



No. 12

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Friday, April 2, 2004

10:00 a.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, Wall, Dearborn and D'Autremont.

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 reverse the increase in Crop Insurance Premiums and the reduction in coverage.

(Sessional Paper No. 72)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure continuation of the current level of services available at the Kindersley Hospital and to ensure the current specialty services are sustained to better serve the people of West Central Saskatchewan.

(Sessional Paper No. 73)

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 repair Highway 43 in order to address safety concerns and to facilitate economic growth in rural Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 69)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 34 and 35, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 36 to 39, pursuant to Rule 45(5), they were transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) Nos. 11 to 14

INTERIM SUPPLY

Pursuant to an Order of the Assembly dated April 1, 2004, the Assembly resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider resolutions for Interim Supply.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

That a sum not exceeding five hundred ten million, two hundred sixty-two thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, on account, for the twelve months ending March 31, 2005.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005, the sum of five hundred ten million, two hundred sixty-two thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

The said resolutions were reported, read twice and agreed to, and the Committee given leave to sit again.

THE APPROPRIATION ACT, 2004 (NO. 1)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, by leave of the Assembly: That Bill No. 18 – The Appropriation Act, 2004 (No. 1) – be introduced and read the first time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read the first time.

By leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 57(2), the said Bill was then read a second and third time and passed under its title.

ROYAL ASSENT

12:06 p.m.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Chamber, took her seat upon the Throne.

The Speaker addressed Her Honour:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

This Legislative Assembly has voted the supplies required to enable the Government to defray the expenses of the Public Service. In the name of the Assembly I present to Your Honour Bill No. 18, *An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of Money for the Public Service for the Fiscal Year ending on March 31, 2005*, to which I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent:

Bill No. 18 – The Appropriation Act, 2004 (No. 1)

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor then replied: "In Her Majesty's name, I thank the Legislative Assembly, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

Her Honour then retired from the Chamber.

12:08 p.m.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:09 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Irrigation Projects Association for the year ended March 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 74)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Dearborn asked the Government the following Question No. 34, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (1) How much money was paid to Phoenix Advertising for the *Future is Wide Open Campaign*? (2) What was their commission?

Answer:

(1) Costs of the *Our Future is Wide Open* campaign from November 2002 to March 2004 paid to or through Phoenix Advertising are as follows:

Paid to Phoenix for development work: \$976,299

Paid to third-party suppliers through Phoenix: \$1,284,878

Paid for PST: \$129,694

Paid to media outlets: \$2,851,869

Paid as commission to Phoenix: \$503,271

Total costs: \$5,746,011

(2) \$503,271 in commissions on advertising placed with media outlets. (This is the same \$503,271 included in the preceding answer.) No commissions were paid for work done by third-party suppliers.

Mr. Elhard asked the Government the following Question No. 35, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: What research was done to justify the lower hourly rate SGI is now proposing to Saskatchewan auto body shops as compensation for paint work?

Answer:

In 2001, a study was undertaken by SGI in which all the detail of paint material, preparation, and application were recorded on 80 vehicle repairs of varying size and complexity.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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. Gantfoer 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?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 12 and are to be answered by day no. 17:

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 155:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: (1) What impact will the recent hike in taxes on tobacco and alcohol have on musicians who perform at live venues in Saskatchewan taverns? (2) What consideration and study was given to this matter prior to the tax increase decisions? (3) Could these documents be provided for the Saskatchewan Arts Community?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 156:

To the Minister of Learning: (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. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 157:

To the Minister of Learning: (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. 158:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many third-party grants will be eliminated by this department? (2) Which grants to those organizations will be so affected? (3) Could you please list the amount of each grant that is being eliminated?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 159:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, how many third-party grants will be reduced by this department? (2) Which grants to those organizations will be so affected? (3) Could you please list both the previous and the newly-reduced amounts of each grant?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 160:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: (1) In fiscal year 2004-2005, is the \$12.6 million allocated for “affordable housing construction” all provincial funding? (2) If not, could you please provide a breakdown of funds from contributing sources?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 161:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: What is the mandate of the Provincial Housing Policy Framework for fiscal year 2004-2005?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 162:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: (1) For fiscal year 2003-2004, what was the total allocation for “affordable housing construction”? (2) Was this all provincial funding? (3) If not, could you please provide a breakdown of funds from contributing sources?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 163:

To the Minister of Health: Which third-party organizations will have their grants reduced, and by how much?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 164:

To the Minister of Health: What are Saskatchewan Health’s policies for approving out-of-province MRIs when ordered by a specialist?

Mr. Cheveldayoff, to ask the Government the following Question No. 165:

To the Minister of Learning: (1) At what facility does the government plan to house the new nursing education seats? (2) How many new instructors will be hired to accommodate the increase in nursing education seats?

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

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF BILLS

Bills that have been introduced are listed alphabetically along with the Bill number. To find what stage a Bill is at, refer to the Progress of Bills chart.

TITLE	DATE CONSIDERED	BILL NO.
Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 2004 / Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi sur l'administration des successions	March 25, 2004	10
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Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2004	March 24, 2004	7
Certified Management Consultants Amendment Act, 2004	March 24, 2004	3
Department of Energy and Mines Amendment Act, 2004	April 1, 2004	17
Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Amendment Act, 2004	March 25, 2004	11
Electrical Inspection Amendment Act, 2004	March 25, 2004	9
Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2004	March 24, 2004	1
Gas Inspection Amendment Act, 2004	March 25, 2004	8
Geographic Names Board Amendment Act, 2004	April 1, 2004	16
Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act, 2004	March 29, 2004	13
Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 2004	March 24, 2004	4
Power Corporation Amendment Act, 2004	March 24, 2004	2
Purchasing Act, 2004	March 29, 2004	12
Saskatchewan Pension Annuity Fund Amendment Act, 2004	March 24, 2004	5
Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2004	March 24, 2004	6
Workers' Compensation Board Pension Implementation Act	April 1, 2004	15

PROGRESS OF BILLS**TO Monday, March 29, 2004****Bill comes into force on:**

A–Assent P–Proclamation

Committees:

CF: Committee of Finance

IAI: Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure

PBC: Private Bills

SD–Specific Date

CW: Committee of the Whole

CCA: Crown and Central Agencies

ECO: Economy

SE–Specific Event

HOS: House Services

HUS: Human Services

GOVERNMENT BILLS

No.	Title	Member	1st Reading	Crown Recomm.	Comm.	2nd Reading	Comm.	Amdt.	3rd Reading	Royal Assent	In Effect
1	The Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2004	Van Mulligen	March 24/04								
2	The Power Corporation Amendment Act, 2004	Quennell	March 24/04								
3	The Certified Management Consultants Amendment Act, 2004	Van Mulligen	March 24/04								
4	The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 2004	Van Mulligen	March 24/04								
5	The Saskatchewan Pension Annuity Fund Amendment Act, 2004	Van Mulligen	March 24/04								
6	The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2004	Van Mulligen	March 24/04								
7	The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2004	Sonntag	March 24/04								
8	The Gas Inspection Amendment Act, 2004	Quennell	March 26/04								
9	The Electrical Inspection Amendment Act, 2004	Quennell	March 26/04								
10	The Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 2004 / Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi sur l'administration des successions	Quennell	March 26/04								
11	The Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Amendment Act, 2004	Thomson	March 26/04								
12	The Purchasing Act, 2004	Higgins	March 29/04								
13	The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act, 2004	Cline	March 29/04								

GOVERNMENT BILLS (continued)

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15	The Workers' Compensation Board Pension Implementation Act	Higgins	April 1, 2004								
16	The Geographic Names Board Amendment Act, 2004	Cline	April 1, 2004								
17	The Department of Energy and Mines Amendment Act, 2004	Cline	April 1, 2004								
18	The Appropriation Act, 2004 (No. 1)	Van Mulligen	April 2, 2004			April 2, 2004	CF April 2/04		April 2, 2004	April 2, 2004	A