK as well. Time to get out of the communist era, where people have only options allowed by the government... 2. If people do not want liquor stores in certain areas, they should have an option to veto. 3. Hours of operation do not influence heavier drinking. Heavy drinkers get their booze, regardless of these hours. 4. Finally, one should be able to grab a bottle of wine in a grocery store and not have to run to 5 different places.
I am a working professional and mother of two. I am a controlled alcoholic and plead with you to NOT make liquor more accessible. I wish it wasn't the case, but I know beyond any doubt that if I had to walk by beer and wine in the grocery store or gas station or convenience store or strip mall by my house every day this would have a direct, significant, negative impact on my family. I don't WANT to drink more alcohol. I don't want my neighbors and my friends to drink more alcohol. For me, my health, my career, my pocketbook, my community, my family, my marriage, my children ... I'm begging you to not make this part of my life harder than it needs to be. I know I'm not alone in this, but I don't know how many people who truly "shouldn't" have easier access to liquor will have the insight and motivation to express this. This is a terrible drug that wreaks havoc on vulnerable people and families, and even now it's easier to get than iron supplements. I have built my life around avoiding putting myself into situations where I know I won't have enough will power to resist this terrible addiction. I don't want my kids (who genetically will be predisposed to develop this addiction) to grow up in a community where liquor stores pop up on every corner and people treat beer and wine like alternatives to juice and milk. They need to understand that this is a controlled substance because there are serious harms associated with it. I'm originally from Alberta and I know what happens when liquor sales are given over to private industry -- it increases liquor sales. That might look great on your bottom line as a tax revenue, but there are real people and real families who will suffer from that increase in sales. Please, this in my mind is exactly the right role for government; this is a public health issue and a harm reduction issue; this is an easy way to improve and promote the kind of communities we all want to live in. Please don't make convenience more important than safety.
Liquor retailing should be left to the private sector.
It seems to me that current system of meeting the demand for liquor serves us well. Providing easier / more access to liquor whether through public or private outlets only increase the potential for social problems. Private business is motivated by profit, increasing the potential for abuse of laws governing the sale of liquor, particularly in a competitive market place serving a relatively small number of legitimate consumers. There has been no mention of how government will insure private vendors will not abuse regulations regarding sales or perhaps government doesn't really care as long as they or the private sector profits.
get out of the distribution and warehousing of liquor too. Let the private sector do it.
Because we live in rural Saskatchewan the liquor store we now have would no longer be if the government closed the stores and went to private and franchises. It would not be good for the people in our community. Lost jobs to those that work in the store as well as a very limited selection if there would even be a franchise in the community. The store we now have is well stocked and has a very nice selection of product. Any business taking it would not be able to carry a fraction of the products due to space limitations and cost of stocking product.
I prefer an "Expanded Government Retail System" that includes kiosks in grocery stores. This survey/gov't website info is blatantly biased towards privatization.
One option you are proposing is to only retain 'profitable' government owned liquor stores. I don't believe any of these are losing money. Your fooling SK residents with this because a definition of profitable could be: 1)losing \$ 2) breaking even 3) only making x% profit 4) only making XXX\$ profit. It makes sense to close stores that are losing money or only breaking even but it's YOU that will determine what level of profitability is acceptable and that target could be so high that you close ALL the stores. You're playing games with this option and trying to fool stupid people.

Do not privatize liquor sales! Leave things as they are. Liquor sales provide an excellent source of revenue for Saskatchewan. We would be going backwards if we went like Alberta. Alcohol and tobacco sales taxes provide revenue to provide health care, roads and all the benefits we enjoy in this Province!! Do not change a good source of revenue to provide these benefits for Saskatchewan residents!!!
Thank you for the opportunity to speak!
I do not understand why the government would consider eliminating the revenue stream from government run liquor stores. The only reason I can imagine is a philosophical one which dictates "less government involvement ". Complete nonsense, we need government regulation.
All liquor retailers should receive the same discount on products. Government's role is to regulate, not to operate.
Stop selling off the crown corps. WE'RE NOT ALBERTA!!
I think that the current state of liquor retailing is abominable. The slga stores are staffed by overpaid undertrained people who couldn't be more apathetic or less helpful. Add in the fact that I can buy 16 or more sizes of bud lite but I can't buy craft beer except for the poorly selected beer stored on a shelf at room temperature after being stored in a warehouse for months or years. If the slga was a private retail store it would have gone under a long time ago.
Why is there so much promotion for alcohol? It is everywhere, acceptable everywhere. Fact is, alcohol is as deadly as cigarettes. Time to start considering the financial impact alcohol has in homes, society, and Health Care.
I am a 21 year old female and I feel safe under the current system of highly regulated government employees due to their focus on the safety of the public vs a private owner who would focus on just the sales to potentially minors which would cause more public harm then safety.
Once again the government is not considering the social needs of this province. Saskatchewan already has the highest number of DUI's but we are going to make alcohol more readily available to customers. There are people who have addiction problems and welcome the fact there are time limits.
Alcohol causes social harm. I think if the government relinquishes control of liquor sales and its establishment the harmful effects of alcohol would increase in Saskatchewan. Personally, I also feel that selling liquor at Off-sale locations is unnecessary and leads to increased binge drinking and drunk driving.
Government-run liquor stores are a good source of revenue to pay for public services. Please maintain these stores.
Selling Liquor in a grocery store is not a good option. For years there has been an increase in trying to make sure minors do not have access to cigarettes, so liquor should be no different.
I would prefer a flat rate markup as opposed to the current ad valorem method. And an end to gouging. Example Apothic red Alta 8.99 to 11.99. 16.99 SLGA. Product is popular price goes up rediculasly.
Sask Gov't liquor stores have always met our needs.
I checked off that I strongly agree you should continue to make the same revenue. I just thought I would mention I am aware that it won't change because your not changing your wholesale prices.
I would much rather shop at a Government liquor store as opposed to a private liquor store. Private liquor stores no nothing about the product in which they are selling & they don't care about what age you are. Plus in a private liquor store it is so impersonable & you can never find anyone around to help you. I love shopping at Government liquor stores, everyone is so friendly & eager to help you find what you are looking for. They are very knowledgeable about their products & are quick to answer any of my questions I might have. Plus it is a bonus to see that they are checking people for their ID. That why you know that the younger generation are actually getting refused service if they are under age. Private liquor stores don't care about age, they care about the sale more.
I would love to see alcohol sold in grocery stores. I do support private liquor stores but and the convenience of more locations but do not want to see them on every street corner as was the mistake in Alberta
Reducing harms caused from alcohol is of paramount importance. Internalizing these social externalities should be the role of government. Limiting alcohol consumption as a social norm should also be a priority when deciding to change liquor legislation.
Gov. should have nothing to do with liquor retail in the province.

I don't support subsidizing overpaid unionized employees with my retail purchase of liquor.
I think if u make stores all private their will be more under-age kids getting alcohol plus I don't want our coffers going into corporate hands , think we should keep it public to pay for healthcare, roadways and education
The money that the government makes from alcohol sales should go the health, education and roads in the province. How is the money actually spent?
I think the investing in stores is not the same as investing in other things. choosing to operate stores requires a cost to doing business. I feel the govt has stripped the stores and the SLGA of its ability to grow and accommodate the dmands of the alcohol consumer. For example providing chilled beer, expanding stores when they need to be expanded, providing excellent staff education, and having the best locations for liquor stores in the province. I think maintaining a high standard for the business of alcohol retail is a priority, and having great stores is very important. I think the govt has failed the liquor retail in the province for years and has not kept up like it should have.
More convenient with more locations, longer operating hours, more refrigerated space, more efficiently operated. Co-op equity and cash back to owners.
Government involvement limits choice and increases cost. Government should regulate, not be involved in retail sales.
I support option # one. I think the current system works quite well...if it's not broken ..don't fix it! However, I agree with the current plan of any new stores should be private owned
If the government plans to privatize liquor sales, how do they plan to make up the lost revenue? Sask liquor stores need to be competitive with other stores. The only reason I would shop privately is because of better selection or better knowledge. It is important to me that liquor retailing remains through public liquor stores, rather than in the private sector.
If government run liquor stores can't produce a profit for general revenues, then the ceo needs to be replaced. I don't want to see money from the sale of liquor to go to private operators. Especially large, extra provincial businesses (Sobey's, Real Canadian liquor...)
It is hard to answer some of these questions as I have not had the oportunity to shop at any of the new private liquor stores in SK. My personal opinion is that government should follow the Alberta model with the exception of limiting the number of stores in an area. I lived in Alberta when they privatized and it became a gong show with 2-3 new liquor store opening up each block and none of them making any money!
Time to move government out of the liquor retailing business. It's a service that retail outlets need to handle. Alberta doesn't seem to have any issues with it. It's time saskatchewan joins the 21st century.
full private system including wholesale Govt set their tax rate for revenue
I do not think alcohol should be available in grocery stores. Most of them do not have enough security to prevent theft or on-site drinking of the alcohol, especially by minors.
Government run liquor sales has removed the possibility of fair competition. As such, selection is low while prices are high. I do not support high Union wages for entry level jobs. Inflated prices do not reflect a valuable service I strongly support privatized liquor. I am not in favor of government controlled liquor sales.
I was just in Lloydminster and visited a fully private liquor store. The owner and his beer "cooler " was not cold at all. He put profit over service. We don't need that here.
LBS workers in Sask require a similar skill set to that of a convenience store worker. If the govt was paying LBS workers comparably (minimum wage?) I would be in support of government stores continuing.
Make it so stores can purchase whatever liquor they want. Not just what the goverment stores can bring in. Make it a true retail operation.
Preferably #5 Expanded Government Retail System, but if that option is not possible than #1 Status Quo would be the alternative
I strongly suggest that the government retain its public liquor stores and the revenue that it receives from them. I feel that if the government were to give that up then the proceeds from those liquor sales would not stay in the province. private stores would take their money out of the province and or country and we would not have the benefits of using that money to health, roads, infrastructure, education etc. I think both the people of this province and the government would lose if we gave this up. I am also afraid that going totally private would do more social harm. The private sector would not care who they sold to or how old they may be, whereas I feel out public store are very diligent about these concerns and that makes our city and province a safer place to live for everyone. We need to keep a strong hand in liquor retail sales and not give this up completely.

If it ain't broke, don't try to fix it!
The government needs to get out of public liquor stores! They are costly with way over paid staff. The general service is terrible. Not a good thing for the tax paying residents of this province! Private stores are the way to go.
I have lived in other provinces that offer liquor sales in private stores and visit other countries that provide the same service without any significant issues. It's time to get with the times and stop playing big brother.
For me it's all about the over priced liquor being sold by overpaid government employees. I go to Alberta quite a few times a year and usually bring home enough beer wine and hard liquor back so I don't have to be price gouged here in Sask.
The Govt should move on and open new private liquor stores as needed. The Nanny State is Old Hat and the time is long since past when the Government should run everything. I do not drink hard liquor but enjoy beer and some wine and I like to try different beers. Although the selection is better now that in the past we still have a long way to go.
sell all government liquor outlets & follow alberta's example
My first choice would, be the Status Quo, option number one I see no reason to change for change sake. The prices would stay about the same , choice could be increased through the present system. If you take ideology out of it what other reason is there?
Money generated from government owned liquor stores could be redirected to health etc. without privatizing. Privatizing provides profit for a selected number of people, whereas, profits generated by government owned outlets is passed on to all Saskatchewan residents. If a crown corp or government owned business is generating income, it should stay that way in order for everyone in Saskatchewan to benefit instead of a few business owners.
Saskatchewan needs to privatize. Stop having overpaid and grumpy liquor stores and allow for a consumer market. Thus will also create more jobs.
Given the option of govt liquor store vs private, I would always choose private even if it ment travelling further.
Further emphasis should be put on keeping unpasteurized products such as craft beer refrigerated. Centralized distribution through the SLGA makes it very hard to ensure product quality/freshness.
SLGA should regulate and set mark-ups, not retail.
Privatizing liquor in Saskatchewan in my opinion is a horrible idea. It will put thousands of people out of good paying jobs, which in turn is good for the economy. People don't realize private liquor stores are no cheaper than government. If not more expensive. And that money goes towards the owners instead of back into our province. It also makes it easier for people who should not be buying alcohol ex. People who are intoxicated or underage to get it. Not to mention when BC started to privatize they lost a great deal of money for the province and stopped anymore privatization of liquor. We need to look at these facts and make them known to the general public so people can realize what a mistake this is.
Do not privatize liquor.
I am not sure why you would ask about investing in other government program in this survey. Does the operation of liquor board store produce a profit that helps pay for Hospitals? I believe you are asking this question to sway the survey results, as we all want max revenue to support our health care system. You should state how much of the revenue for store operation is put into investing into our hospitals and are you willing to give that to the private store owners.
I feel rural SK will not benefit at all from closure of government run liquor stores
Please allow further deregulation in order to empower private stores that have the interests of the consumer in mind when it comes to product selection and refrigeration.
I like the atmosphere, service and product selection the new Coop Liquor Store offers.
I think the government stores could expand to meet the public needs. With the new warehouse opening next year you could turn warehouse space into cold beer/wine. To compete with private you could offer price match and offer weekend sales. The systems do have existing capability to process this.
Do not like Alberta system - too many little stores with poor selection, service and layout. Better product variety needed for wines which I think could be accomplished without having to go with all private stores.
All stores should be private no government stores
Survey stinks..have done others much better designed.
one article I read boasted about increasing sales of liquor in Saskatchewan, is that something we really want? Alcohol is a major blight on society, ask any cop.

You need to drop your profit margin. It's too high, and makes it too expensive to enjoy something that should be easier to obtain. You are pushing people into a corner, and their only way out is to make their own alcohol. Anyone with a brain knows that's not a good thing. Also, i would like to see good mead's put up on the government run stores. Saskatchewan has some stores that sell it, but not enough, and the few types they carry taste terrible in comparison to what it "should" taste like. I personally would like to see the price of alcohol drop by 4\$ for all types. If you need to keep the profit's higher than this would allow, then just drop by 2\$ on the smaller bottles, with the larger drop being put on the bigger bottles. Most addicts problems stem from the price, and not the liquid. It's because they cannot afford to get the help they need that they keep drinking. I have seen it with too many people now to accept otherwise.
I've lived in B.C. and I think they have a good balance between private and public liquor stores. I feel it allows for more selection as retailers are looking for different products to sell. And with B.C. they don't have liquor stores everywhere like in Alberta.
It's the 21st Century. I cannot believe we are actually having this conversation; we are in a time where cost savings and efficiency should be top of mind. This makes total sense, and will allow government to spend money on things like healthcare and education. Next on the list is making it so that regulations on adult entertainment are changed.
Liquor prices are considerably less in many jurisdictions in the world where there is private ownership and lower prices, and my experience is that it has not translated into serious social issues.
Maintain the 20km non compete radius for rural franchises so they can stay in business
When times get tough in Saskatchewan again, and they will. Where will the government of the day go to generate revenue?? People will be leaving faster than they came, not because of alcohol sales but rather because Saskatchewan is for rent, very little pride of ownership for the new residents to be a part of. What next SaskTel,Power,Energy?
The prices need to be comparable to Alberta. The bulk of my liquor is purchased on trips to Alberta as the price is ridiculous in Sask. More sales at less profit still equates to same revenue.
Just join the 21st. Century. There is no reason for the Government to be so involved in retail liquor sales.
stop selling our money making businesses
I really could care less about whether or not we have liquor in our grocery stores. We do not need to make it more accessible to our children. If people want to drink bad enough they will travel where ever needed to get it anyway and pay whatever price. I drink but not enough to really care about it, can do without. Lets put our efforts into the health and safety of our people.
So happy to see that a full range of options are being considered in this consultation. I am 100 per cent for the Alberta-style, fully private liquor retailing system. Free market enterprise! :) Thank you to the Sk Party Government for conducting this survey and for wanting to modernize our current liquor retailing system. Great work!
I believe we have enough problems in this province with access to alcohol which is a bigger problem than drug addictions.....lets be proactive and have the government continue to regulate the hours and prices so that we can be part of the solution not the PROBLEM!!!!!! Privatization will only create more problems, but cutting each others prices and hours of operation will be at all times. I am NOT in favour at all of privatization, only because right now government has the power to regulate hours of operation and set prices. I would love to see alcohol taxed high just like cigarettes.....why are we not doing this already? What is our main goal? To keep people sick and down? Dependent? I say NO to privatization!!!!Here is a link to a very important article by the way.....I have no idea if this survey will even get shared with the "right" people but I am so about the thought of privatization when I see so many of our people addicted and down and out and living in poverty because alcohol is so accessible. I would like to see more prevention strategies being implemented in our province. I have heard lately that we will be part of an alcohol survey....I say why? what do we hope to achieve from the data collected? What is the long term plan for the data collected? We already know that we have a high number of people who use/drink alcohol in the north but what is the long term PLAN in collecting this data? Thank you
The existing regulatory structure of the SLGA provides less selection at a higher price when compared to other neighboring provinces. Additionally, archaic regulatory requirements imposed by the SLGA are hindering Saskatchewanians ability to responsibly experience new products. I am an adult. I can manage my alcohol consumption. I don't need the SLGA attempt to manage this for me by inflating prices and limiting availability. It is insulting that my government thinks it knows what is better for me than I do.
The government should opt for privatization of liquor stores same as Alberta, it not just will help in generating revenue, but will also open doors for more employment opportunities and entrepreneurs.
Please leave things the way they are. The current model works fine in our province. It provides good paying jobs that contribute to our economy in a positive way. Sale of liquor also puts money into education, roads, and other infrastructure. I do not want to see a bunch of liquor barns with people making min. wage like in Alberta!!!

I go to the states for winter holidays where you can buy everywhere and I drink no more than at home.
My largest issue with government run liquor retailing is disproportionately high wages for unionized employees. I don't necessarily mind the 'sin tax' applied to liquor - having said that, I purchase liquor in Alberta and the US whenever possible because SK prices are not competitive.
I like the thought of being able to purchase wine and beer at grocery stores.
I am quite satisfied with the current situation for liquor retailing in SK and see no need to waste energy, resources and money on something that is working fine as is, simply for ideological reasons. I find it to be a bit of a joke for the SK government to be purporting 5 options when they have stated quite clearly that they will not even consider some of them. This is not any form of true "consultation" to have one's mind made up and still ask the questions. Kind of a farce that most people can see right through.
I spend the winter in southern US. liquor is everywhere and they seem to have less DUI,s, drunks or problems with youth drinking than we do.
I believe the status quo should be maintained. It isn't hard to get alcohol. Anyone who wants to be able to get theirs even more easily here may have a problem.
We should consider moving to a flat government mark-up like Alberta. Also, we should emulate their distribution system. Liquor in Saskatchewan is over priced and selection is weak.
The first section of the survey makes little if any sense.
I agree with the Sk government involvement/regulation of liquor markets, however this can be done via legislation and continued involvement in the wholesale area. The retail level experience needs improvement in the areas of hours of operation, product selection, number of full service retail locations. I would prefer this expansion of the retail service experience to be private as this would entice a higher level of local competition and invite even better product selection, hours, locations, etc.
I truly believe that privatizing of liquor sales is a good thing for everyone
I find it disappointing that I have to go out of province to get a deal on liquor. I pay enough taxes on my gas & PST is it really necessary to tax liquor as heavily as it is? So I am very much in favor of the Alberta style Liquor franchises
Some of these questions can only be described as push-polling. To ask about whether the government should concentrate on health care implies that it can only do so if the government abandons its role in liquor sales. Since this is patently untrue, the poll, and (I believe) the government wishes to fool the poll-takers with a false cause argument. Polls should not lead the participant inescapably to the outcome preferred by the polling sponsors. While some questions were reasonable, MANY were impossible to answer without indicating support for privatization of Liquor in Saskatchewan. I do not support privatization of Liquor in the province, but I expect that my poll results will be interpreted to show my support. Variety can be increased in public stores. Service can be improved in public stores -- the private sector can have terrible service, so privatizing does not necessarily meet a desire for good service and knowledge. I find this poll troubling.
What I want to do is open up a craft beer store that can also sell growlers - refillable glass or aluminum containers - of local craft beer. In addition to this I would like to be able to have a small-medium sized beer brewing facility attached to the back end of the craft beer store where I could produce high quality craft ales (being fully health and safety certified) for sale at my craft beer store, other stores in SK (and out of province) as well as kegs of beer to local establishments. The current laws for some reason prevent this, but there is no reason that a business like this could not exist simply due to laws and zoning requirements. This is my dream, but the current laws are preventing it from even being considered...
I fully support the move to privatize liquor sales in SK. Saying that, I also believe the currently owned and operated gov't stores should go up for sale but a minimum reserve bid should be put on them and if it cannot be achieved the store should remain gov't owned and operated.
Great job on the push-poll! I bet that won't distort the results at all. That is sarcasm, by the way. This is a disgraceful survey. Next time, try an honest approach and create an objective survey.
Brad Wall needs to lower the price of Alcohol. Privatizing will not make prices cheaper like Alberta, the Sask Party has already said as much. So what do we gain ? If prices were like Alberta I wouldn't have to drive there twice a year . So if you

are going to make liquor private make it cheaper. Drunks are going to drinks regardless
want greater choice, more flexibility and more convenient outlets that private retailers can provide
I am adamantly opposed to privatization of ANY public service. Your poll questions are very leading and will not accurately reflect the real opinions of the public.
Leave everything the way it is.
If the liquor Board was open later and offered better selection I would never go anywhere else.
Ontario's LCBO is an excellent model of how a provincial government can sell alcohol at competitive prices and (more importantly) provide excellent selection. SLGA-run liquor stores aren't even close, so until the SLGA learns something from the LCBO, I fully support increased privatization in Saskatchewan.
Keep the government share the same to address the harms contributed to drinking. Keep government stores in cities only because it will be a political issues.
More selection would at government owned liquor stores would be nice.
This a commodity, it should be sold anywhere by any retailer to sober of age adults.
its very nice to pickup a bottle of wine with your steaks see superstore kiosk in other provinces. Convenience of picking up your lemons and clam with your vodka
Gov't should still have control but with retail outlets rather than Gov't stores.
I also buy in Alberta because of the better selection.
You conveniently have excluded a 6th option which makes more sense than the other 5 - If it is not a question of price, then why not just allow stocking existing stores with all the brands that private outlets now stock rather than restricting gov't stores so they can't compete fairly?
Loss of revenue to fund. Impact on people who have alcohol related problems that depend on government funded programs
Please move ahead and abolish SLGA. I hate the SLGA. The floor on liquor price is . So many reasons we should privatize liquor I can't list them all.
Currently SK operates a very good system of alcohol sales. It is however a good idea to introduce private stores along with government operated stores to create competition which improves efficiency. I support that the government continues to earn revenues from alcohol sales. I support setting a minimum price for alcohol to avoid the social harm of cheap liquor
I don't understand how investing in liquor stores to make a profit (as it does now) is not reinvesting in oneself. Selling the SLGA franchise for a one time shot would be a very poor decision financially and economically. The amount for profit from the SLGA to the general revenue fund is good. Please don't sell off something profitable that gets invested back into the community. It's been producing a profit year after year by contributing to the General Revenue Fund. No idea why you would change something that is doing well.
Agree with plan to not build any new liquor store buildings. Continue wholesale but get out of retail side.
Saskatchewan definitely needs better selection and variety at its liquor stores (whether they're private or public). The selection of higher-quality craft beer, liquor and fine wines, for example, is currently atrocious in comparison with many other provinces (B.C. for example) and States. Given the popularity of many craft breweries and distilleries throughout North America, I believe that there would be a substantial market for increased selection in Saskatchewan stores. And, quite frankly, I don't believe that private specialty beer, wine and liquor store provide much of a risk to "society" as is sometimes argued by SGLA (simply given the nature of the stock that a specialty store would retail in contrast to the current government stores - I'd imagine the opportunity to buy a 12-pack of Bud Light attracts more underage purchasers and/or people that might abuse alcohol than a great craft bourbon). Furthermore, if the argument is truly about supporting government jobs, maybe the government stores should try to be proactive in increasing their selection instead of relying on regulations that keep other retailers out of the game (it doesn't matter to me where the access to craft beer comes from - government stores or private).
The site failed to inform how privatization would benefit the province. Sobey's family is from the East. how could their profits possibly help Sask? I feel like Mr. Wall is selling us out to the rich. Shame.
Please bring growler filling stations to Saskatchewan private and public liquor stores
I disagree with the percentage that the government marks up alcohol and the liquor consumption tax here. It is ridiculously high.
I disagree with the union's take on the loss of profit, if anything there should be more profit as overhead should drop
the time has past for government controls on alcohol, lets start letting people fend for themselves

Government should be involved only in regulation of liquor, not sales. I should be able to buy beer in the grocery store like in the States. Restricting access has not prevented any more alcoholism here.
No
Invest government resources into schools, roads, elderly, health care not liquor stores.
Limited selling in grocery stores would be great for convenience, but the bulk of sales should occur through government-owned and -operated stores. I strongly support the application of demerit taxes to alcohol and cigarettes, even though I consume both.
While it might not be indicative of future retail stores, the selection available in the Co-op and Sobey's stores in Saskatoon is far better than that available at the PoS liquor stores. I have no strong affiliation to either type of store, but would like the opportunity to vote with my patronage what store I will shop at based on selection, price and convenience.
I think that if the privatization of liquor is working and has been working in Alberta why wouldn't it be done in Saskatchewan. People wonder why liquor is being bought in Alberta and then brought back to Saskatchewan, well when you can save money by doing so why wouldn't you
Selling of alcohol in government stores is a great source of revenue. Do not sell government owned stores but in fact, open more.
I strongly agree with the idea of gov't getting out of the liquor retailing business. I find the survey a bit misleading though when it talks about maintaining levels of revenue from liquor sales. I don't know if you mean levels of actual retail sales or taxation revenue.
For me, the benefit of a private liquor store is that private stores are more likely to take a risk on non-standard items, particularly if they have a selection of try anything once customers. Ingredients is about as close to this as I can think of. I would love for a store to have a bit more freedom to bring in a case or two of something without expecting one person to have that entire case. It would also be great if the regulations on what could be sold in this province were relaxed a little bit. Right now if I want to try a new rum, or beer I pretty much have to pick something up while travelling. This is a sharp contrast to the availability of experimental cuisine, where I can walk downtown to any one of a dozen unique restaurants and try something truly new. The idea of liquor and public safety is great, I don't want that to be lost, but right now there is less artisanal culture locally around alcohol than food, and since they can quite healthily go hand in hand I would like to see a little reform go into bringing this closer to equality.
I don't see how we can be expected to comment on preference for government or private retailers on the basis of samples, price, location or hours when there is only one private retailer available!
Absolutely dead AGAINST privatizing our liquor stores as I see NO benefit to us as residents. According to my understanding there will be a definite loss in profit to the province and the way I read it, even if the loss is ONLY 1% of the revenue of \$450,000,000.00 that will be a loss to the government of \$4,500,000.00 and the only way you will get that back is by raising taxes someplace Whether it be PST or Income tax or wherever BUT that loss will have to be picked up by the residents and tax payers of the province and as a long time resident of this great province I truly feel we already pay way too much in taxes!!! Naturally we would like more money used for our health care, education of our youth and fixing our roads BUT if that is not happening with the current profit we get from our government run liquor stores then for damn sure the government is not going to be able to improve any of them with a minimum loss of \$4,500,000.00 per year (which if exact calculations are used I would bet the loss per year will be way more than that!) I also am afraid that with the privatizing of liquor stores (even if you say now they will have to follow regulations i don't think they will always follow regulations because they will only look at their bottom line) so the RISK to public safety will increase! I am afraid some of the public believe the price of the alcohol will be lower but we both know that will not happen. If anything the costs will go up...if not in the immediate future for sure down the road cause that will be the private business mans profit (and face it, nobody is going to be in business to lose money) plus I would bet the wages for their employees will go down again to try to increase their profits. I really DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY OUR GOVERNMENT would even be considering privatizing the ONE corporate business that makes them a profit and helps pay the DEFICITS that the government incurs with their other corporate businesses they run (such as the Saskatchewan transportation Corporation...and the huge expense SaskPower has cost me as a resident in the faulty "smart meters" which is another big thorn in my side and another story at another time! One suggestion I would like to make is that INSTEAD of having your own stand alone liquor stores, why would you not sell the buildings and then lease them back OR lease locations in another spot that would even benefit the business next to the liquor store. This would reduce your expense in building maintenance and the landlord couldn't find a better tenant than the

government! This would be the perfect answer to reduce your expenses and keep the liquor stores as they are and their PROFITS even bigger!! Bottom line Please DO NOT PRIVATIZE
I've shopped at private retails in other provinces and much prefer Sask stores. Have heard complaints about staff and have never experienced this problem.
When speaking of government investing in liquor stores, I think it is prudent to do so in order to increase revenue for the government.
I like the idea of private liquor stores to bring in a larger selection of higher end product such as wine and craft beer. I feel that these items pose little additional risk to public safety. I also fully support and am excited about the new regulations making it easier to purchase BC wine in Saskatchewan. I believe products should be equally available throughout Canada if they are produced in Canada.
More than one of these questions seemed to indicate that investments in operating Liquor Board stores is depleting money that could be spent on other sectors when in fact it's these revenues from SLGA that go a long way in financing our hospitals, roads, and many other sectors. Misleading I think
We need a greater selection of craft beer. -I want the law to allow people to sell or retail beer and brew beer in the same establishment.
Essentially I agree that there should be a minimum price for social reasons, but when you can travel to the next province over and get significantly cheaper product, it feels like an unnecessarily high price. Also, being able to buy alcohol when I'm grocery shopping or down at the corner store would be a welcome change. Basically my problems are that cheaper and more convenient alcohol acquisition exists elsewhere in the country.
I would greatly appreciate having the same options open to me as I would have, for example, in Alberta. A) The taxation on alcohol in Saskatchewan is WAY too high - sure, it might limit those with less money from accessing an excess of alcohol, but for those of us who earn a modest wage and want to occasionally purchase alcohol, it would be WONDERFUL for it to not cost an arm and a leg! And honestly, those who want to drink alcohol have ways of achieving that 'drunk'/high state that are less expensive than purchasing alcohol directly - which prove to be LESS SAFE and likely cost more for our health system! b) Greater availability of items such as beer and wine in corner stores/grocery stores would put us at the same level as provinces such as Quebec. c) I am comfortable with the government continuing to regulate the types of alcohol allowed in the province but I do believe the tax level for alcohol in this province is ridiculously high, and prompts individuals such as myself, to want to import alcohol from other provinces (and even the United States -- EVEN after paying duty) whenever I travel.
Studies indicate that hours of availability and convenience impact alcohol related liver disease more than other factors. Reducing hours of availability and increasing distance to liquor outlets decrease alcohol related liver disease.
The government should invest in its crowns and government liquor stores if they want to increase revenue to put more money into Healthcare, education, affordable housing and what not. I am strongly opposed to this government selling off our province to benefit business and taking away from the taxpayers of this province.
Govt should continue to invest in liquor stores as required in urban areas to help increase revenue to further support education, health care, roads etc. According to the data presented, at 12 to 13% costs for Urban stores (top 20), Govt is losing 3.5% based on the 16% discount it gives private stores. 3.5% of the top 20 stores revenue is 8.5 million annually. The 12-13% costs include the head office costs which would not increase with more urban govt stores as population increases and needs arise. The costs to run these new stores would be even less than 12%, thus costing the govt even more money. The simple fact is that govt should continue to operate and build (lease) new govt stores because they make more revenue than if they are run by private business. They also create more higher paying jobs that can support families and pay the govt more income tax.
Liquor prices should be more in line with those of Alberta. I know that Gov't depends alot on the profit of liquor, but is it really necessary to pay tax upon tax upon the gov't profit. Maybe private retailers should have a larger profit margin to support their ability to carry more extensive product lines.
We have rural liquor sales in the grocery store for years. What's the problem for cities. Govt should wholesale only and probably make more money and less hassle
Gov't should not be in the business of selling alcohol. Staff within the gov't stores are paid way more than their basic retail jobs merit.
I would support Semi-Private

Private franchises should be able to compete directly with government stores. We don not need new government stores. If the government stores are losing money close them.
We have enough liquor stores now - we don't need private stores. You say you will invest money in Health Care, etc. - but will you? How can you have more money to invest if you keep the stores you have now without closing them and you will also lose revenue? What about the employee jobs? This all sounds like a losing proposition to me!
I live in Estevan and every time I travel to USA I Buy cheaper alcohol. And same with Alberta every time I'm there I buy cheaper. And I know a lot of people who do the same thing. So think about the lost income there from thousands of people doing that.
Adopt the Alberta model.
Why charge 10% consumption tax instead of 5% PST? Social harm is not my concern. Do away with the consumption tax. And don't forget to reassign McMorris immediately.
SLGA Store employees are far superior to the two new private liquor stores in Saskatoon when it comes to Product Knowledge, but far inferior to the work ethic and attitude that the private store employees have!
If it's not broken don't fix it
We currently have the worst selection of products of anywhere that I have visited. There are many people in this Province that would greatly appreciate changes that encouraged a wider selection of wine in sk
I find private retailers are al ways more pleasant!
As is many good jobs with decent pay otherwise probably min wage... Health concerns with more availability.No need to purchase alchohol at say a grocery store.. The profits as is is beneficial to Sk But you could modernize the existing way of marketing, put on specials or reductions in pricing. As is creates employment, with more jobs otherwise all one does is add a minimum of staff at low wages.. What is wrong with our system, do we have to follow others , like Ab , we are unique and what is wrong with that...
Keep it government!
Governments have no business selling alcohol.
Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback on this topic. Much appreciated.
Go the Alberta route
I believe government should solely concern itself with licensing and enforcement. All sales, wholesale and retail, should be in private hands. let the open market determine prices and ability of retails to operate or fail as the market decides. Wholesale should be open to all retailers. Government should get out of the way.
Before more private expansion, offsales s/b given slga discounts to be competitive with other private vendors.
I really love the variety of alcohol in private liquor stores. A much better selection than government liquor stores.
I support a mixed avenue of keeping the profitable government stores going but letting privatization happen with new businesses and liquor stores
I absolutely enjoy the new private stores and they should be encouraged. At this time, with our infrastructure deficit so high, the government should be focused on roads, schools, hospitals, etc; not building liquor stores. It should be easier for microbreweries, especially local breweries, like Nokomis, Bushwakker, Rebellion, etc to get product into liquor stores. They are an economic driver and we should be encouraging them and trying our best to move their product.
Stocking shelves and running product through the till does not require a high paying government job plus pension. It should be considered a retail job and be paid accordingly. Non union workers are able to ask for id and not sell to minors.
The mark up on higher end products is outrageous. I haven't bought scotch in the province for 2 years nor will I ever again until the taxation system is revised.

Privatization is pointless if the government still controls pricing, there's no benefit to the public.
Achieve government efficiencies. Too much red tape, and too many overpaid employees and executives.
You can buy beer and wine making kits in grocery stores at any age for a super cheap price, and there hasn't been any considerable amount of negative effects due to this, if you want to drink, you will find a way to drink. Government regulation won't reduce people in poverty consuming alcohol. Education, motivation and taking these people out of poverty is the solution.
Alcohol is too expensive in Saskatchewan. I know a lot of people that go outside of the province to purchase.
If you are going to change the liquor landscape then either #2: Expanded Private Retail or #5 Expanded Government Retail would be my preference. I would only like #5 if we adopted Manitoba's LC model as they seem to have pretty good handle on things, not like the tire fire that is Ontario's liquor situation. But honestly as a craft beer enthusiast, my main gripe is lack of choice and perceived slowness of new products being made available. To be fair it has gotten better in the last few years, and I understand most people are not me, but there is still much room for improvement. One thing is allowing the private stores to be able to go outside of the government channels when bring in new stock, which would allow for a greater variety. It would also allow them to bring in more seasonal products, which is fairly common in the craft beer industry. The government can still take its cut but allow the stores to experiment more with their product. Allowing greater interprovincial liquor trade would also help us sample the amazing liquor that is produced in our country. And finally to stop mandating what private stores have to sell. I highly doubt people go to Willow Park to buy Canadian and Budweiser, so why force them to sell it? It cuts down on their revenue because it they have to buy unwanted inventory.
I typically spend a about six months of the year working outside of Canada and find Saskatchewan liquor stores generally compare poorly with a lot of liquor stores outside of the country for their selection of wines and single malt whiskeys.
There are a few questions regarding the governments investments in Liquor retail, but all the informational material indicates that the retail industry makes far more money than it costs. The money used to invest in other priorities seems to come from Liquor sales and markup. As a government operation, I feel the government should be the one to provide to smaller rural communities as a service, even if they are not as profitable.
Instating price minimums to "prevent excess due to easy access" to alcohol, yet using this as a main revenue stream is unethical, and ineffective. Addicts will spend every dollar they have, regardless the price of the drug. I do not disagree with using revenue for gov't operations, but do not pretend that you're increasing minimum prices for the benefit of public safety - because it is not logical. Also, I do not care if a store is public or private, but for some reason the private stores seem to care more about the customer experience, and are more willingly competitive. Why is that?
without the money that liquor brings in, you won't be able to invest in roads, schools, and hospitals. when you give up the cow, you will have to buy the milk. the profits that you speak about will fall into greedy hands. sure you will still get tax revenue, but no profit.
I think that Alberta's private system has shown valuable promise in how to retail liquor--evidence being that government revenue from liquor sales increased from ~\$405M pre-privitization (1993) to \$729M in the 2012-2013 fiscal year--a 55% increase that was almost directly in-line with a 59% increase in volume of liquor sold. The question to be asked is: 'What would be the public cost to have this same increase in sales volume? Would more government-run stores cut into that revenue increase?'
Brad Wall's agenda is much deeper than this! Why fix what's not broken . The revenue generated from SLGA stores is incredible! What next are we privatizing our health care? Bye bye Wall!!
Government should only have a role in the regulation of alcohol, not in the merchandising or sale thereof. I remain embarrassed by Saskatchewan's reluctance to join the modern world in this regard.
Should remain publicly owned. Revenues from SLB go directly back into revenues for the province and those revenues support highways, healthcare, etc.
Please keep the government owned liquor stores and increase the services they offer. I don't want any private liquor stores.
In a province that is so pro "LEAN" why are is our government wanting to increase the amount of liquor stores and reduce the size of the hospitals and health care? Having more liquor stores will not increase the amount of sales. It will only disburse the sales throughout multiple stores.
Sell present stores to highest bidder just like you do with the off sale. Give protected area for the sale.
This is a democracy. Give the private sector the same rules and pricing and let the market decide which government owned stores should remain. Only the profitable ones should remain.
I am an offsale hotel licensee and my question is if they privatize will I be compensated for my loss of revenue and increase competition? When I purchased my business the offsale made up 90% of beer and liquor sales. That is what I was buying was

the exclusive right to sell in my area (outside of the Liquor Store). I think it's a fair question.
As a restaurant owner/operator I would like to purchase directly from private stores as well.
Yes privatization is the best way for the liquor industry I want to become a liquor store owner Do not give licences to big stores only like sobey we can run much better then them Thank you
I think the current system is fine. The government liquor stores do a good job - clean, safe, good selection, extended hours in the city and there is off-sale in smaller towns where the government liquor store hours are not open late or Sundays. Since the government is not changing the price structure on alcohol, even if there are private stores, consumers won't really benefit from lower prices. So in that case, consumers are paying about the same but we are eliminating good-paying jobs in favour of lower paying private store jobs. Also, based on my experiences in Alberta, some of the private liquor stores open until 2:00am really don't feel too safe, while I feel very safe in government liquor stores. Having government-regulated franchise and off-sales includes the private sector and has worked well up to this point - if it's not broke, don't fix it.
Keep public
I have never understood why the government was involved in retail or liquor sales and why oh why do we need unionized workers to sell me alcohol. They have never ever helped me make my alcohol selection.
I feel that allowing companies like Sobey's, Walmart, Safeway and Costco would be a positive step forward and provide some price competition similar to what exists for the sale of gasoline for example
changes need to be made to the distribution system to allow liquor produces sell directly to retailers
Competition is good for any business
It's time to get out of the liquor business. The Alberta model should be the preferred option. Serious consideration needs to be given to the expansive role of government in this province. Consider the expansion of small business, employment, greater convenience and lower prices to the consumer experienced in Alberta. The social good arguments used to justify Government involvement are weak and outdated. Consider the increased prevalence of alcoholism in our province relative to our western neighbour...
It is clear that the bulk of revenue is from the government acting as an alcohol wholesaler. I think it is time for the government to step back from front line retailing. The overhead of operating stores is nearly identical to the commission given to private stores and franchises. As a franchisee, I think the government does an excellent job of warehousing and distributing alcohol. I like the minimum pricing but would like to see some flexibility to use that to set sale prices. If the system were fully privatized, I would like the ability to go to a full line store to buy smaller quantities just like we do at the government run stores. As with nearly all franchisees, I would like the ability to carry the full line of domestic beers. This would be necessary to remain competitive in a fully privatized system.
Pricing is way too high. Too much government taxation on this product to get into retail then take more money in the form of LCT of 10% on retail pricing at restaurants. Hands way too deep in our pockets. I suspect overall revenue would increase if the overall pricing was lower due to increased purchases....less cross border shopping and some higher consumption.
All rural franchises in the province should be able to sell all beer. If hotels can sell bottles of spirits then franchises deserve the right to sell all kinds of beer.
Happy Saturday Brad! Go Raiders!
your wording in your options is very slanted, showing your preference to go private. I disagree on many levels. Also, I wish to note here that I did a price comparison 4 months ago in Alberta, and ALL products compared were more expensive in those private stores in Alberta...
Keep liquor government controlled lower prices and increase access.

I used to live in Alberta, and it was a million times better. Would love to buy beer at grocery stores like they do in the USA.
Putting a higher price on liquor to "create a no social harm" aspect to purchasing liquor and then allowing the privatization of more liquor stores or even putting liquor in grocery stores seems at cross purposes. By providing extra sources (you can call it competition, marketing or whatever), you are providing more choices/access to liquor. So you can add an extra \$2.00 a bottle for example and it won't matter, if someone wants booze they will get it. By having someone get it for them, or by going to the local grocery store, or by providing extra incentive for Break and enters to access alcohol in lesser controlled businesses. It seems if someone wants to obtain something of value to them, they will manipulate/steal/to do so. When visiting in the USA they show constantly on the news of attacks on private businesses that offer liquor for sale. Keeping liquor in the big store chains with separate buildings seems to be a good slow approach. Or the "Wine" or "Distillery" store fronts are good. A decreased adjustment in price would be nice on wines.
I think the government should continue to own and operate the liquor stores as they provide good jobs and a reliable revenue stream for the province to support other important services as well as exert some control over the availability of alcohol.
get gov't out of private industry!
What on earth makes the government think that they will save money for other uses if they privatize liquor stores? The truth is they will lose a huge source of revenue and have to increase liquor control policing. The tax shortfall will then fall on the shoulders of the taxpayers once again because of government pushing half-baked ideas based on personal agendas.
Building a new school has nothing to do about a new gov liquor board store being built. The liquor board does not get money from general revenue to build a new building. It is wrong to use that example to the general pulic
It is buying liquor, not a new car. Gov. is doing a good job for once leave it to them.
Staff at gov't stores are not friendly and don't offer advice on wine. Customer service needs to be improved. Stacking shelves seems to take priority over asking customers if they need help.
Personally I like the current system as it is with public stores and offsales at a higher price for convenience. Since the government is making money off new stores, I would simply add more public stores to growth areas. Continue with the small town ones as well. Public stores have the downside of less selection and less locations. However private stores have overall higher prices (as seen in Alberta where prices went up over 10% after privatization, however lower taxation led to lower sticker prices). So personally I am not in favour of privatization like Alberta due to the likely price increases.
Sell off the existing retail real estate and use the money for to reduce debt. Even if revenues drop, expenses will also drop, a zero sum game
I don't agree at all with privatizing any more Liquor Stores. There doesn't appear to be any benefit to the consumer and will result in lost revenue to the Gov't as well as the loss of decent paying jobs that will become minimum wage part time jobs. As far as selection the stores, public or private, will only carry what sells. Under the currant system the Gov't owned stores could carry more vareties if there is a demand for it.
Instead of continuing with antiquated policies and ideas, it is time for Saskatchewan to follow the lead of other provinces and make changes. SLGA believes high liquor prices and limited retailers help prevent harm from availability of cheap booze, yet Saskatchewan has the highest number of impaired driving fatalities in the country and among the highest numbers reporting "harm" from their drinking or someone else's. Obviously high liquor prices and restricted access aren't doing Saskatchewan any favours. If people are abusing alcohol, they will get it one way or another regardless of the price or how far they have to go to get it; and if cheap booze available on every street corner was the cause of or main factor in alcohol abuse, Saskatchewan would be at the bottom of these lists, not the top. We clearly have other factors causing the alcohol related problems in this province (and specific segments of the population that are primarily responsible for said problems), and the government should be focusing on those instead of being so concerned about keeping alcohol out of the hands of the population in general. Also, there is no reason for having such a limited selection. The number of types of liquor available in other provinces that we cannot get here is absurd.
Off-sales in R.M's should go by area not population!
Prices for beer and liquor are ridiculously high, I recently visited a relative in the USA and was able to buy 30 cans of beer for \$15. Reduce the tax on beer and liquor and give us a break.
I feel the private distillers and breweries should not have to go through the SGLA but be able to sell directly to the retailers. People drive out of province for the bargains, so we need to make it possible to compete here in Sask - keep our money @ home.
The biggest issues I have with liquor retailing in Saskatchewan is product selection and product pricing. Those two issues are

best rectified not through retailing but through modernizing the liquor supply management through your Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority. Saskatchewan people do not care too much about who vends liquor as there has always been a mixed retail system. Rather they enjoy going to the Great Canadian Liquor Store in Medicine Hat because they can buy the product they want for a good price. Therefore you should allow SLGA more flexibility or force more openness on the supply side to bring in new and innovative products people want in a timely manner and for a more competitive price. Then they will buy and you can keep the millions collected through liquor taxes and public vending. Related to this is allowing interprovincial transport of liquor. Frankly it is easier to transport liquor from a foreign country than it is to transport across provincial borders, especially on airplanes. You should get on fixing that issue, which is a simple policy change, and the SLGA modernization, also a simple policy change, and worry about playing with the retail sector later. Failing that, the only other option is to liberalize the entire system and allow liquor sales directly in any retail setting similar to most European countries. That is the most palatable choice for forgoing the money collected from public sales; to do otherwise is simply transferring profits from the public sector to a select few companies that have the economies of scale to maintain large scale stand-alone retail operations, similar to Alberta. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and good luck with your recommendations and eventual decisions.

Keep the status quo. Would much rather talk about something important actually. How about infrastructure deficit in our province. Education, Health, taking care of the old or infirm etc.

Let's keep a good thing going. Let's expand the liquor stores the government owns and keep that revenue for the people of Saskatchewan!!

I think the government should continue the current system. It seems like a good balanced approach that benefits the people of Saskatchewan.

I believe most people simply want a better selection of beer and wine and that the beer be cold. This is the experience one can find in most other Canadian provinces. If the stores remain public and revenues are still generated, all the better.

The cost of alcohol consumption is a public cost, both in health and law enforcement. Regulations, availability, and revenues are all important in mitigating this cost to society. Presently Saskatchewan's costs presented by alcohol consumption, per capita is much lower than Alberta's. We should maintain this public control.

I find some of the questions extraneous in that they are trying to lead the discussion.

I am all for going towards the managed transition to fully private retail.

The government should not give up the revenue or have someone else make money that we should be making and invest that back into the province. The stores should move into the 21st century. Open longer to accommodate shift workers. Sell cold beer. Basically do everything the private store will do to make more money

the people that work at the liquor store r raising all the stink they just want to there overpaid jobs face it the government dug a big hole leaving like this all these years

I'd like to see greater support/less red tape and regulation for local, craft breweries and distilleries in the province.

Growlers - I'd like to be able to get growler fills at retail stores, restaurants, pubs and grocery stores. BC and Alberta have a strong growler culture - they are recyclable and reusable, and beer from the tap tastes best fresh.

I'd also like to see support for local craft brewers in the form of reduced red tape and harmonized regulations for licenses. Breweries can sell at farmers' markets, but brew-pubs licencees cannot? Why not?

Locally brewed beer tastes better, it's why England went from a handful of breweries in the 70s, to more than a thousand today. B.C. has more than 80 breweries, but we only have a handful ... is that because we don't like beer as much as B.C. or is it because of aging legislation that is burdensome and discouraging for new competitors to enter the market?

Also, Direct Distribution.

I support the easing of restrictions on direct delivery by craft brewers to local retail stores (Willow Park, Co-Op, etc) - if SLGA doesn't have the storage capacity to store the product in coolers, we should let the craft brewers store it to their expectations to ensure freshness and quality.

It doesn't make sense that Saskatoon's Paddockwood has to ship all it's product to Regina, and then ship it back to Saskatoon, simply to get into retail stores. That is wasteful bureaucracy at its best. It compromises the quality, increases costs for Paddockwood and consumers.

I think the SLGA serves a purpose, but it seems apparent to me they feel their hands are tied by the current legislation to help local, small businesses thrive when it comes to craft brewing and distilling.

The law needs to be more flexible and offer latitude for businesses to experiment and adapt to best practices learned from other, more-liberalized marketplaces.

Thank you for your time. Thank you for reading.

Have a good day.
The SLGA lists and prices all products and brings them in through the government liquor warehouse then sells them only to private stores and CP's why not let the Public SLGA liquor stores carry them also?
I would like to see rules to help craft beer market and promoting local quality products in the beer, wine and liquor industry. I am fine with private liquor stores but beware of people expecting lower prices. Because having been to Alberta recently that is a farce in almost all of the stores.
I support the fully private retail system. I also support local, direct-distribution to retail stores by craft brewers! Craft breweries are up and coming and I think it is important to support these new businesses which is going to create something new for the people of Saskatchewan to be proud of and enjoy. Craft breweries are great for the tourism industry. Direct-distribution allows people to have fresh beer. Is there any other way?! Thanks for asking for our input!
I would like fresh beer, that is available via growler or other options.
Craft beer producers should be able to sell their products in liquor stores without all the red tape. Also, this issue is a non-issue that the government is throwing out there to detract from real economic and social issues. We're not that easy to fool!
If our present government gets a lot of feedback to change the current liquor retailing - then please change it! Otherwise we will all continue to make the trips to Alberta to continue buying their better choices of beer, wine, spirits. New breweries are opening- make the retailing profitable for them!!!!
1. Growler fills should be widely available. 2. There should be opportunity for bona-fide private liquor stores. If co-op wants to open a store like Stoon's in Regina, they should be encouraged to do so ASAP. 3. Current beer selection at SLGA is better than it was previously, but still totally inadequate. There is huge unmet demand for real beer (e.g. people run to Willow Park when Fat Tug from lighthouse brewing is available). 4. Import limits into SK from USA are wrong. There is a total limit based on volume, over which a person cannot import. No normal person will bring back that much spirits, but it is easy to hit the limit when bringing back wine or beer not available in SK (see comment above about products not available). An Alberta-like limit structure whereby allowed beer volume is higher than that for spirits should be implemented immediately.
More selection of beer products please! Go to Willow Park in south Calgary, or Kensington Wine market in downtown Calgary to see an example of what a beer selection should be!
Restrictions on product availability is often frustrating, specifically wine.
I travel out of province/country on occasion and I always grab a few bottles of beer and liquor from wherever I'm staying. I have noticed that the further away I am from Sask, the cheaper the alcohol is. Example: bottle of belvenie single malt scotch 40\$ in Hawaii. Same bottle same size here is around 85\$. As much as I would like cheaper alcohol prices I have come to realize that our purchases go towards public services. And that I like. I just don't want to see a large surplus where there could have been more savings for the customer. I am also into craft beer and I purchase a lot from slga liquor stores. The prices again are higher than other provinces/states. The selection is below par as well compared to other provinces. I know the craft beer culture is just blossoming here in Sask and slga has ramped up their selection but I would like to see them continuing a product that they previously had that stormed off the shelf. And maybe look at other provinces selections as well. We have good craft beer at slga but we are missing some craft beers that are popular in the world wide market. I don't see it necessary for a Saskatoon brewery to ship something to regina to have it sit in a warehouse only to get shipped back to Saskatoon for sale. I support local, direct distribution to retail stores from craft brewers. My survey was the best reflection of what I have written here. I appreciate the province taking the time to listen what we the taxpayers have to say.
Rural Saskatchewan will not benefit at all in privatization. There will not be an increase in private sector jobs just the loss of good paying jobs in rural Saskatchewan
Children should be allowed in brewpubs. My family just finished a road trip through the states and at every brewpub we went to, children were allowed. In some places children were allowed until 8 p.m.. Many places brewed root beer for the kids. This is very important for raising children who have a healthy respect for alcohol. They see people enjoying a beer for it's flavour, not to get drunk. Saskatchewan is definitely behind the times in it's laws regarding alcohol and I would hope that if this government is

serious about change , then it would consider allowing children in brewpubs so that the next generation can be raised as mature, respectful imbibers.
Private enterprise is ready to participate in liquor sales in Saskatchewan, and that's a good thing!
Most important thing that should come of any changes is having alcohol available at grocery stores - this convenience is more important than having off-sales. Do not want prices to increase in rural communities due to lack of competition if it goes private. Would like the increased selection in special locations/larger communities and ability to get new products in if requested.
Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion. Of the options being investigated by the provincial government, I think number 2 (an expanded private retail system) is preferable. The reason I say this is that private outlets can offer more interesting choices and thus allow the government-run stores to serve the more proletarian or mass-market demand. I am VERY pleased to see the increasing diversity of product appearing in the private stores (Co-op and Sobeys). It is my great pleasure to sample different beers, wines and spirits from all over the world and my belief that greater variety of product is therefore a very worthy pursuit. In particular I would like to see more imported beers being made available. I am also extremely pleased to see that more 'craft' beers are on sale, not only because it gives me the opportunity to support smaller local or regional breweries, but because the 'craft' ales and lagers are of considerably better quality than those produced by major, mass-market breweries. Thank you again for seeking peoples' opinions on this important matter. Please feel free to contact me if you'd like to ask me any further questions With kind regards,
There are many excellent Canadian breweries that struggle to find broad distribution in this country, while there is universal availability of questionable international varieties. This makes no sense. Canadians should have much greater choice of Canadian beers and ales, and let the people decide.
I think that in rural towns and villages that are currently serviced by a local vendor that there should be protection for that current vendor because otherwise those vendors will be forced out of the business in some cases if they have to compete against the Co-Op stores in those communities.
I understand and accept that government may have to tax liquor sales, but I do not understand or accept why government would have to be involved in the sale of liquor. The current laws on this issue in Saskatchewan are from a bygone era, and do not have a place in our great, progressive province.
More selection and ease of access to variety of craft beer. Also more of a focus on keeping beers fresh. There is a movement that is happening. You FILL the stores with wine choices, why not do the same with beer. Cash in on things that are happening. There is a reason you can't keep good micro/craft beer on the shelves.
collect tax cut overhead
I care about selection. There is a huge world of craft beer out there from many small breweries, and SLGA practices currently make it far more difficult than it should be for SK companies to be part of that, and far more difficult than it should be for me to get just a couple of bottles of something I have never tried. I care about freshness, and proper handling (store hoppy beers cold, the flavour can change dramatically in a week or two at room temperature!). None of this currently happens with SLGA's current supply chain practices. I appreciate the SLGA stores, for pretty much anything but beer. They are clean and well stocked, the staff are great, and they are efficient. Some competition is good for them though - I have noticed many of the things I have wanted them to carry for years show up the shelves a at the SLGA very shortly after Willow Park started selling it for example. On the other hand, having spent time in Quebec, I was very appreciative of being able to buy beer at the grocery store - I could decide on a meal to make, then easily choose a wine to pair it with. I could walk to the store if we decided we wanted a few more beer, rather than trying to find a ride to the closest off-sale. Let's be up front in this whole process though. Until the government (regardless of party) beats it's addiction to "sin taxes" on alcohol, and changes it's supply chain monopoly to allow more flexibility in small batch, limited distribution products, there will not be any meaningful change, regardless of who runs the actual retail storefront.
I purchased a bottle of Talisker 10 Year and Lagavulin 16 in Medicine Hat, for less money than a single bottle of Lagavulin in Regina. Markup is astronomical. Perhaps if there was greater selection, and Saskatchewan was selling beer while it was fresh, more people would want to explore and try new things (thus spending more money). I support local, direct-distribution to retail stores by craft brewers.
I think that locally owned store-owners have a great advantage in dealing with their customers, because they are familiar with

the community, their tastes, and possible potential problem customers.
If Saskatchewan privatizes, please do not limit the amount of store licenses. That would result in supply management problems like with taxi licenses that only serve the owner, not the public. As well, liquor in groceries would limit the amount of marginal liquor stores. Alberta has too many marginal stores that would never survive is liquor was available in grocery stores, like in Montana.
The limitations implemented by the government only made liquor more of a luxury compared to a way of life like our counterpart countries in the UK and elsewhere.
Need to Limit ability of " to corner the market on liquor sales.
Keep it status quo with some changes like let franchises sell cold beer, and make the same profit as the private stores. Government should still control liquor sales.
I would vote for a Managed transition to a fully private retail system.
The government should allocate revenues from liquor sales entirely towards harm reduction from the negative effects of alcohol (e.g. increased brief detox units, increased long term programs for alcoholics, etc) and avoid the conflict of interest that arises when the government runs retail establishments which sell alcohol to these addicts.
I believe the government should expand on what we already have. The higher paying jobs from the employees that are employed at the government stores pays back in taxes to the province plus these employees have more purchasing power with the higher wages. Higher wages mean fewer people making trips to the food banks.
Drunk driving and date rape among other things are big problems. More availability of alcohol will make social problems worse.
none
Do not privatize!
Craft distillers and brewers marketing their products at farmers markets etc
The Saskatchewan government needs to continue focusing on public corporations like public liquor stores. The Crown Corporations allow Saskatchewan residents to spend money in their province and in turn, that money is used to provide reassurance for all residents through public healthcare, education, highway safety, government jobs, pensions, etc. If the public spends money to consume alcohol then the public should reap the benefits. Alcohol use puts a strain on our health care system so it only makes sense that Saskatchewan keeps liquor stores public. The revenue from public liquor stores is beneficial to hospitals and clinics that support the public entering health care facilities with alcohol related illnesses. Having private liquor stores would increase the cost of healthcare, thus putting a strain on the Saskatchewan residents that work hard to support their families and their province. There would be fewer government jobs/opportunities and drastically less revenue to support the ever growing costs of highway maintenance, health care facilities and health care jobs, the education of our future leaders, and so much more.
1) Without any form of rebate on wine or spirits, how can off-sales compete with licensees or private stores? 2) How will the closure, reduction or retrenchment of government stores help reduce pricing for the average customer? 3) Off-sales discounts are determined by volume sold. Greater volume equals poorer discount. Again how does this create equal playing field and competitive pricing for the consumer or business? 4) How does the ad valorem mark-up help the end consumer and promote responsible consumption?
The sale and consumption of alcohol is different than other consumable products/services, due to the strong correlation between the negative health and social impacts that are associated with both its sale, consumption and abuse. These additional health and social costs must be included in any discussion on liberalizing the sale and availability of alcohol, much the same way society's approach the sale of other controlled substances such as cigarettes, or other services such as gambling. It would seem absurd if politicians, swayed by the will of a small group of the voting public, were spending time and resources trying to convince the public that they should be allowed to liberalize the sale of tobacco, make tobacco more readily available or compete against other provinces for the cheapest price for tobacco products. Why then are they doing this same thing for the sale of alcohol? Maintain the current system, use the LEAN management system to find efficiencies where possible that reduce overhead and improve efficiencies that can result in competitive pricing and better selection while maintaining good paying jobs for SK residents and that keeps proceeds of sales here in SK instead of sending them out of province.
I believe that the liquor stores should stay as it is. There are enough crimes, petty thefts, etc related to alcohol. By increasing the availability of the alcohol, it can increase the chance of all those.

I think the money should stay in Saskatchewan.
we have a pretty good mix of off sale, liquor stores, and specialty now. the need for ultra convenience like 7-11 is a sure social disaster, for drinking and driving. Saskatchewan already has the highest drinking problem in Canada.
The government should stop privatizing!
Keep the government operated stores.. it adds to provincial dollars
Government controls on alcohol has historically had the opposite effect than what is originally intended. As an example, minimum price controls to prevent social problems associated with sale of cheap alcohol only drive people to other substance abuses. The substance abuse (regardless of what it is) is escapism of a deeper underlying issue. Prices do not change this.
BC tried to privatize liquor and it cost them an election promise, Alberta is not working for consumers, and costing private retailers hardship. keep Sask as it is, 2 privates stores in Saskatoon will give the people that feel they need it the option. prices are not cheaper in private stores anyway.
We my taxes keep rising and not keeping up with pay. Don't take away another source of public revenue for when time get tougher.
There is very limited option on gov't priced domestic beer in rural sask. Why are we being ripped off based on where we live?
Keep the Gov't stores we have....and fix them when needed. They generate revenue you can use to build roads and schools. If new stores are needed go private if need be! If u sell them off and spend the money it IS GONE and we have nothing left for future use! Once you sell the farm you have no more revenue from it! Its that simple!
I strongly feel that the way the province regulates and runs liquor sales right now meets the needs of our residents and balances them with the damage that alcohol can do.
I like the way liquor is being retailed at the present and see no need for it to be privatized.
Price competitiveness and product availability are key. Liquor prices in our province are higher than other provinces due to the amount of taxation. Privatizing won't necessarily fix the price competitiveness - but ensuring that SLGA is (highly) efficiently run such that it can manage pricing (ie. small reduction in taxation would be appreciated ... that will prevent liquor sales going to Alberta!!!).
I believe a balanced system works best in Saskatchewan as we do not have a very large population base and rely on the profit of the sale of liquor for our services and I believe if we put it in private hands we will have to give up some of that revenue so that the (few)private sector can make more money. I feel for all the Gov. employees who have a decent paying job and can better support thier families and actually pay taxes.We already have less than half of our entire population in Saskatchewan paying taxes.
Saskatchewan is not communist Russia. Privatize liquor comrade.
I would like to purchase my alcohol at my grocery store, swipe my card once. Whatever role SLGA continues to play they must ensure there are abundant product selection options and availability for consumers. SLGA should work with the industry to find the best solutions going forward.
Yes, more thoughts than can fit in this box. Listen to the micros and people that have passion for the beverages you are bringing in. This will help everyone, both economically, and socially. Cheers
Why do I keep hearing about the "Alberta model", there is nothing wrong with us as a provinnce having our own distinct way of doing things.
The biggest issue is really price. It is ridiculous to have such high prices here. Alberta, Manitoba and the states are all way cheaper and they don't seem to have issues with enabling alcoholism. Those who can afford it will always buy it. In fact, you may even see more tax income in the long run with lower prices as people would buy more.
I think we should be able to buy liquor at places like costco and grocery stores like they do in Alberta..The gov't can spend their money in other places..This is 2014 lets get with the times..
I don't see the need for private liquor stores other than in small communities. If the government wants more selection, lower prices, or open more hours, then make the changes. The government controls the alcohol.
Do not expand privatization. The sale of liquor is best left regulated by government stores and the revenue kept in the

government hands. I like to go to the nearest outlet and know that I am paying the same price as everyone else and the profits are kept here in the province.
Great thing about private owned you get the unionized government workers out of the picture.Damn embarrassing about the wages these people make compared to the other retail outlet workers
I would like to see Expanded Government Retail System.
I would like to see beer and wine in grocery stores. Also lower prices to be more competitive with Alberta.
Prefer Alberta way, always go to private liquor stores when there, Sask prices don't come close to theirs majority of the time. Nice to see sales.
I feel product the product knowledge SLGA employees has is second to none and important to me when I make a purchasing decision. One thing that bothers me about private stores is the safety and security of employees. Are there any plans to ensure staff safety ie: cameras ? Thank you
There seems to be an insinuation behind this survey that maintaining the current system of government liquor stores automatically means we will have less funds to "invest" in other critical social programs in our province. I believe we have done BOTH in the past and that we can certainly continue to do both in the future. There is money to be made from the sale of liquor. Those profits should go into government coffers to benefit all Saskatchewan citizens and especially those who most need help.
Product selection is most important to me. SLGA stores have increased their product line but still behind other jurisdictions. Less regulation for emerging Sask brewers would be nice, such as growler fills, or ability to bypass warehousing restrictions.
The Government needs to maintain the same or stronger controls on facilities or sales persons that promote and sell alcohol to minors. Inspection is too minimal and the regulations to full of interpretation. Inspectors should be more equipt and prepared to work with owners but also to come down on them for being in violation
If having the government run retail sales were such a good idea, why don't we abolish all stores and we can have one giant State Mart where all our retail experiences can be decided by the government? The Soviet Union failed for a reason, not least of which was a closed economic system that could not provide for the needs and desires of its people. The creation of State Marts and the entire abolition of the private marketplace is obviously a silly idea, and it is intended to be so because it throws into starker relief the absurdity of having the government control the retail environment for liquor. Ultimately, the profits and money derived from public liquor sales are not free money for the government that falls out of the sky, but rather, is money that comes from the pocket of consumers. This is simply a system that builds a tax, onto a tax, onto a tax. Please abolish it.
The government should be building & maintaining schools, hospitals, roads & bridges, not liquor stores.
I would ultimately like to see an American system with respect to alcohol sales in which it is fully private and there are few restrictions on where and when alcohol is sold. I don't think it is necessary to sell alcohol in stand alone stores. I would also like to see a more competitive price structure.
As a restaurant owner, I would strongly suggest that whoever is doing the wine purchasing lose their job. Our selection is disgusting and clearly being purchased by an someone who has little to no knowledge of wine. As well, the delisting of wines come with no warning, the employees within the government stores know less than the purchaser and overall this makes for a very frustrating experience as an owner who is trying to build a clientèle and an excellent and award winning wine list. It also increases the temptation to purchase liquor from outside of the province as both Alberta and Montana have excellent selection. The bonus with private stores is that our reps are able to service us better, the selection increases and we are able to offer a better variety to meet our own personal needs instead of being told this is what is available. This applies to hard alcohol and beer as well, but on a smaller scale.
I wasn't aware of any groundswell to privatize Saskatchewan liquor stores. I suspect the musings of Brad Wall are the result of ideology and pressure from the Saskatchewan Party's friends in the Chamber of Commerce and the CFIB. The control and profits of the SLGA are much better left in the hands of all the people of Saskatchewan rather than a few entrepreneurs. As the old saying goes, "if it aint broke, don't fix it".
It is better for the government to make 100% profit from Crown stores than only the sales tax of private stores. That way we have more money to spend on other things.
I support gov. liquor stores. The staff make a decent wage and have a plan for retirement. I can't help but feel in a private setting the staff might as well work at walmart because that is how their employer will compensate them...and forget about saving for the future. It's hard enough to survive at min. Wage or slightly more, saving is unlikely. I also disagree with the pricing model as a deterrent to abuse. I think we should have a penalty where you have no other option but to forfeit your time and do some community service...if you don't want to be seen on the chain gang picking needles on the

riverbank then don't provide liquor to a minor! Etc. And for what it is worth today's youth, or anyone, but youth are choosing and have easier and cheaper access to drugs than they do to alcohol. Good luck to you.
I think the present management should explore ways to increase service under government ownership or get new people that will.
These stores pay their way & bring millions into the provincial government. Way change something that isn't broken. Cabinet needs to watch the following documentaries : "Inside Job" & "Inequality for All" . Don't reduce the operations of the liquor stores in any way.
a few of my friends work at a liquor store and one of my friends own's it
Having shopped at both the Sobeys and Co-op liquor stores I honestly believe that retail companies are better suited to manage the retail side of liquor sales. I know that people are concerned about jobs and such but my under standing from people I know who work retail is that grocery stores actually pay quite well. I definitely prefer standalone stores to availability in grocery stores (as a parent I do not bring my small children into liquor stores and would prefer to not have them exposed to alcohol in stores until they are if legal age).
The last thing we need to see is more of the second rate vendors that are already in many small towns.
For me, the highest priority is increasing consumer selection/options by decreasing/removing limitations on products allowed to be sold in the province.
Since when does a government poll the public to do it's job?! I know of nobody who has lobbied the Government to throw millions of dollars in profit to the private sector outside of the private sector itself. To throw the profits and controls of liquor sales to some private individuals is irresponsible and certainly not good Government practice. MR. WALL STOP PATRONIZING YOUR FRIENDS. My daughter lives in Alberta and shortly after Alberta privatized it's liquor stores someone somehow accessed her credit card and ordered over \$7,000.00 of liquor from a PRIVATE liquor store. Fortunately the Bank covered this and then tried to recover their money from the liquor store!!
I think that the Gov't run stores and current offsale outlets are meeting the needs of the people of Sask. I think that the Gov't run stores can easily bring in more variety. I only consure beer, so I am finding more selection so I am content.
Leave as is. If we get rid of Gov Stores that same revenue will decline as it did in the other provinces. The gov officials need to read the economic reports written before being so hasteful. Quit lying to the public. The revenue put to the provincial coffers comes from the sales of liquor. This all goes to education, roads, health care. This province is getting very expensive with utilities and taxes. Where do you think the money will come from? Make the private guy wealthy and the common person poorer?? Think twice before being so blind. Liquor is a choice not a neccesity of life. Keep the money in the province!! just was in Alberta prices were not less did not buy there. Pay more at the till not the shelf price!
I like the Alberta model in terms of price, selection, hours, accessibility, etc. Keep the wholesale and fund addictions/abuse related programs as well as health, infrastructure and other priorities.
I am quite pleased with the service I get at gov't stores. I see no need for more privatization or even the private full service stores in major urban locations. If a government can't focus on other priorities while running retail liquor stores, then perhaps we need a better government.
KEEP as is, it is working quite fine for years and the revenue generated if privatized will fall
Do not follow Alberta's example it is a hodge podge of stores that have different prices from store to store for same product. Alberta had a loss in revenue to help privateers survive. The feedback from Albertans who stop in our local Gov. store is generally quite positive. A few oil workers are complainers about price so are obviously generic drinkers as quality liquor is generally as cheap or better priced than Alberta. Do not understand why are Gov. store is hamstringed by not having access to same liquor available as private stores? Also our local Gov. store has not been able to get extra opening hours to accommodate patrons not able to access store after six pm I thought Saskatchewan was supposed to be open for business heaven forbid we might have to hire extra people that pay taxes and support our local community.
As a European immigrant(1980) I could not/cannot understand that governments have to be in the liquor business. In Holland, I used to buy beer from the grocery store and there was less alcohol abuse than here. Thanks
I'm not sure why we have such a nanny-state mentality when it comes to alcohol in this province. Tax it moderately and let any business sell it at any time of day to any person of legal age.

In case it is not clear from my answers to the questions in the survey, I do not think the government should be running any liquor stores - they should all be privatized much like Alberta. There are much more important ways for government money to be spent than paying ridiculously high wages to unskilled and uneducated people working in Sask Liquor Stores. It is time to give the liquor retailing opportunities to private corporations and individuals who know how to run a profitable business.
The main thing I disdain about the GOVT liquor stores is the way over market wages paid to employees and management of these stores. Also, the ridiculous salaries paid to administer the entire SLGA.
The amount of provincial revenue loss must be fairly large already as our family and a lot that I know will buy most of their liquor in Alberta stores. So the question about maintaining revenue was a difficult one to answer.
As a rural resident in the province I have to live with the monopoly of an off sale outlet who can provide the service and product they choose without the fear of competition.
I think the government should keep the status quo with the liquor distribution and sales. I am also disappointed with the current government and its appetite for privatization of the liquor stores and my family nor I will be voting for them in the next election.
My experience is once private retailing is implemented, there will be more jobs at less cost & Government revenue will probably increase.
I think that it should remain as it is. The government is currently losing revenue in the gas and oil sector, so liquor is helping minimize that loss. If more store are needed, they could most certainly be private or franchise. Off-sale I don't think is required. People have enough options to purchase by 10pm.
I disagree with government involvement in wholesale, as well as retail liquor sales. The only role should be to set the tax rate.
I believe that existing gov't owned stores should remain in place. New stores due to expanding population can be private. I do not believe that privatization will lead to lower pricing at all. There is a measure of respect for the industry because of the government ownership.
I believe liquor stores should be privately owned and staffed by non-government employees.
I am for liquor retailing in Saskatchewan, however, the loss of jobs is my biggest concern, and the impact of it might have on our young people in accessing liquor more easily. eg: (alcoholism, and domestic violence, DWI, death in accidents related to alcohol).I don't think liquor should be sold in grocery stores, as it may have an impact on sales from other distributors....keep food in grocery stores, and liquor in liquor outlets.
I live in Medicine Hat part time so I am very familiar with the Alberta system. I have watched it evolve in to a system of retail stores with very good selection and customer service. The pricing is also competitive with sales and special pricing that we sure don't see here. I don't see any loss of revenue for the Government as the cost of running the stores seems to be similar to the discount to private retailers. I see a benefit to smaller communities from the possible retail revenue as well.
After answering the survey, I feel it's important to further explain myself. I mainly drink craft beers and i find private retailers offer greater variety and selection than government stores. I was, and am, very pleased to see several private liquor stores opening in Saskatoon. I also travel a lot and purchase beer in many different Canadian cities. I can tell you that I cringe at the price we pay for alcohol in Saskatchewan, which is why I'm almost completely against government owned/controlled liquor. I'd support moving to a complete privatization of liquor in this province to curb retail costs, create competition, and offer greater value and selection.
As an immigrant from New Zealand. I see no benefit to your current system. It clearly does not prevent or limit alcoholism. Opening up the sale of liquor/beer/wine would be a positive move. I was used to being able to buy beer/wine at a grocery store and see no reason why that should not continue. I do support minimum prices on products to ensure that grocery stores do not use alcoholic products as a loss leader to get people in the store.
The distribution has to be streamlined. The fact that all product has to go through the single logistics point in Regina, means products produced to be consumed as fresh as possible are stored and transported unrefrigerated (A huge issue as far as 'skunking' beer.) - Allowing pubs to provide growler fills at a reasonable price, for off-site consumption of course.
Prices are way too high and the product coming in needs to be more broad.
I support the Managed Transition to Fully Private Retail
alberta has private liquor outlets and it is a mess.....and more expensive
I have friends who experience privatizing liquor sales in Washington State. The result was that small businesses lost out to

Walmart & Costco, prices went up not down and selection went down. They see the Washington consumer and taxpayer as the big losers in this change.
The profits from liquor sales can help fund road maintenance, and help the SK government fund social assistance and other needed services. I see no reason to give away the profits that come from liquor sales.
No
Current off-sale outlets should have priority status in considering location of private stores.
I have talked to young people in Alberta working at these small liquor stores. They usually have a 2nd job to be able to afford to live as the pay is so low at the liquor stores. I believe we should keep the 750 gov't employees working instead of sending them off to lower paying jobs. They are tax payers contributing to our economy. Lower paying jobs mean they will pay less taxes and that would be a step backwards for the province.
Keep gov't run liquor stores. The cost of alcohol addictions in this province is too high. Look at the cost of alcohol related auto accidents, deaths, health care (physical & mental), loss of family loss of jobs due to addictions! The bigger picture is not even in this equation. Why look at it that you have to sell MORE MORE MORE! The social impact of alcohol is too high in this province to make booze more accesable on every street corner. Anyone who is for private liquor outlets, has to be OK with a liquor store opening in their neighbourhood, or across the street from their home. Once they experience a weekend with the liquor store as their neighbour they will change their mind. Drunks & noise all day & night long! People yelling & urinating in their bushes, their kids trying to make it safely in their door at night> Come on really?
The sale of alcohol in grocery stores and such in other countries has little effect on problems associated with alcohol.
I would like to see more locations, more choice, and a real sale once in a while.
Reduce prices. Improve selection - particularly Scotch's. Foster competitive, private stores and let consumers decide fate of stores.
Do not privatize.
I am in favour of maintaining the status quo. When mixed system of public and private liquor retailing is in place and the private sector would continue to retail alcohol through a small number of private stores.
The way the government is handling liquor now is very appropriate. I live in a town where a SLGA retail location was recently closed. The liquor franchise that took over is more than a suitable replacement. The selection is the same or better than the old SLGA store, and anything special order I want they will bring in, unlike the old SLGA store. The franchise system makes sense for smaller rural communities like mine. I would like to see continued closures of SLGA retail stores that do not meet targets and the replacement of those with liquor franchises
I think it is about time we privatize. Living out of province for many years and then returning I think it is ridiculous the prices we pay for liquor, the store hours of operations, the locations of the government liquor stores and above all the lack of knowledge the employees have about their product. I have heard people asking workers if they can recommend a wine and the response being "How should I know, I don't drink wine!", Or, no I don't know. I don't expect all workers to drink but I think if more stores were privatize this would change this "monopoly" that I feel is a joke!
Currently, there is not enough choice, particularly when it comes to beers and vodka selections. Private ownership should result in more variety of product, in addition to other advantages.
As the popularity of craft beer, wine and spirits grows substantially, The province suffers form a cultural deficit in its inability to provide a large selection of artisan products at a reasonable price.
I like the options that the private stores in Alberta have to offer. Not the chains like Liquor Depot, Costco, Loblaws, etc but places like Sherbrooke Liquor store (850 kinds of beer), deVine Wines and Spirits or Chateau Louis (Scotch) in Edmonton. More selection (specialties) at competitive prices are an important part of making this work.
Government would increase its profits and decrease its costs by eliminating its own stores. Allow Hotels etc. to retail, consumers would be serviced better both personal and open hours.
Keep government wholesale but increase amount of choices of different products. Remember gov't workers don't ensure age laws are followed, use existing laws about ID requirements. Don't let the unions decide how OUR province is run
Every jurisdiction I have visited with private liquor stores have been a dichotomy of confusion and a disaster for the consumer. Costs are not reduced and well paying jobs are lost.
No more private store, I would like to see more services from the SLGA. Ontario is a good example of government run specialty

stores. Why would I want to spend money at a private store when I can spend my money at a store I own (SLGA).
Get rid of all government liquor stores and go to private grocery and retail stores for liquor sales including gas stations etc.
The government should maintain the public model of liquor sales without the shift to private stores. We receive a large amount of revenue from liquor stores, and have a degree of control over alcohol (as a social ill) that we would not have with a private model. The revenue will need to come from somewhere else, or services provided by the revenue will be decreased. Stop privatizing things for the sake of privatizing things, and focus on some of the actual issues in this province.
promote private stores. get government out of liquor business. Gov'n't should regulate and oversee, not try to run businesses.
While there is evidence to suggest that raising liquor prices will deter people from buying alcohol, it will not stop abusers from getting their fix. Stop using a scapegoat to raise prices. Competition drives commodity, and SK lacks competition. Give us choice, don't chokehold prices and selection. It's embarssing when it costs less to go to AB to buy a product made here. Also, liquor has nothing to do with social reform, so why is it helping subsidize it? That is what taxes are for.
I very much like that money from liquor and gaming is funnelled back into our province, I have teens and def. do not want liquor available in grocery stores and widely available. It looks seedy, and drunks will be everywhere. Not safe.
get out of the business, we pay enough taxes in this province, we don't need extra tax on liquor too. I don't need to vista a store and have the people serving me making \$30/hr, this is absurd.
A full privatization system should be used as a means to facilitate competition among retailers to create great customer experiences and act as an incentive to innovate current retail practices.
This survey is a typical government why not just get to the point public or private? why would this be tied into health care it makes the whole issue cloudy.
Maintain the current number of government stores but allow Sobeys to operate stores. NO small private stores!
I visited both the co-op liquor store in Saskatoon as well as the new Sobeys liquor store. The staff are not even close to as educated and knowledgable on the liquor (wines etc) as the staff at the SLGA locations in Saskatoon. I fully support the government run liquor stores and will continue to purchase my liquor from SLGA as well as voice my opinion to my friends and family. Better service is ALWAYS more important than the price of the product!
More liquor profit will be lost to the people of Sask. if it goes private.
get government out of running businesses. privatize liquor sales, sooner the better.
Make the prices of Government run Liquor Stores slightly more competitive with private ones. A suggestion would be to have more substantial sale prices than just a dollar or 2 off the original price. To be perfectly honest, my priority would be to the staff of current Liquor Stores. The decreased wages and benefits of privately run stores is bad for the economy. I would rather see many prosper rather than just one individual owner(s) of a store, even if that means I have to pay slightly more for alcohol.
I prefer I liquor retail system the allow for change but that will not disrupt our current system. A system which has proven to be a mix of profitable private and public stores!
What we have seems to be working. In terms of the government being able to "reinvest in other areas" if they don't run liquor stores, it would seem to me that, given that liquor stores are profitable ventures, divesting from them would result in a net loss to revenues.
I think more beer options, especially with so many micro breweries out there. Steam Whistle has been around for awhile yet have to go to Alberta to get it.
Go totally private.
Money gets put back into government funding via taxation, regardless if it is a government agency. Allowing for privatized stores can increased jobs, as well as small business revenue. Liquor regulations are ridiculous, especially with the trend of micro-breweries; a brewer in Saskatoon must ship product to Regina and then back again for distribution, which makes no sense, adding to cost and emissions related to transport. Saskatchewan is behind the times in many facets, and liquor regulations in one of them: it is antiquated and needs revision.
The Sobeys and %op stores are so much easier to navigate, are cleaner, and the staff are MUCH friendlier. I don't care whether private or government run. Only care about the shopping experience. If the government store by my house were like the private ones I wouldn't have switched.
This is a bad joke, left over from authoritarian gov't's past. Gov't involvement in liquor has had no positive impact on alcoholism that I can find, or from what I see in downtown Regina daily.
There is no reason for government operating liquor sales outlets. Establish the laws and enforce them. Unionized employees'

concern that only the "protect" society is rubbish and makes a statement about the intelligence of their leaders. Show leadership, not follow ship. The "old" sk would not change, the "new" sk should!
I have lived and worked in Alberta. There are liquor stores everywhere and the only liquor that is less expensive are the brands that the stores use as lost leaders. Most people working in the private stores make minimum wage and work part-time...and contribute very little to the tax base. The Alberta Government is netting far less than it did when the stores were owned and operated by the government. Privatization is a loser for the taxpayers. Period.
When we have a social risk like alcohol I think it's important to make sure that profits can go towards managing those risks through governmental incentives and programs. Alcohol consumption is a part of our social culture and when citizens partake of this intoxicant responsibly there is no need for any governmental interference, but having the ability to fund programs to help those who lack the ability to manage this substance is important. Any profits that go into the public good through programs or infrastructure development is a good thing.
keep it as it is. dont fix it it aint broke
leave it to the private sector, when a owner has a personal intrest the business usally does better.
Keep the revenue coming directly to subsidizing the province.
The idea behind over-taxing liquor to prevent "over-usage" isn't fooling anyone. It's a cash grab pure and simple. Stop trying to disguise this as a social benefit. Reduce the liquor tax so that the price more accurately reflects the real cost of the product.
The primary thing I would absolutely like to see changed about the current retail situation is the availability of product. There are *many* products I would like to purchase but am unable to unless I am willing to buy them in high quantities. Even if I were considering that option, I'd want to at least sample the product first. My only other priority is availability - I see no reason we shouldn't be selling beer, wine and liquor in grocery stores and elsewhere. Some quick research shows our rate of alcoholism in Canada is on par with most Western countries, including the US where a beer aisle at the grocery store is pretty much expected. This leads me to believe restricting access isn't really having any significant effect on the problem. And, frankly, the 8 people per 100,000 dying from cirrhosis every year in Canada just don't provide sufficient justification for me for the additional inconvenience I have to deal with. I'm certain we could save more lives that that with a small increase in health funding, ramping up enforcement of drinking and driving laws even more, or any of a number of other things if *something* has to be done. Other than that, as much as I would like to be able to pay less for liquor (much like, well, everything I buy), I'd rather see the 167% markup on liquor and 125% markup on wine maintained before I saw any cuts in social programs.
The only regulation change that I feel would benefit residents is being able to conveniently purchase beer and wine at grocery and convenience stores.
Keep the Government Liquor Stores Government run.
I am very opposed to private sector retailing such as Sobey's. Any and all profits received from the sale of alcohol needs to be invested in the health and well being of SK residents not in the pockets of large corporations. With all the health and social costs related to alcohol consumption, why would we be concerned about making it more accessible?? Increase the price the gov't charges private retailers by an additional 10 percent which would go directly into supporting health care.
keep the current system
The government doesn't build liquor stores, it leases them so some of the comments made by government ministers are misleading.
The 2 statements in the survey about other government priorities are misleading and confusing. I assume government run liquor stores make a profit.....if privatized, then the profits are not available for public works. These biased questions slant and therefore weaken your results.
Have moved from alberta, liquor is horribly expensive here. It's time for a change, and we also need a much better larger selection of brands/types etc
All liquor sales in Saskatchewan should be private. We do not need a board to dictate which products can and cannot be sold. Every step taken away from Saskatchewan's dismal and abhorrent socialist/communist past is a great step for mankind.
Some of these questions are poorly written in Political Propogandese. I don't have a problem with the govt getting similar revenue from any system, but if they aren't paying employees etc, then alcohol prices should reflect that cut or else this just becomes a govt cash cow for no extra work.

If the govt is going to cut those jobs, it should cut those costs out of the pricing. Period.
Money from gov't stores helps to build hospitals and schools!
Why are we paying high wages and funding pensions for store clerks? Privatize.
Excessive tax over alcohol
The staff are very knowledgeable when you shop at a govt liquor store. They are trained really well. The stores are clean and very well looked after and a large variety to choose from. Private stores in Alberta are small and less variety to choose from. If we go private all the money made is to business owners and not put back into Saskatchewan. If we go private we will be like all other provinces and be broke. Government stores don't sell to minors....private stores won't care. I really believe if we go private we will in a few years be struggling as a province and then be paying higher taxes and possibly paying for health care. I really believe going private is a bad idea....
We don't need that convenient access that it needs to be in grocery stores. This also poses risks for families and kids and provides more accessibility that can cause other risks and issues. Private and off sale stores often over-charge and are a mess with limited selection and unprofessional atmosphere.
Sale of alcohol pays for gov't services like medicare. Leave the liquor stores alone.
1. Legalize marijuana products in Saskatchewan. 2. Sell them in government operated liquor stores. 3. Profit. It's just a good idea. I've never even used marijuana in my life.
The province enjoys revenue from resources which are non-renewable. Investing in publicly owned enterprises like utilities, liquor, insurance etc. should be part of a strategy to leave revenue streams that provide future generations with cash flows into social coffers. Selling off or severely constraining these revenue sources without replacing them with equivalent streams is like stealing from future generations. We have a choice between leaving a legacy that can help finance future generations or leaving behind a legacy of plunder, and political spin as justification. Someone has to stand up for future generations here. The real question here is "Are you going to hold your head up high because you were part of that, or hang your head in shame because you weren't?"
Please keep stores government run, I do not want to see a repeat of how Alberta.
Why the gov't wants to give up a cash cow is beyond me. Our province needs extra \$ for health care, education & roads & profits from liquor sales should be directed there.
I don't want my property and family to be endangered if retailers are permitted to sell cheaper alcohol during extended hours.
Keep up with the privatization: less government run stores lowers the cost to taxpayers by putting the burden of construction and upkeep on store owners.
Why do we continue to sell off profitable industries to out-of-province vendors? The survey is quite biased in favour of privatization. Asking why if we should invest in other programs is absurd. Alcohol makes money, it pays for social programs.
I would love to be able to buy alcohol at the grocery store.
Consider the experience of privatization in Alberta. It resulted in higher prices for the consumer, a loss of tax revenue for the government and a few rich people became somewhat richer.
Keep the current gov't owned/run liquor stores and get more variety.
support Alberta model of liquor retailing of options given. Think it would create jobs by not limiting the number of stores
i have historically voted conservative but selling off something that creates revenue without thinking of future generations is careless. the owners of the private stores will not reinvest in the community. sask party is starting to chase away their own supporters which usually means a change in govt is approaching for good or ill.
My personal observation when in a Sask liquor store is that they are very well run/managed. Employees are very responsible. A professional operation.
Unfortunately the current politics is focusing on a particular philosophy. The disdain shown for public/government run systems is setting long term divides in our great province.
The selection of craft beer/microbrews available in Saskatchewan is an absolute joke. When I first moved here and went to an SLGA I could not believe how pathetic the beer selection was.

Private stores ie CO-OP have a better selection and price than Govt stores. For wine , selection is important, also when we asked for a certain product ie Ginger Wine , Co-op brought it in for us!
The current government model overly limits product selection. I want to see a greater variety of types of liquor and of brands. The current model of product listing is overly restrictive and I for one want to try new things, not just the same old, same old.
leave things alone
I am a consumer, I don't give a if some person does or doesn't get a good wage for helping me. I care if I get the help I want, I tip well when I do and not at all when I don't. The current system regulates mediocre to a precise level and would consider exceeding it a mistake, outside normal parameters. Last time I received service in a gov't liquor store that I rewarded with a tip was... never... Tips paid out since my first trip, in excess of \$2000... all to franchise employees, all effort based, you do the math. If I don't appreciate their lackluster excuse for work ethic now, when I have little choice, why would I care if they still have a job at some store I prefer not to frequent in the future, if I could have a chance to shop somewhere else where the staff actually cared about the customer experience? Not saying all SLGA staff are btw, but either SLGA training, or lack of other training makes them seem that way within the industry
Privatization of liquor stores appears to be an example of the triumph of ideology over common sense.
New liquor stores are excellent because of large beer selections. Non-standard beers are very popular with me and my colleagues
THE CURRENT SYSTEM HAS SERVED ME WELL FOR OVER 45 YEARS' NO COMPLAINTS. PLEASE KEEP AND EXPAND GOVT. STORES
Every morning that I listen to 650 Talk Radio and hear Gormley natter on and on about this issue I have the desire to hurl in the manner of a teen who has consumed one too many tequila shooters. Could it be that certain individuals are champing at the bit to diversify their holdings? When I went to the Sobey's in Stonebridge I saw absolutely nothing that would suggest that this is a vastly superior marketing model to offer this drug to the populace. The "sales" such as they were amounted to loonies or toonies on a product. The vast variety of product was undewhwhelming. In a nutshell things are fine just the way they are ...
Why are issues like this presented to the public for consideration, but changes to Health or Education are done behind closed doors with no meaningful public input?
Why are you so anxious to give up close to 3M in annual revenue? With the current decline in the price of oil I suggest shelving the idea of privatizing liquor stores in favor the profit the Government stores generate.
why would not all retailers of alcohol recieve the same pricing from the government wholesaler? limit floor size off "offsale bars" but let them have same pricing. the consumer then can deal with store or stores that meet their needs
The Saskatchewan Governments meddling in private business with direct competition although historical is unacceptable. Privatize liquor, phone and other companies so the market can dictate price and employment. This isnt Russia just a close 2nd
If you are going to maintain the 3 main priorities where the government is the sole wholesaler and supplier, the type of system really doesnt matter. You get the same cut and its exorbitant and old fashioned.It all boils down to wether you support high paying , secure govt union jobs that take no skill, or think they should work for McDonalds wages too. The high cost of alcohol doesnt save people from becoming alcoholics. Thats a wasted argument.
Do NOT continuing privatization
Govt liquor stores are well run provide good product selection and offer good jobs for their employees. We do not need the disgraceful way Alberta runs it's liquor business. We are leaders in SK keep it the way the current model is no more private stores only franchises.
Please take the Alberta privatization experience and improve on it. If the gov't maintain the wholesale portion of the business it will maintain its profits. Get out of the retail side of the market. The private sector will do a much better job.
The government will see reduced revenues with private liquor stores. Considering how much it likes to tax liqour for its revenues - its should accept the good wages SLGA workers enjoy - rather than eliminate those jobs at the expense of govt revenue.
In her book "Drink", Ann Dowsett Johnston makes a convincing case for better alcohol policies and stricter regulation. I appreciate that the government is collecting public feedback, but regardless of popular opinion, PLEASE also review and consider the evidence on alcohol price, availability, etc., and its impact on public health.

The statement of keeping high prices to stem abuse is bollocks. Rest of the world seems to be fine with cheaper prices. Canada seems to mean "over charge" !!
Sk needs to grow up and get with the times and become a MODERN day province. Less unions the better.
So long as the liquor stores are profitable the Government should focus on expansion and growing profits or customer experience. I have no problem having the Government liquor stores and private off sale operations.
The gov't should not allow any private liquor stores in Saskatchewan so they can line their pockets and not monitor. It always sound great at the beginning until they get established then watch out consumer for prices to jump higher with no control of Cost. Would be more in there pockets less money to assist the public ie healthcare, highway and more. The fat cats get richer of consumers backs.
I think things should stay the same
Retail liquor privately in Saskatchewan.
I agree with high taxation of items like alcohol (and cigarettes for example) if the revenues are going back into social programs (or the heathcare system which then has to deal with the after-effects of using either of those products). But I don't think that high prices and lowered availability either by less stores or less hours of operation is a real deterrent for people looking to find alcohol. If people want to drink then they will find a way and the money to drink. So by some level of privatization, I don't think it will increase the amount that people drink. I think it would just be more convenient in terms of locations, hours open, and hopefully would provide some price competition for the off-sales locations who charge astronomical prices.
Privatization of Sask Power and Sask Tel would bring in a higher short term revenue stream.....probably the next consideration.....
I believe that this process is a waste of time and public money. The government ought to focus on more pertinent alcohol related problems such as drinking and driving, the availability of detox and rehab facilities rather than changing the retail system.
I coming from Prince Albert SK a town influenced heavily by alcoholism would like to see the government move to an Alberta style fully private system and put the tax revenue towards addictions management and make these more accessible to the public with that said I would also like legislation to keep a minimum alcohol price some where in the middle of where they are and too low keeping the alcohol. although as someone who has witnessed alcoholism first hand an alcoholic will get there Jones no matter the cost even to the breaking point. so in summary i believe the prices can be lowered but i would like to see most if not all the taxation of the private liquor stores to go to helping people effected by alcoholism. thank you for your time
Liquor is too expensive in Saskatchewan. Markups are too high. Compare with Europe, Germany for example, much more affordable for consumers. I don't believe your over-consumption vs. price argument either. There are no more drunks there than here. This is an excuse to justify your ridiculously high markups. \$14 on an \$8 product, give me a break, a 100% mark-up on anything should be more than plenty. I vote for either an expanded private, or fully private retailing system which will lower prices and expand selection for the consumer. Also lower the markups to something more reasonable.
Government should not be in the retail business, particularly regarding liquor sales. This is why we have private businesses. The Government should govern and set policies and guidelines, not operate retail stores.
I feel that the government should get out of the sale of alcohol completely. It is a joke how expensive alcohol is here, which is part is due to the huge mark-ups that are put on alcohol to pay the employees who work at the LB stores. We get with taxes already in this province and we get a double whammy when we go to pick up a 6 pack on the way home from work on Friday.
I really like the system that Alberta uses. it is worth a trip out of province to AB for a large purchase. if you change over sales will go up here due to more people staying in province.
Where will the government recover the money they get from government owned liquor stores. Is it Sask party or give Sask away party
Too much tax in alcohol sales.
The selection of beer and wine available in this province is a joke. The SLGA store by my house brings in some special "Craft" beer during the summer months and the stuff flies off the shelf. I don't know why these Craft beers (and others like them) can't be brought in permanently?!?!? Sobey's is able keep them stocked?!?
I strongly favour the option of strengthening the role of public liquor stores...including making their hours and locations more customer-friendly. The argument put forward that investing in improving public liquor sales takes away from investing in other priorities is a false argument. It will generate more revenues for government that can go towards public services.
I think the selection of alcohol in Saskatchewan is very poor. I look forward to trips out of province so that I can try more types of

drinks such as ciders. I think the government regulations on alcohol in Saskatchewan are severely behind the rest of the country, and need to be fixed.
We don't need govt liquor stores any more than we need govt shoe stores.
I would prefer an Alberta style private system with easier access to a variety of products. As a fan of craft beer it is very difficult to try a variety here. Also the pricing system and markup for higher alcohol beers while perhaps well intentioned is poorly implemented as it doesn't differentiate between a boutique craft beer with a higher base price as opposed to a cheap beer with high alcohol content as a selling feature.
Stop misleading people that service will be better and call it what it is, union busting.
I like Manitoba and Ontario idea of expanding into grocery stores with small sga stores inside. I have always received excellent service from government stores.
I see no problem with private liquor stores as long as gov. revenue for each sale remains constant.
allow private stores to compete with AB prices and keep that revenue in SK
I prefer freedom allowing any store to sell alcohol. It can be the Alberta style but having a separate building is not needed, similar to that of the grocery chains in the US. Prices will eventually be lowered for the consumers. Continue to tax the purchases at a reasonable rate.
I believe that we are at a good point for availability of liquor in the province. I also believe that the government should be the primary regulator and distributor of this product. This would ensure that the government bears the responsibility for all of the effects of the sale and distribution of liquor.
Privatization should be avoided at all costs.
The survey appears bias towards the current governments agenda and I feel the questions will not provide a representative result of those who take the survey.
none
There is no need to privatize. Saskatchewan loses revenue that the government can use to IMPROVE THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN. Strong economy, strong leadership, strong Saskatchewan is the Sask Party's phrase, by privatizing, you not only take money away from the province, but people lose well paying jobs that help them support their families and themselves... And don't we want that in Saskatchewan?
Suggest the gov,t retain policies for the oversight of liquor sales, etc., but extricate itself - over time - from the brick and mortar liquor sales...
DO NOT PRIVATIZE!!!!
What is a matter with you people? Is it big wigs trying to justify there jobs? And how stupid are they for even thinking about something so stupid. I hear a lot how they want to dispose of essential revenue but nothing on how they replace it. Where is the benefit? Do these people pushing this care about Saskatewan at all? Why are we paying these people to reck our province do they not work for us?
I know that the Sask Party doesn't believe in having a government and a province with money, but I do, and as such, I say do not privatize.
I feel strongly it should be left as it is. We are Saskatchewan -- We don't want to be like Alberta... it is time this government realizes that!
I am very disappointed that the government makes the claim that operating liquor stores reduces its ability to build roads, schools, etc. Liquor stores make money and INCREASE the government's ability to build roads, schools, etc. with the profits. Although I buy alcohol, I recognize alcohol abuse is a massive problem in society and government run stores at least put some restraint on this problem by rigidly complying with regulations. The move to privatize alcohol sales is a move to take alcohol revenue away from government and transfer it instead to a handful of wealthy alcohol store owners. The Saskatchewan Party government seems obsessed with closing any government service that is profitable so that a few wealthy elite get the money instead. I am very disappointed that liquor sales are being targeted next.
I would like to see liquor in grrocery stores, but not seprate free standing buildings
1. 18 States in the U.S. are control or monopoly jurisdictions. 2. Prices of spirits rose in price in Alberta after privatization and product selection was poorer.

3. The old 80/20 rule prevails with liquor. 80% of all spirits sold are 20% of the most popular brands.
4. The largest singular purchaser of wine/spirits in the world is Ontario and they have the largest and best selection (not necessarily the best prices).
5. I spent 20 years in mid management of one of the largest Distilling Corp. in the world, so the above are my experienced observations.
6. I believe in free enterprise and would consider myself a Conservative with a social conscience.
7. The huge profits that Govt. make in wine/spirits warrant their investment.
8. The lessening of bricks and mortar to Govt. can be a good thing providing who the Govt. allows to resell the product that will maintain a wide, varied product selection.
7. The chosen retailers by Sask. if it chooses to go in that direction should NOT allow these various retailers to consolidate eventually to 1 or 2 only companies. ie; Alberta.
Consult with public health professionals about retail pricing sales and the impact on drinking impacts and behaviour- learn from other provinces. Having just moved to this province I am disgusted by the drinking behaviours here- especially while driving which seems to be very common in rural areas. I don't believe in prohibition- but I do believe in healthy public policies that protect the common good.
The fewer people represented by SGEU, the better. When liquor store employees are chirping about needing more money for doing less work, let them strike so SLGA can close all of the government-owned stores and license a whole bunch of private retailers. The government has no business in retail enterprises. I look forward to when we have the same discussion about SGI.
I currently have to pack the car with requests for cheaper liquor every time I visit family in Alberta. A change to a system like Alberta would be great!
keep the revenues going back to the people and programs in saskatchewan.....not to one business to gain the revenues
It would be nice to purchase cold beer at a corner store. Not liquor or wine though, just beer.
this is not that big a deal, just don't build anymore government infrastructures for services that the private sector can do for less
the way the sask. gov'n't applies taxes to liquor sales needs to change more than the way the retail sector needs to change. the price will not change unless the gov'n't looks at itself
not a fan of freestanding private liquor stores, ok in grocery stores or freestanding government stores
Keep the status quo. Instead of spending money on the whole liquor option discussion, save it for other important issues such as long term care and the health system. This push to privatize is an ideological exercise and not important in the overall issues at play in the province.
I am more concerned about workers having salaries that can support a decent living than buying cheaper alcohol. I also do not want private liquor stores that will lose money if they do not sell to minors, thereby deterring owners from asking for age identification.
I am a lifelong non-drinker, so am not very supportive of alcohol. I don't need my government involved in sales of alcohol, but private stores should still be required to send revenue to the government. Also, cheap alcohol would not be a good thing for our younger population.
The government should concentrate their efforts on the taxation of liquor. Not the retailing or distribution. Private companies will provide as many jobs and as good or better product selection than the government. There is no reason why a consumer should have to purchase beer or wine separate from the groceries they purchase. Lets get out of the the dark ages!!!
I would like to see more regulation on alcohol sales. I'd like to keep more public and less private so that the liquor profits go back to put community!
Either go all the way and allow the sale of liquor in all grocery stores, (not separate buildings), or keep the status quo.
I believe the government should focus on more important issues such as health, education, roads, jobs, and leave retailing to retailing experts.
profits of liquor retail sales should remain in the public realm , allowing it to offset the social costs created by alcohol abuse i.e. medical costs and cost of treatment centres
Its silly that a retail clerk gets paid over \$20 an hour and we pay health care professionals or daycare workers less than that. These people are more important and have an education that we should invest in more. \$20 an hour to stock shelves