



No. 14

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Tuesday, April 6, 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, Hermanson, Huyghebaert, Brkich and Weekes.

## 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 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 immediate action and make necessary repairs to Highway 22 in order to address safety and economic concerns.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 50)

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)

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)

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 72)

#### **SPEAKER TABLES REPORT**

The Speaker laid before the Assembly a Report of the Children's Advocate entitled *It's Time for a Plan for Children's Mental Health* dated April 2004.

(Sessional Paper No. 82)

#### **WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 59 to 62, they were answered. (See Appendix)

#### **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.

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Krawetz, seconded by Mr. Hermanson:

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 Mr. Weekes, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 5:11 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

***Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky***  
***Speaker***

**RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED**

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Extended Health Care Plan for the year ended December 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 77)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Extended Health Care Plan for Retired Employees for the year ended December 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 78)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Extended Health Care Plan for Certain Other Retired Employees for the year ended December 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 79)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Public Employees Group Life Insurance Fund for the year ended December 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 80)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Public Employees Disability Income Fund for the year ended December 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 81)

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Mr. Hermanson asked the Government Question No. 59, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:**

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

Answer:

- (1) SaskTel had a net increase of 11,541 customers in 2003.
- (2) The total number of customers on January 1 and December 31, 2003 was 3,319 and 14,860 respectively.
- (3) For competitive reasons, SaskTel does not release its customer churn.

**Mr. Gantefer asked the Government Question No. 60, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) \$16M was received from the Federal Government and this was allocated to the Regional Health Authorities.
- (2) Lists of specific purchases have not yet been finalized.

**Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 61, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) The alteration of the taxation scheme was made because lawsuits were started before the change. After the change, more lawsuits were started. The new taxation system ended further potential liability accruing against Saskatchewan taxpayers.
- (2) We have settled 15 lawsuits to date at a total cost of \$13,368,846.39.
- (3) There are 29 lawsuits outstanding. Most of these First Nations have not yet quantified their claims.

**Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 62, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) This question is best answered by the Minister of Finance.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A

## NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Thursday:

Hon. Mr. Cline to move First Reading of Bill No. 19 – The Land Titles Amendment Act, 2004

Hon. Mr. Cline to move First Reading of Bill No. 20 – The Land Surveyors and Professional Surveyors Amendment Act, 2004

Hon Mr. Thomson to move First Reading of Bill No. 21 – The Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials Act, 2004

## NOTICE OF MOTION FOR AN ADDRESS TO HER HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

On Thursday:

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen to move that an Humble Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor:

Recommending that the Lieutenant Governor in Council appoint R. Gary Dickson, Q.C., of the city of Regina, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as the Information and Privacy Commissioner pursuant to section 38 of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**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?

**The following Question was given notice on day no. 13 and is to be answered by day no. 18:**

Mr. Heppner, to ask the Government the following Question No. 166:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) With regard to the Highway 11 twinning project, what is the Department’s plan for accesses on this Highway in the communities of Hague, Osler and Rosthern? (2) Has the Department consulted with the councils in those communities about the number



and location of these accesses? (3) What is the position of those communities about these accesses, and how does it compare to that of the Department of Highways' plan?

**The following Question was given notice on day no. 14 and is to be answered by day no. 19:**

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 167:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: When will the section of highway 15 from the junction of #20 east to the junction of #6 be resurfaced or re-paved?

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#### **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

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