



No. 35

# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Thursday, May 8, 2003**

1:30 p.m.

*PRAYERS*

## **PRESENTING PETITIONS**

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Draude, Gantfoer, Elhard, Hillson, Stewart, Eagles, Huyghebaert, Dearborn, Brkich, Weekes, Hart and Allchurch.

## **READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS**

According to Order, the Deputy Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take immediate action and make necessary repairs to Highway 47 South in order to avoid serious injury and property damage.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 13)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take the necessary steps to have Sask. Crop Insurance reverse the 2003 premium increases and restore affordable crop insurance premiums to our struggling farmers.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 18)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately reinstate a reasonable Annual Deductible amount for Prescription Drugs in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 21)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to influence to stay the closure of Major School until the Departments of Rural Revitalization and Education can put together a plan on a uniformed front for rural Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 23)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take immediate action and make necessary repairs to Highway 22 in order to address safety and economic concerns.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 27)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take necessary action to provide the people of Moose Jaw and district with a hemodialysis unit for their community.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 36)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take all possible action to preserve the historic original Twin Bridges between Battleford and North Battleford.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 40)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take the proper step to cause adequate medical services, including a physician be provided in Rockglen and to cause the Five Hill Health Region to provide better information to the citizens of Rockglen.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 90)

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Les projets de loi suivants sont reçus, lus une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 26 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2003

(Hon. Mr. Melenchuk)

Bill No. 27 – The Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2003

(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

Bill No. 28 – The Health Information Protection Amendment Act, 2003

(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

Bill No. 29 – The Non-profit Corporations Amendment Act, 2003

Projet de loi n° 29 – Loi de 2003 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur les sociétés sans but lucratif

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Nilson)

Bill No. 30 – The Pawned Property (Recording) Act

(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

Bill No. 31 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2003

Projet de loi n° 31 – Loi de 2003 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Osika)

Bill No. 36 – The Agricultural Safety Net Amendment Act, 2003

(Hon. Mr. Serby)

Bill No. 37 – The Crop Insurance Amendment Act, 2003

(Hon. Mr. Serby)

Bill No. 38 – The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 2003

(Hon. Mr. Serby)

### **WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 192, 193, 195, 196, and 197, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 194, pursuant to Rule 42(5), it was transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) No. 60.

### **SECOND READINGS**

#### **Bill No. 25 – The Personal Care Homes Amendment Act, 2003**

The Hon. Mr. Nilson, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 25 – The Personal Care Homes Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 6 – The Podiatry Act

Bill No. 7 – The Occupational Therapists Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 14 – The Registered Nurses Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 5 – The Teachers Superannuation and Disability Benefits Amendment Act, 2003

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

**COMMITTEE OF FINANCE**

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Learning.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:55 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

*Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky*  
*Speaker*

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**RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED**

The following paper was laid upon the table:

By the Hon. Mr. Osika:

Supplementary Information and Financial Statements of the Northern Revenue Sharing Trust Account for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 110)

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 192, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) How many Saskatchewan producers have made application to the Livestock Drought Loan Program announced on July 29, 2002? (2) How many of these applications have been approved and how many have not been approved? (3) Are any applications left to be processed and if so how many?

Answer:

- (1) 2,277
- (2) Lenders were not required to report on unapproved applications.
- (3) All applications have been processed.

**Mr. Hillson asked the Government Question No. 193, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:**

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: Regarding SaskTel Max: (1) How many subscribers did SaskTel's Max have on April 30, 2003? (2) How many subscribers was SaskTel Max supposed to have on April 30, 2003 according to its business plan projections?

Answer:

- (1) At the end of April 30, 2003, SaskTel had approximately 5,000 MAX customers.
- (2) Like its private competitors, SaskTel does not release its business plan projections on a monthly or quarterly basis.

**Ms. Bakken asked the Government Question No. 195, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

To the Minister of the Environment: In this 2003-04 fiscal year, of the fire towers that were condemned in the fiscal years 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03 what is the number that will be rebuilt? (2) Which organizations and/or private companies and/or government entities will build these fire towers in the province of Saskatchewan in the fiscal year 2003-04?

Answer:

- (1) No additional fire towers will be constructed during the 2003-04 fiscal year pending the results of our provincial review.
- (2) N/A

**Mr. Hermanson asked the Government Question No. 196, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:**

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) What taxes in lieu of grants did Sask Valley Potato Corporation pay to the RM's of Rudy and Canaan and the town of Lucky Lake in the year 2002? (2) Further to that, what was the assessment on the tax notices and did the Sask Valley Potato Corporation pay? (3) If not, why did they not go through the appeal process?

Answer:

- (1) R.M. of Rudy - \$926.78  
R.M. of Canaan - \$0  
Town of Lucky Lake – not applicable
- (2) R.M. of Rudy – 2002 agricultural assessment of \$975.56; paid \$926.78 to reflect a discount for paying early.  
R.M. of Canaan – 2002 commercial assessment of \$50,593.60; not paid  
Town of Lucky Lake – not applicable
- (3) No appeal process took place with regards to the R.M. of Canaan because Crown-owned assets are not subject to municipal property taxation. SVPC remains prepared to pay a grant-in-lieu of taxes, based on an agricultural assessment, to R.M.s where SVPC potato storage facilities exist.

**Mr. Hermanson asked the Government Question No. 197, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:**

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) What taxes in lieu of grants did the Crown Investments Corporation pay to the RM's of Rudy and Canaan and the town of Lucky Lake? (2) Further to that, what was the assessment on the tax notices and did the Crown Investments Corporation pay? (3) If not, why did they not go through the appeal process?

Answer:

- (1) None.
- (2) CIC was not assessed.
- (3) Not applicable.

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 211:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money did the government spend on “The Future is Wide Open” television advertising in the month of April 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising was inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising was outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 212:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” television advertising in the month of May 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 213:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” television advertising in the month of June 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 214:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” television advertising in the month of July 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 215:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” television advertising in the month of August 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 216:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” television advertising in the month of September 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 217:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” television advertising in the month of October 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 218:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” television advertising in the month of November 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 219:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” television advertising in the month of December 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 220:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” television advertising in the month of January 2004? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 221:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” television advertising in the month of February 2004? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 222:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” television advertising in the month of March 2004? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 223:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money did the government spend on “The Future is Wide Open” radio advertising in the month of April 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising was inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising was outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 224:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” radio advertising in the month of May 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 225:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” radio advertising in the month of June 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 226:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” radio advertising in the month of July 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?



Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 227:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” radio advertising in the month of August 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 228:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” radio advertising in the month of September 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 229:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” radio advertising in the month of October 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 230:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” radio advertising in the month of November 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 231:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” radio advertising in the month of December 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 232:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” radio advertising in the month of January 2004? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 233:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” radio advertising in the month of February 2004? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 234:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” radio advertising in the month of March 2004? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 235:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money did the government spend on “The Future is Wide Open” print advertising in the month of April 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising was inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising was outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 236:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” print advertising in the month of May 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 237:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” print advertising in the month of June 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 238:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” print advertising in the month of July 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 239:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” print advertising in the month of August 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 240:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” print advertising in the month of September 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 241:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” print advertising in the month of December 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 242:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” print advertising in the month of January 2004? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 243:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” print advertising in the month of February 2004? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 244:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” print advertising in the month of March 2004? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 245:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money did the government spend on “The Future is Wide Open” travel and events in the month of April 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising was inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising was outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 246:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” travel and events in the month of May 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 247:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” travel and events in the month of June 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 248:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” travel and events in the month of July 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 249:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” travel and events in the month of August 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 250:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” travel and events in the month of September 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 251:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” travel and events in the month of October 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 252:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” travel and events in the month of November 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 253:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” travel and events in the month of December 2003? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 254:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” travel and events in the month of January 2004? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 255:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” travel and events in the month of February 2004? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 256:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on “The Future is Wide Open” travel and events in the month of March 2004? (2) What percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) What percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

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

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 257:

To the Minister of Health: For the year 1972: (1) What was the birth rate in the Aboriginal population? (2) What was the birth rate in the Non-Aboriginal population? (3) What was the average life expectancy of Aboriginal people? (4) What was the average life expectancy of Non-Aboriginal people? (5) What was the Aboriginal infant mortality rate? (6) What was the Non-Aboriginal infant mortality rate?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 258:

To the Minister of Health: For the year 1982: (1) What was the birth rate in the Aboriginal population? (2) What was the birth rate in the Non-Aboriginal population? (3) What was the average life expectancy of Aboriginal people? (4) What was the average life expectancy of Non-Aboriginal people? (5) What was the Aboriginal infant mortality rate? (6) What was the Non-Aboriginal infant mortality rate?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 259:

To the Minister of Health: For the year 1992: (1) What was the birth rate in the Aboriginal population? (2) What was the birth rate in the Non-Aboriginal population? (3) What was the average life expectancy of Aboriginal people? (4) What was the average life expectancy of Non-Aboriginal people? (5) What was the Aboriginal infant mortality rate? (6) What was the Non-Aboriginal infant mortality rate?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 260:

To the Minister of Health: For the year 2002: (1) What was the birth rate in the Aboriginal population? (2) What was the birth rate in the Non-Aboriginal population? (3) What was the average life expectancy of Aboriginal people? (4) What was the average life expectancy of Non-Aboriginal people? (5) What was the Aboriginal infant mortality rate? (6) What was the Non-Aboriginal infant mortality rate?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 261:

To the Minister of Learning: For the year 1972: (1) What was the Aboriginal school age population? (2) What was the Aboriginal high school enrolment? (3) What was the number of Aboriginal high school graduates? (4) What was the Non-Aboriginal school age population? (5) What was the Non-Aboriginal high school enrolment? (6) What was the number of Non-Aboriginal high school graduates? (7) What was the Aboriginal post secondary enrolment? (8) What was the number of Aboriginal post secondary graduates? (9) What was the Non-Aboriginal post secondary enrolment? (10) What was the number of Non-Aboriginal post secondary graduates?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 262:

To the Minister of Learning: For the year 1982: (1) What was the Aboriginal school age population? (2) What was the Aboriginal high school enrolment? (3) What was the number of Aboriginal high school graduates? (4) What was the Non-Aboriginal school age population? (5) What was the Non-Aboriginal high school enrolment? (6) What was the number of Non-Aboriginal high school graduates? (7) What was the Aboriginal post secondary enrolment? (8) What was the number of Aboriginal post secondary graduates? (9) What was the Non-Aboriginal post secondary enrolment? (10) What was the number of Non-Aboriginal post secondary graduates?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 263:

To the Minister of Learning: For the year 1992: (1) What was the Aboriginal school age population? (2) What was the Aboriginal high school enrolment? (3) What was the number of Aboriginal high school graduates? (4) What was the Non-Aboriginal school age population? (5) What was the Non-Aboriginal high school enrolment? (6) What was the number of Non-Aboriginal high school graduates? (7) What was the Aboriginal post secondary enrolment? (8) What was the number of Aboriginal post secondary graduates? (9) What was the Non-Aboriginal post secondary enrolment? (10) What was the number of Non-Aboriginal post secondary graduates?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 264:

To the Minister of Learning: For the year 2002: (1) What was the Aboriginal school age population? (2) What was the Aboriginal high school enrolment? (3) What was the number of Aboriginal high school graduates? (4) What was the Non-Aboriginal school age population? (5) What was the Non-Aboriginal high school enrolment? (6) What was the number of Non-Aboriginal high school graduates? (7) What was the Aboriginal post secondary enrolment? (8) What was the number of Aboriginal post secondary graduates? (9) What was the Non-Aboriginal post secondary enrolment? (10) What was the number of Non-Aboriginal post secondary graduates?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 265:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: Has SaskTel expanded its cell phone coverage for 2002 and if so, where?

Mr. Lorenz, to ask the Government the following Question No. 266:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) In light of the latest import duties put on Canadian grain by the United States, what concrete plan of action has the Minister of Agriculture and his officials developed, in conjunction with the federal government, to end these latest American tariffs? (2) What specific actions has the Minister and/or his officials taken so far in light of these latest duties? (3) What specific actions will the Minister of Agriculture and/or his officials take in the near future in dealing with this issue?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 35 and are to be answered by day no. 40:**

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 267:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) What are the specific contents contained in the Request for Proposal package that was presented by the Western Canadian Lottery Corporation to persons and/or companies interested in RFP (reference number 621-97)? (2) Will the SLGA provide this package or a copy of this package to members of the Legislative Assembly wishing to review it?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 268:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) Were the bids for the hardware contract for Mega Bingo open for public scrutiny or was it a sealed bidding process? (2) Which companies bid on this contract? (3) Which were the persons and/or companies presented by the Western Canadian Lottery Corporation for the final decision in awarding of this contract?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 269:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) Were the bids for the software contract for Mega Bingo open for public scrutiny or was it a sealed bidding process? (2) Which companies bid on this contract? (3) Which were the persons and/or companies presented by the Western Canadian Lottery Corporation for the final decision in awarding of this contract?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 270:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: Who were the persons and/or companies licensed as gaming suppliers by the SLGA in 1996?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 271:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: Who were the persons and/or companies licensed as gaming suppliers by the SLGA in 1997?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 272:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: Who were the persons and/or companies licensed as gaming suppliers by the SLGA in 1998?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 273:

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Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 276:

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Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 277:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: Who are the persons and/or companies currently licensed as gaming suppliers by the SLGA?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 278:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) What is the terminology for Crown Corporations underwriting or lending money to other Crowns? (2) Further to that, relative to that terminology, what are the lending guidelines specifically for debt to equity ratios?