



No. 11

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Thursday, April 1, 2004

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: Elhard, Huyghebaert, Brkich and Dearborn.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Deputy Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 14(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 repair Highway 43 in order to address safety concerns and to facilitate economic growth in rural Saskatchewan.

(Sessional Paper No. 69)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to rule out raising provincial taxes in 2004-2005.

(Sessional Paper No. 70)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government not to implement the Commission on Financing Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education's recommendation to expand the Provincial Sales Tax to include restaurant meals.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 47)

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 ensure current Crown land lessees maintain their first option to renew those leases.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 48)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to work with First Nations people and the federal government to bring a prompt end to the Qu'Appelle Valley Lakes dispute so that the water level of the Qu'Appelle River system can return to normal and end the economic harm and uncertainty this dispute has caused.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 49)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to oppose the increase to the Provincial Sales Tax, as it will be devastating to the business sector, food industry and population of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 58)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that the Davidson and Imperial Health Centres be maintained at their current level of service.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 63)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to fund the Unity and District Seniors Lodge Project to ensure that citizens of Unity and District remain in the community for this necessary service that will bridge the gap between independent living and long term care.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 65)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill No. 15 – The Workers' Compensation Board Pension Implementation Act

(Hon. Ms. Higgins)

Bill No. 16 – The Geographic Names Board Amendment Act, 2004

(Hon. Mr. Cline)

Bill No. 17 – The Department of Energy and Mines Amendment Act, 2004

(Hon. Mr. Cline)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 25 to 33, they were answered. (See Appendix)

MOTION FOR RESUMPTION OF SPECIAL ORDER

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, seconded by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That on Friday, April 2, 2004, the Special Order for consideration of the Budget motion shall be deferred in order that interim supply resolutions and the related Appropriation Bill may be taken into consideration; and further,

That on Monday, April 5th, 2004, the debate on the Special Order for the consideration of the Budget motion shall be resumed.

BUDGET DEBATE

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, seconded by Mr. Hagel:

That the Assembly approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government.

The debate continuing, it was moved by Mr. Krawetz, seconded by Mr. Hermanson, in amendment thereto:

That all words after “That” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

“the current Premier and cabinet have betrayed Saskatchewan voters with the 2004-2005 provincial budget and, therefore, this provincial government does not enjoy the confidence of the Assembly.”

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, it was on motion of Hon. Mr. Taylor, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:59 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 25, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: How much did the province contribute to the PFRA Rural Water Development Program in 2001-02?

Answer:

NIL

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 26, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: How much did the province contribute to the PFRA Rural Water Development Program in 2002-03?

Answer:

NIL

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 27, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: How much did the province contribute to the PFRA Rural Water Development Program in 2003-04?

Answer:

NIL

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 28, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: How much will the province contribute to the PFRA Rural Water Development Program in 2004-05?

Answer:

NIL

Mr. Stewart asked the Government the following Question No. 29, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: As of this date, how many CFIP claims are left to be processed?

Answer:

As of March 21, 2004, the federal administration had 203 claims which were in the progress for the 2002 CFIP tax year, and 6 claims which were for the 2001 CFIP tax year.

Mr. Stewart asked the Government the following Question No. 30, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) For the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much has the province paid out for CFIP claims? (2) What was the average amount paid by the province per claim?

Answer:

- (1) CFIP claims are paid to producers based on the producer's tax years, not fiscal years.
- (2) The average amount paid by the Province per claim for the 2001 CFIP tax year is estimated to be \$6,910 per claim, once all billings are complete.

Mr. Stewart asked the Government the following Question No. 31, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) For the fiscal year 2003-2004, how much has the province paid out for CFIP claims? (2) What was the average amount paid by the province per claim?

Answer:

- (1) CFIP claims are paid to producers based on the producer's tax years, not fiscal years.
- (2) The average amount paid by the Province per claim for the 2002 CFIP tax year is estimated to be \$5,825 per claim, once all billings are complete.

Mr. Elhard asked the Government the following Question No. 32, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) What are the estimated cost savings to SaskPower as a result of the move to the new Saskatoon Service centre this month? (2) Further to this, was a cost benefit analysis done for this move and will it be made public?

Answer:

A cost benefit analysis was completed. This type of information is not released publicly.

Mr. Hermanson asked the Government the following Question No. 33, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) How much was spent on the planning and design of the ads used in the provincial government's advertising campaign regarding the federal equalization formula? (2) What company was contracted to produce these ads?

Answer:

- (1) A total of \$65,407 was spent on the planning, design and advertising costs of the public awareness ads regarding the federal government's equalization formula. The breakdown is: \$58,752 for the media buy (advertising costs); \$6535 for planning and design and \$120 for courier/copying/shipping charges.
- (2) Phoenix Advertising Group was contracted to produce these ads. Phoenix is the Agency of Record for the Department of Finance. The Agency of Record was chosen under the terms of the Communications Services Procurement Policy of the Government of Saskatchewan, administered by the Communications Procurement Division of Executive Council.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 8 and are to be answered by day no. 13:

Mr. Hart to ask the Government the following Question No. 40:

To the Minister of Labour: In the year 2000, what was the total cost of office renovations for the Workers' Compensation Board, including design, labour, furniture purchases or rentals, and art purchases or rentals?

Mr. Hart to ask the Government the following Question No. 41:

To the Minister of Labour: In the year 2001, what was the total cost of office renovations for the Workers' Compensation Board, including design, labour, furniture purchases or rentals, and art purchases or rentals?

Mr. Hart to ask the Government the following Question No. 42:

To the Minister of Labour: In the year 2002, what was the total cost of office renovations for the Workers' Compensation Board, including design, labour, furniture purchases or rentals, and art purchases or rentals?

Mr. Hart to ask the Government the following Question No. 43:

To the Minister of Labour: In the year 2003, what was the total cost of office renovations for the Workers' Compensation Board, including design, labour, furniture purchases or rentals, and art purchases or rentals?

Mr. Dearborn to ask the Government the following Question No. 44:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: How much money was spent in the 2003/2004 budget year for decorative art purchases in government office buildings and Crown Corporation buildings?

Mr. Brkich to ask the Government the following Question No. 45:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) Who is the Chair of the Provincial Mediation Board for tax enforcement, as well as the members of the Board? (2) Further to this, what are the official Board policies when it comes to handling tax enforcement cases in a timely manner?

Mr. Huyghebaert to ask the Government the following Question No. 46:

To the Minister of Environment: What were the names of the people drawn to receive big game licenses, including mule deer, white tail deer, antelope, elk and moose for the year 1991?

Mr. Huyghebaert to ask the Government the following Question No. 47:

To the Minister of Environment: What were the names of the people drawn to receive big game licenses, including mule deer, white tail deer, antelope, elk and moose for the year 1992?

Mr. Huyghebaert to ask the Government the following Question No. 48:

To the Minister of Environment: What were the names of the people drawn to receive big game licenses, including mule deer, white tail deer, antelope, elk and moose for the year 1993?

Mr. Huyghebaert to ask the Government the following Question No. 49:

To the Minister of Environment: What were the names of the people drawn to receive big game licenses, including mule deer, white tail deer, antelope, elk and moose for the year 1994?

Mr. Huyghebaert to ask the Government the following Question No. 50:

To the Minister of Environment: What were the names of the people drawn to receive big game licenses, including mule deer, white tail deer, antelope, elk and moose for the year 1995?

Mr. Huyghebaert to ask the Government the following Question No. 51:

To the Minister of Environment: What were the names of the people drawn to receive big game licenses, including mule deer, white tail deer, antelope, elk and moose for the year 1996?

Mr. Huyghebaert to ask the Government the following Question No. 52:

To the Minister of Environment: What were the names of the people drawn to receive big game licenses, including mule deer, white tail deer, antelope, elk and moose for the year 1997?

Mr. Huyghebaert to ask the Government the following Question No. 53:

To the Minister of Environment: What were the names of the people drawn to receive big game licenses, including mule deer, white tail deer, antelope, elk and moose for the year 1998?

Mr. Huyghebaert to ask the Government the following Question No. 54:

To the Minister of Environment: What were the names of the people drawn to receive big game licenses, including mule deer, white tail deer, antelope, elk and moose for the year 1999?

Mr. Huyghebaert to ask the Government the following Question No. 55:

To the Minister of Environment: What were the names of the people drawn to receive big game licenses, including mule deer, white tail deer, antelope, elk and moose for the year 2000?

Mr. Huyghebaert to ask the Government the following Question No. 56:

To the Minister of Environment: What were the names of the people drawn to receive big game licenses, including mule deer, white tail deer, antelope, elk and moose for the year 2001?

Mr. Huyghebaert to ask the Government the following Question No. 57:

To the Minister of Environment: What were the names of the people drawn to receive big game licenses, including mule deer, white tail deer, antelope, elk and moose for the year 2002?

Mr. Huyghebaert to ask the Government the following Question No. 58:

To the Minister of Environment: What were the names of the people drawn to receive big game licenses, including mule deer, white tail deer, antelope, elk and moose for the year 2003?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 9 and are to be answered by day no. 14:

Mr. Hermanson to ask the Government the following Question No. 59:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) How many customers have subscribed to SaskTel's "MAX TV" service from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003? (2) And, as well, what was the total number of MAX TV subscribers on January 1, 2003 as well as December 31, 2003? (3) Further to this, what was the total number of MAX TV subscribers that have disconnected services between January 1, 2003 and December 31, 2003?

Mr. Gantefer to ask the Government the following Question No. 60:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How much of the \$79.3 million provided by the federal government in 2003 under the First Minister's Accord on Health Renewal was spent on diagnostic and medical equipment in the year 2003? (2) What were the specific purchases in each Health Authority?

Ms. Draude to ask the Government the following Question No. 61:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) How many lawsuits have been brought forward by First Nations against the provincial government to reclaim tax money used for gasoline and purchases on reserves after the provincial government altered its taxing scheme? (2) How many of those lawsuits have been settled, and for how much? (3) How many lawsuits remain, and what is the total amount of money being sought for by First Nations?

Ms. Draude to ask the Government the following Question No. 62:

To the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs: (1) How many lawsuits have been brought forward by First Nations against the provincial government to reclaim tax money used for gasoline and purchases on reserves after the provincial government altered its taxing scheme? (2) How many of those lawsuits have been settled, and for how much? (3) How many lawsuits remain, and what is the total amount of money being sought for by First Nations?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 10 and are to be answered by day no. 15:

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 63:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: (1) For the fiscal year 1998-1999, what was the maximum number allowed under the Provincial Immigrant Nominee Program? (2) What was the total number of applications received that year? (3) How many applications received approval?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 64:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: (1) For the fiscal year 1999-2000, what was the maximum number allowed under the Provincial Immigrant Nominee Program? (2) What was the total number of applications received that year? (3) How many applications received approval?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 65:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: (1) For the fiscal year 2000-2001, what was the maximum number allowed under the Provincial Immigrant Nominee Program? (2) What was the total number of applications received that year? (3) How many applications received approval?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 66:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: (1) For the fiscal year 2001-2002, what was the maximum number allowed under the Provincial Immigrant Nominee Program? (2) What was the total number of applications received that year? (3) How many applications received approval?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 67:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: (1) For the fiscal year 2002-2003, what was the maximum number allowed under the Provincial Immigrant Nominee Program? (2) What was the total number of applications received that year? (3) How many applications received approval?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 68:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: (1) For the fiscal year 2003-2004, what was the maximum number allowed under the Provincial Immigrant Nominee Program? (2) What was the total number of applications received that year? (3) How many applications received approval?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 69:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) In the Regina area, what was the fee paid by the Coroner's office to "Spectrum Transfer Company" per transfer done in 2001? (2) Is this contract tendered? (3) If not, why not?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 70:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) In the Regina area, what was the fee paid by the Coroner's office to "Spectrum Transfer Company" per transfer done in 2002? (2) Is this contract tendered? (3) If not, why not?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 71:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: How much money did the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority spend in the 2002-2003 fiscal year on freight costs to ship alcohol to each of the 81 SLGA-operated liquor stores in Saskatchewan?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 72:

To the Premier: Will the Premier ensure that men and women of Saskatchewan serving in the Canadian Armed Forces in theatres of conflict such as Afghanistan, Bosnia, Haiti and the HMCS Toronto serving in the Persian Gulf receive full income tax exemption similar to federal income tax exemptions for such persons?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 11 and are to be answered by day no. 16:

Mr. Kirsch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 73:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Mr. Kirsch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 74:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 75:

To the Minister Responsible for Investment Saskatchewan: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 76:

To the Minister Responsible for Investment Saskatchewan: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 77:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Investments Corporation: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 78:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Management Board: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 79:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Management Board: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 80:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Investment Corporation: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Mr. Heppner, to ask the Government the following Question No. 81:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Heppner, to ask the Government the following Question No. 82:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 83:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 84:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 85:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 86:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Krawetz, to ask the Government the following Question No. 87:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Mr. Krawetz, to ask the Government the following Question No. 88:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 89:

To the Premier: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in Executive Council will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 90:

To the Premier: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in Executive Council will be receiving the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 91:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: (1) How many incidents have occurred in 2003 where Community Resources and Employment has removed children or foster children from their homes – broken down by regions? (2) Of these incidents, how many resulted in criminal charges being laid against a member of the family?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 92:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: (1) How many incidents have occurred in 2002 where Community Resources and Employment has removed children or foster children from their homes – broken down by regions? (2) Of these incidents, how many resulted in criminal charges being laid against a member of the family?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 93:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: (1) How many incidents have occurred in 2001 where Community Resources and Employment has removed children or foster children from their homes – broken down by regions? (2) Of these incidents, how many resulted in criminal charges being laid against a member of the family?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 94:

To the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 95:

To the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 96:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 97:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Bjornerud, to ask the Government the following Question No. 98:

To the Minister of Government Relations: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Bjornerud, to ask the Government the following Question No. 99:

To the Minister of Government Relations: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Mr. Stewart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 100:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Stewart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 101:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Mr. Wakefield, to ask the Government the following Question No. 102:

To the Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Wakefield, to ask the Government the following Question No. 103:

To the Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Mr. Wakefield, to ask the Government the following Question No. 104:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Technology: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Mr. Wakefield, to ask the Government the following Question No. 105:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Technology: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 106:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 107:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Ms. Eagles, to ask the Government the following Question No. 108:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Ms. Eagles, to ask the Government the following Question No. 109:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 110:

To the Minister of Health: How many long-term care beds will be closed in the fiscal year of 2004-2005 in each Health Authority?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 111:

To the Minister of Health: How many acute care beds will be eliminated in the fiscal year of 2004-2005 in each Health Authority?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 112:

To the Minister of Health: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 113:

To the Minister of Health: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 114:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many Saskatchewan citizens will be affected by the increased rates for hearing aids? (2) What will be the increased revenue for the province?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 115:

To the Minister of Health: How many Saskatchewan citizens will be affected by the increased rates for podiatry visits?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 116:

To the Minister of Health: On what days and times were the Regina General Hospital and the Pasqua Hospital, respectively, in Code Burgundy during the fiscal year of 2003-2004?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 117:

To the Minister of Health: What is the expected day of completion for the automation of all health files in Saskatchewan?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 118:

To the Minister of Health: What plans does the government have to address the ongoing overflow problems in the emergency rooms at hospitals in Regina and Saskatoon?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 119:

To the Minister of Health: How many new lab technologists does the government plan to hire in the year 2004-2005?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 120:

To the Minister of Health: How many new MRI technicians does the government plan to hire in the year 2004-2005?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 121:

To the Minister of Health: How many new medical radiologist technologists does the government plan to hire in the year 2004-2005?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 122:

To the Minister of Health: How many new physicians and specialists (by specialty) does the government plan to hire in the year 2004-2005 with its recruitment and retention program?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 123:

To the Minister of Health: In the year 2003-2004, how many medical treatments were provided out of province by Saskatchewan Health?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 124:

To the Minister of Health: In the year 2003-2004, how many medical treatments were pre-authorized and provided out of province by Saskatchewan Health?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 125:

To the Minister of Health: In the year 2003-2004, how many medical treatments requesting pre-authorization for out of province treatment were denied by Saskatchewan Health?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 126:

To the Minister of Health: How many new nursing positions does the government plan to fill in the year 2004-2005?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 127:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What specific conditions were attached to the \$79.3 million the federal government gave the Government of Saskatchewan in 2003-2004 for health care according to the First Ministers Accord? (2) What are the allocations in each of the following budget years: 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 128:

To the Minister of Health: How many conversions or closures of health facilities will take place in the fiscal year of 2004-2005 in each Health Authority?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 129:

To the Minister of Health: How much of the additional \$115 million designated for salaries, benefits and fees for service will be used to fund existing union contracts in the fiscal year of 2004-2005?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 130:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 131:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 132:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 133:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Cheveldayoff, to ask the Government the following Question No. 134:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Mr. Cheveldayoff, to ask the Government the following Question No. 135:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 136:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 137:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Huyghebaert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 138:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Mr. Huyghebaert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 139:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 140:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 141:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 142:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 143:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 144:

To the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 145:

To the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Merriman, to ask the Government the following Question No. 146:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Mr. Merriman, to ask the Government the following Question No. 147:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 148:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 149:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 150:

To the Minister of Labour: What will the annual savings be to the government for the termination of 500 government workers, as announced in the budget delivered March 31, 2004?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 151:

To the Minister of Labour: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 152:

To the Minister of Labour: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 153:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving scale increases in their wages? (2) What is the total value of those increases? (3) What is the total value of all salaries and remunerations paid to employees in this department?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 154:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many employees in this department will be receiving Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increases in their wages? (2) What is the COLA percentage and what will be the total value of the COLA increase?

NOTICE REGARDING PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Rules 75 and 78 of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, that the time for filing Petitions for Private Bills with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly will expire on the twentieth sitting day, and that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills to the Legislative Assembly at its present Session will expire on the twenty-fifth sitting day of the said Session.

GWENN RONYK
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
