



No. 60

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, November 15, 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: Toth, Elhard, McMorris, Huyghebaert, Allchurch, Brkich, Weekes, and Dearborn.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Deputy Clerk informed the Assembly that on June 15, 2004, a certain petition concerning a recommendation to expand the Provincial Sales Tax was presented. Pursuant to Rule 14(7) the petition was found to be irregular and therefore was not read and received.

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 ensure that Craik and District Health Centre is not closed or further downsized.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 166)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to introduce and support whistleblower legislation.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 170)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately pass a law outlawing the sale and use of tobacco, and put an end to smoking.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 176)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that the Border Health Centre in Climax remains a 24-hour facility.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 182)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government, through the Legislature's Human Services Committee, to hold public hearings in each of the communities affected by the changes recently announced by the Minister of Health prior to those bed closures, facility closures and layoffs taking place.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 201)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that the Eatonia ambulance services are not discontinued.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 203)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to retain schools in rural communities such as Dodsland, and supply adequate education for rural families of our province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 215)

INTRODUCTION OF PAGES

The Speaker informed the Assembly that Donovan Ackerman, Alex Arsenault, Brock Egeto, Julianna Hill and Nikki McNaughton would be Pages for the present Session.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 507 to 510, they were answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE

Bill No. 57 - The Irrigation Amendment Act, 2004

The Hon. Mr. Wartman, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 57 - The Irrigation Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Weekes adjourned.

Bill No. 58 - The Cities Amendment Act, 2004

The Hon. Mr. Taylor, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 58 - The Cities Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Toth adjourned.

Bill No. 62 – The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2004

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 62 – The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Dearborn adjourned.

Bill No. 63 – The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2004 (No. 2)
Projet de loi n° 63 – Loi de modification législative de 2004 (n° 2)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 63 – The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2004 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

L'hon M. Quennell propose: Que le projet de loi n° 63 – Loi de modification législative de 2004 (n° 2) – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Dearborn adjourned.

Il s'élève un débat et sur motion de M. Dearborn, le débat est ajourné.

Bill No. 72 - The Traffic Safety Act

The Hon. Mr. Sonntag, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 72 - The Traffic Safety Act – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. McMorris adjourned.

Bill No. 73 - The Traffic Safety Consequential Amendment Act, 2004
Projet de loi n° 73 – Loi de 2004 sur les modifications corrélatives découlant de la loi intitulée The Traffic Safety Act

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag: That Bill No. 73 - The Traffic Safety Consequential Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

L'hon M. Sonntag propose: Que le projet de loi n° 73 – Loi de 2004 sur les modifications corrélatives découlant de la loi intitulée The Traffic Safety Act – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. McMorris adjourned.

Il s'élève un débat et sur motion de M. McMorris, le débat est ajourné.

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

Bill No. 19 – The Land Titles Amendment Act, 2004

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 19 – The Land Titles Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Dearborn adjourned.

Bill No. 59 - The Ambulance Amendment Act, 2004

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 59 - The Ambulance Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Morgan adjourned.

Bill No. 68 - The Assessment Management Agency Amendment Act, 2004

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Taylor: That Bill No. 68 - The Assessment Management Agency Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Hart adjourned.

Bill No. 67 - The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2004
Projet de loi n° 67 - Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hazard

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 67 - The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon M. Cline: Que le projet de loi n° 67 - Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hazard – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. D'Autremont, il est ajourné.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:42 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were tabled intersessionally during the period from June 17, 2004, being the date of adjournment, to November 14, 2004:

510	Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission: Financial Statements of the Staff Pension Plan, for the year ended December 31, 2003	June 24, 2004
511	<i>Crown Administration of Estates Act</i> : Report dated 9 March 2004	June 24, 2004
512	<i>Family Farm Credit Act</i> : Report dated 1 April 2004	June 24, 2004
513	Saskatchewan Police Commission: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2004	June 24, 2004
514	Public Disclosure Committee: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2004	June 24, 2004
515	Saskatchewan Police Complaints Investigator: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2004	June 24, 2004
516	Saskatchewan Arts Board: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004, including list of disbursements	June 29, 2004
517	Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner: Annual Report and Financial Statements, pursuant to section 62(1) of <i>The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i> , for the year ended March 31, 2004	June 30, 2004
518	Community Resources and Employment Central Trust Account: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 5, 2004
519	Western Development Museum: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004, including Supplementary Information	July 7, 2004
520	Judges of the Provincial Court Superannuation Plan: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 9, 2004
521	Public Service Superannuation Board: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 9, 2004

522	Forest Fire Contingency Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 9, 2004
523	Saskatchewan Pension Annuity Fund: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 9, 2004
524	Saskatchewan Public Employees Pension Plan: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 9, 2004
525	University of Saskatchewan Crown Foundation: Financial Statements for the year ended April 30, 2004	July 15, 2004
526	Public Employees Benefits Agency Revolving Fund: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 19, 2004
527	Livestock Services Revolving Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 21, 2004
528	Cattle Marketing Deductions Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 21, 2004
529	Horned Cattle Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 21, 2004
530	Wanuskewin Heritage Park Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 21, 2004
531	Highways and Transportation: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 22, 2004
532	Saskatchewan Communications Network Corporation: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004, including Supplementary Information	July 26, 2004
533	Northern Affairs: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 26, 2004
534	Sunrise Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 26, 2004
535	Sun Country Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004 Accounts Payable vendor list	July 26, 2004 October 25, 2004
536	Saskatoon Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 26, 2004
537	Regina Qu'Appelle Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004 Payee list	July 26, 2004 October 18, 2004
538	Prince Albert Parkland Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 26, 2004
539	Prairie North Regional Health Authority: Annual Report, Financial Statements and Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 26, 2004
540	Mamawetan Churchill River Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 26, 2004
541	Kelsey Trail Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 26, 2004
542	Keewatin Yatthé Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004 Addendum, replacing p. 54 of Annual Report	July 26, 2004 October 4, 2004
543	Heartland Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 26, 2004

544	Five Hills Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 26, 2004
545	Cypress Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 26, 2004
546	Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 26, 2004
547	Health Quality Council: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 26, 2004
548	Saskatchewan Cancer Agency: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 26, 2004
549	Saskatchewan Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 26, 2004
550	St. Louis Alcoholism Rehabilitation Centre: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 27, 2004
551	Saskatchewan Culture, Youth and Recreation: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 27, 2004
552	Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 27, 2004
553	Saskatchewan Research Council: Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 27, 2004
554	Government House Foundation: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 27, 2004
555	Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 27, 2004
556	Saskatchewan Labour: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 27, 2004
557	Information Technology Office: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 27, 2004
558	Saskatchewan Student Aid Fund: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 27, 2004
559	Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 27, 2004
560	Saskatchewan Multitype Library Board: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 27, 2004
561	<i>The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i> : Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 28, 2004
562	Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 28, 2004
563	Farm Land Security Board: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 28, 2004
564	Provincial Mediation Board Trust Accounts: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 28, 2004
565	Office of the Rentalsman – Rentalsman's Trust Account: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 28, 2004
566	Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 28, 2004

567	Judges of the Provincial Court Superannuation Plan: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 28, 2004
568	Correctional Facilities Industries Revolving Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
569	Sask911: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
570	Corrections and Public Safety: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
571	Justice Department: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
572	Public Service Commission: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
573	Environment Department, Commercial Revolving Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
574	Environment, Fish and Wildlife Development Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004, including Supplementary Information	July 29, 2004
575	Environment, Resource Protection and Development Revolving Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
576	Health Information Network (SHIN): Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
577	Health Department: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
578	Environment Department: State of Drinking Water Quality Report for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
579	Environment Department: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
580	Finance: Annual report for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
581	Human Rights Commission: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
582	Legal Aid Commission: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
583	Public Guardian and Trustee of Saskatchewan: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004, including Supplementary Information	July 29, 2004
584	Queen's Printer Revolving Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
585	Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
586	Community Resources and Employment: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
587	Learning, Prince of Wales Scholarship Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
588	Liquor and Gaming Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004, including Supplementary Financial Information	July 29, 2004
589	Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004, including Supplementary Information	July 29, 2004

590	Industry and Resources: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
591	Oil and Gas Environmental Fund (Industry and Resources): Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
592	Water Appeal Board: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004, including Honoraria paid to Board Members	July 29, 2004
593	Medical Services Branch: Annual Statistical Report, supplementary to the Annual Report of Saskatchewan Health, for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
594	Saskatchewan Learning: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
595	Training Completions Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
596	School Division Tax Loss Compensation Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
597	Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
598	Department of Justice – Victims’ Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
599	Highways Revolving Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
600	Transportation Partnerships Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 29, 2004
601	Chief Electoral Officer: Report pursuant to section 286 of <i>The Election Act, 1996</i> for the 25 th General Provincial Election held on November 5, 2003	July 29, 2004
602	Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 30, 2004
603	Agricultural Implements Board: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 30, 2004
604	Agri-Food Innovation Fund: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 30, 2004
605	Agricultural Stabilization Fund: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 30, 2004
606	Watershed Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004 Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2004	July 30, 2004 August 12, 2004
607	Gaming Corporation: Annual Report and Financial Statements as well as Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Holdings Inc. for the year ended March 31, 2004, including Supplementary Financial Information	July 30, 2004
608	Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	August 4, 2004
609	University of Regina Crown Foundation: Financial Statements for the year ended April 30, 2004	August 5, 2004

610	Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	August 9, 2004
611	Community Initiatives Fund: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	August 9, 2004
612	Superintendent of Insurance (Financial Services Commission): Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2003	August 23, 2004
613	Irrigation Crop Diversification Corporation: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	August 25, 2004
614	Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	August 27, 2004
615	University of Saskatchewan: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended April 30, 2004	August 30, 2004
616	University of Regina: Financial Statements for the year ended April 30, 2004	August 30, 2004
617	Saskatchewan Correspondence School Revolving Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	September 14, 2004
618	Information and Privacy Commissioner: Report on <i>The Health Information Protection Act</i> Draft Regulations, dated September 10, 2004	September 14, 2004
619	Provincial Auditor's 2004 Report (Volume 2), in accordance with the provisions of section 14 of <i>The Provincial Auditor Act</i>	September 14, 2004
620	Doukhobors of Canada C.C.U.B. Trust Fund Board: Financial Statements for the year ended May 31, 2004	August 8, 2004
621	<i>Public Accounts</i> of the Province of Saskatchewan for year ended March 31, 2004 (Volume 1) <i>Public Accounts</i> of the Province of Saskatchewan for year ended March 31, 2004 (Volume 2)	June 29, 2004 October 12, 2004
622	Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST): Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2004	October 13, 2004
623	Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST): Services/Supplier Payments/Disbursements Report, and Employees/Board Payments Report	October 14, 2004
624	Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission: Annual Report, Financial Statements and Supplementary Financial Information for the year ended June 30, 2004	October 20, 2004
625	North West Regional College: Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2004	October 27, 2004
626	Cumberland Regional College: Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2004	October 27, 2004
627	Prairie West Regional College: Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2004	October 27, 2004
628	Carlton Trail Regional College: Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2004	October 27, 2004
629	Southeast Regional College: Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2004	October 27, 2004

630	Teachers' Superannuation Commission: Annual Report and Financial Statements under: <i>The Teachers' Superannuation and Disability Benefits Act</i> for the year ended June 30, 2004; <i>The Teachers' Life Insurance (Government Contributory) Act</i> for the period ended August 31, 2004 and <i>The Teachers' Dental Plan Act</i> for the period ended December 31, 2003	October 27, 2004
631	Cypress Hills Regional College: Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2004	October 27, 2004
632	Parkland Regional College: Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2004	October 27, 2004
633	Northlands College: Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2004	October 27, 2004
634	Saskatchewan Archives Board: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	October 29, 2004
635	Pastures Revolving Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	9 November 2004
636	Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2003	10 November 2004

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 507 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Health: (1) In 2003, was there any increase or decrease in administration personnel at the Heartland Health Region? (2) What was that change?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) During the 2002-03 fiscal year, the Heartland Health Region reduced 9.64 full time equivalent (FTE) administrative personnel positions when these positions became redundant through an amalgamation transition from three separate health districts to Heartland Health Region.
During the 2003-04 fiscal year, Heartland Health Region added one administrative personnel position to the health region with new targeted funding from the provincial Health Quality Council.

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 508 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Health: (1) In 2004, was there any increase or decrease in administration personnel at the Heartland Health Region? (2) What was that change?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) During the 2003-04 fiscal year, Heartland Health Region added one administrative personnel position to the health region with new targeted funding from the provincial Health Quality Council. (Please note, this is the same position referenced in Question No. 507.)
During the 2004-05 fiscal year, there has been a reduction of two administrative personnel.

Mr. Gantefoer asked the Government Question No. 509 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many radiation machines for treating cancer patients are in operation in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region? (2) How old are they? (3) How many hours do they operate per week? (4) How often is maintenance required and scheduled?

Answer:

There are six radiation machines in operation in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region, four linear accelerators, one cobalt unit and one High Dose Rate brachytherapy unit.

The following information provides answers to the questions pertaining to these machines:

Allan Blair Cancer Centre			
Treatment Machine	Age of Machine	Hours of Operation/Week	Maintenance Required/Scheduled
Varian 21EX (linear accelerator)	3 months (Began clinical operation May 12, 2004.)	20 hours/week In keeping with standard practice, has a staged implementation to accommodate learning curve among staff. Will be fully operational, (i.e. 40 hours/week) in fall 2004.	Quality assurance checks conducted daily when machine turned on (e.g. run beams). Preventative maintenance scheduled weekly (2-3 hours).

Siemens Primus (linear accelerator)	3 years	40 hours/week	Quality assurance checks conducted daily. Preventative maintenance scheduled weekly (2-3 hours).
Varian Clinac 2100 C (linear accelerator)	7 years	40 hours/week	Quality assurance checks conducted daily. Preventative maintenance scheduled weekly (2-3 hours).
Siemens Mevatron 64** (linear accelerator)	19 years	40 hours/week Will be phased out in fall 2004.	Quality assurance checks conducted daily. Preventative maintenance scheduled weekly (2- 3 hours).
Theratronics T1000 (Cobalt)	12 years	25 hours/week Shut down for summer to accommodate staff training on 21EX and to operate additional radiation machine. Will be running again in fall 2004.	Quality assurance checks conducted daily. Preventative maintenance scheduled weekly (2-3 hours).
HDR Brachytherapy	10 years	4 hours/week	Preventative maintenance scheduled weekly (2-3 hours).

Mr. Gantefer asked the Government Question No. 510 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Health: How many acute care hospital beds were in operation on March 31, 2004 in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region?

Answer:

The Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region has two provincial hospitals and seven community hospitals. Based on preliminary survey results provided to Saskatchewan Health by the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region, the Region was operating a total of 630 acute care beds [includes psychiatric inpatient beds] across its nine hospitals, on March 31, 2004. It should be noted that the number of hospital beds staffed and in operation on any given day may fluctuate based on patient need and acuity.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

AVIS DE MOTIONS PORTANT PREMIÈRE LECTURE DE PROJETS DE LOI

On Wednesday / mercredi:

Hon. Ms. Atkinson to move First Reading of Bill No. 75 – The Crown Corporations Public Ownership Act

Hon. Mr. Wartman to move First Reading of Bill No. 76 – The Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute Amendment Act, 2004

Hon. Ms. Higgins to move First Reading of Bill No. 77 – The Public Works and Services Act

Hon. Ms. Higgins to move First Reading of Bill No. 78 – The Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation Repeal Act

Hon. Mr. Forbes to move First Reading of Bill No. 79 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2004

Hon. Mr. Thomson to move First Reading of Bill No. 80 – The Education Amendment Act, 2004

L'hon. M. Thomson proposera la première lecture du projet de loi no. 80 – Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Question was asked on day no. 58 and is to be answered by day no. 63:

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 511:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency: With reference to the reassessment that SAMA will be undertaking this fiscal year: (1) What are the preliminary proposals and will they be released to the public? (2) What is the expected impact on property taxes? (3) When is it expected that reassessment will come into effect? (4) Will public hearings be held prior to the recommendations being implemented? (5) If so, when and in what communities will these hearings be held?

The following Questions were asked on day no. 60 and are to be answered by day no. 65:

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 512:

To the Minister of Agriculture: (1) What mechanism does Saskatchewan Crop Insurance use to determine whether crop rotation guidelines have been followed or violated when acreage reports are filed? (2) Is this mechanism a computer data-based mechanism or is it done by hand and researched as claims are filed?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 513:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: (1) Which Immigration department employees went on trips overseas since January 1, 2004 to recruit possible immigrants for Saskatchewan? (2) Which companies went on these trips?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 514:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: (1) How many trips overseas have employees of your department made since January 1, 2004 to recruit possible immigrants for Saskatchewan? (2) Please provide the cost of each trip, where department employees went and how many new immigrants have come to Saskatchewan as a result of these trips?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 515:

To the Premier: On February 17, 2003, the Premier said, "In March of 1997, the government believed it had an equity partner to share the risk of building storage sheds." Is there any written communication between Con-Force and the government that corroborates this statement by the Premier?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 516:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: An October 21, 2004 Regina Leader-Post article states, "Provincial Cabinet Minister Peter Prebble said Wednesday that the government did believe in 1997 that Con-Force Limited intended to become an equity partner in the building of potato sheds for its failed Spudco venture." Is there any written communication between Con-Force and the government that corroborates this statement by the Minister?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 517:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: The June 25, 1998 Spudco Review conducted by Ernst and Young recommended: "A definitive conclusion is required regarding the need for an Order-in-Council (to authorize the financing of the construction of the potato storage facilities) and therefore, a legal opinion will be required." Was a legal opinion obtained and from what law firm?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 518:

To the Minister of Crown Management Board: The June 25, 1998 Spudco Review conducted by Ernst and Young recommended: "A definitive conclusion is required regarding the need for an Order-in-Council (to authorize the financing of the construction of the potato storage facilities) and therefore, a legal opinion will be required." Was a legal opinion obtained and from what law firm?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 519:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: On August 21, 1998, Mark Langefeld of Judith River Farms Ltd. wrote to Ron Styles and Harvey Fjeld of SaskWater asking the following question: "Does Con-Force Industries really have a 51% interest in the storage buildings or is this a 100% SaskWater operation?" What was SaskWater's response to this request?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 520:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: On October 10, 1998 SaskWater Corporation Information Item presented by Ron Styles stated that the Member from Meadow Lake, at the time Minister responsible for SaskWater, had approved a strategy to "create some financial expediency for Microgro through impacting the cash flow." What was the Minister's intent in approving this strategy?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 521:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: On October 10, 1998 SaskWater Corporation Information Item presented by Ron Styles stated that the Member from Meadow Lake, at the time Minister responsible for SaskWater, had approved a strategy to "create some financial expediency for Microgro through impacting the cash flow." What specific action did SaskWater take as a result of this strategy?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 522:

To the Minister of Crown Management Board: A November 18, 1999 CIC Board of Directors information item stated: "At the end of 1999, SaskWater has \$3.9 million in trust liabilities either associated with Rafferty/Alameda completion or owed to Ducks Unlimited which cannot be funded as the cash associated with these has been used to finance SPUDCO storage capital and losses." (1) Who made the decision to use this money to finance SPUDCO storage capital and losses? (2) Which Minister or Ministers approved this decision and which Ministers were aware of this decision?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 523:

To the Minister of Crown Management Board: A November 18, 1999 CIC Board of Directors information item stated: "At the end of 1999, SaskWater has \$3.9 million in trust liabilities either associated with Rafferty/Alameda completion or owed to Ducks Unlimited which cannot be funded as the cash associated with these has been used to finance SPUDCO storage capital and losses." What action was taken to discipline or reprimand those responsible for using these trust moneys to finance SPUDCO storage capital and losses?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 524:

To the Minister of Crown Management Board: A November 18, 1999 CIC Board of Directors information item stated: "At the end of 1999, SaskWater has \$3.9 million in trust liabilities either associated with Rafferty/Alameda completion or owed to Ducks Unlimited which cannot be funded as the cash associated with these has been used to finance SPUDCO storage capital and losses." (1) Was a legal opinion obtained with regard to this matter? (2) If so, what law firm provided the legal opinion?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 525:

To the Premier: In May 2004, lawyers with the firm Olive Waller Zinkhan Waller filed a \$10 million countersuit in the SPUDCO case, which alleged that the plaintiff's circulated "false or misleading financial information", that "erroneous information as to profitability" was contained in the business plan and that both the plaintiffs and their accountants "negligently or wilfully misrepresented the economic potential" of the potato venture. (1) Is there any evidence the government has to substantiate this allegation?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 526:

To the Minister of Crown Management Board: In May 2004, lawyers with the firm Olive Waller Zinkhan Waller filed a \$10 million countersuit in the SPUDCO case, which alleged that the plaintiff's circulated "false or misleading financial information", that "erroneous information as to profitability" was contained in the business plan and that both the plaintiffs and their accountants "negligently or wilfully misrepresented the economic potential" of the potato venture. (1) Is there any evidence the government has to substantiate this allegation?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 527:

To the Premier: In May 2004, lawyers with the firm Olive Waller Zinkhan Waller filed a \$10 million countersuit in the SPUDCO case, which alleged that the plaintiff's circulated "false or misleading financial information", that "erroneous information as to profitability" was contained in the business plan and that both the plaintiffs and their accountants "negligently or wilfully misrepresented the economic potential" of the potato venture. (1) Who within government authorized the decision to make these allegations against the plaintiffs and their accountants?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 528:

To the Minister of Crown Management Board: In May 2004, lawyers with the firm Olive Waller Zinkhan Waller filed a \$10 million countersuit in the SPUDCO case, which alleged that the plaintiff's circulated "false or misleading financial information", that "erroneous information as to profitability" was contained in the business plan and that both the plaintiffs and their accountants "negligently or wilfully misrepresented the economic potential" of the potato venture. (1) Who within government authorized the decision to make these allegations against the plaintiffs and their accountants?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 529:

To the Premier: On October 17, 2003, lawyers with the firm Olive Waller Zinkhan Waller filed documents in court alleging that the Saskatchewan Party had committed to settle the SPUDCO lawsuit if it became government. (1) Who within government authorized the decision to make this allegation in court?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 530:

To the Minister of Crown Management Board: On October 17, 2003, lawyers with the firm Olive Waller Zinkhan Waller filed documents in court alleging that the Saskatchewan Party had committed to settle the SPUDCO lawsuit if it became government. (1) Who within government authorized the decision to make this allegation in court?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 531:

To the Premier: On April 28, 1998, cabinet approved a plan to obtain the financing for the four SPUDCO storage facilities with total debt of \$14.5 million, yet no effort was made at that time by the government to publicly correct the inaccurate portrayal of the arrangement with Con-Force as a “partnership”. The Premier was a member of Cabinet at that time. (1) What specific actions did the Premier take to encourage the government to correct the inaccurate portrayal of this business arrangement? (2) Are there written documents supporting these actions?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 532:

To the Premier: On April 28, 1998, cabinet approved a plan to obtain the financing for the four SPUDCO storage facilities with total debt of \$14.5 million, yet no effort was made at that time by the government to publicly correct the inaccurate portrayal of the arrangement with Con-Force as a “partnership”. The Member from Prince Albert Northcote was a member of Cabinet at that time. (1) What specific actions did the Member from Prince Albert Northcote take to encourage the government to correct the inaccurate portrayal of this business arrangement?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 533:

To the Premier: On April 28, 1998, cabinet approved a plan to obtain the financing for the four SPUDCO storage facilities with total debt of \$14.5 million, yet no effort was made at that time by the government to publicly correct the inaccurate portrayal of the arrangement with Con-Force as a “partnership”. The Member from Saskatoon Nutana was a member of Cabinet at that time. (1) What specific actions did the Member from Saskatoon Nutana take to encourage the government to correct the inaccurate portrayal of this business arrangement?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 534:

To the Premier: On April 28, 1998, cabinet approved a plan to obtain the financing for the four SPUDCO storage facilities with total debt of \$14.5 million, yet no effort was made at that time by the government to publicly correct the inaccurate portrayal of the arrangement with Con-Force as a “partnership”. The Member from Regina Rosemont was a member of Cabinet at that time. (1) What specific actions did the Member from Regina Rosemont take to encourage the government to correct the inaccurate portrayal of this business arrangement?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 535:

To the Premier: On April 28, 1998, cabinet approved a plan to obtain the financing for the four SPUDCO storage facilities with total debt of \$14.5 million, yet no effort was made at that time by the government to publicly correct the inaccurate portrayal of the arrangement with Con-Force as a “partnership”. The Member from Saskatoon Massey Place was a member of Cabinet at that time. (1) What specific actions did the Member from Saskatoon Massey Place take to encourage the government to correct the inaccurate portrayal of this business arrangement?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 536:

To the Premier: On April 28, 1998, cabinet approved a plan to obtain the financing for the four SPUDCO storage facilities with total debt of \$14.5 million, yet no effort was made at that time by the government to publicly correct the inaccurate portrayal of the arrangement with Con-Force as a “partnership”. The Member from Regina Lakeview was a member of Cabinet at that time. (1) What specific actions did the Member from Regina Lakeview take to encourage the government to correct the inaccurate portrayal of this business arrangement?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 537:

To the Premier: On April 28, 1998, cabinet approved a plan to obtain the financing for the four SPUDCO storage facilities with total debt of \$14.5 million, yet no effort was made at that time by the government to publicly correct the inaccurate portrayal of the arrangement with Con-Force as a “partnership”. The Member from Yorkton was a member of Cabinet at that time. (1) What specific actions did the Member from Yorkton take to encourage the government to correct the inaccurate portrayal of this business arrangement?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 538:

To the Premier: On April 28, 1998, cabinet approved a plan to obtain the financing for the four SPUDCO storage facilities with total debt of \$14.5 million, yet no effort was made at that time by the government to publicly correct the inaccurate portrayal of the arrangement with Con-Force as a “partnership”. The Member from Meadow Lake was a member of Cabinet at that time. (1) What specific actions did the Member from Meadow Lake take to encourage the government to correct the inaccurate portrayal of this business arrangement?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 539:

To the Premier: On April 28, 1998, cabinet approved a plan to obtain the financing for the four SPUDCO storage facilities with total debt of \$14.5 million, yet no effort was made at that time by the government to publicly correct the inaccurate portrayal of the arrangement with Con-Force as a “partnership”. Roy Romanow was a member of Cabinet at that time. (1) What specific actions did Roy Romanow take to encourage the government to correct the inaccurate portrayal of this business arrangement?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 540:

To the Premier: On April 28, 1998, cabinet approved a plan to obtain the financing for the four SPUDCO storage facilities with total debt of \$14.5 million, yet no effort was made at that time by the government to publicly correct the inaccurate portrayal of the arrangement with Con-Force as a “partnership”. Dwain Lingenfelter was a member of Cabinet at that time. (1) What specific actions did Dwain Lingenfelter take to encourage the government to correct the inaccurate portrayal of this business arrangement?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 541:

To the Premier: On April 28, 1998, cabinet approved a plan to obtain the financing for the four SPUDCO storage facilities with total debt of \$14.5 million, yet no effort was made at that time by the government to publicly correct the inaccurate portrayal of the arrangement with Con-Force as a “partnership”. Robert Mitchell was a member of Cabinet at that time. (1) What specific actions did Robert Mitchell take to encourage the government to correct the inaccurate portrayal of this business arrangement?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 542:

To the Premier: On April 28, 1998, cabinet approved a plan to obtain the financing for the four SPUDCO storage facilities with total debt of \$14.5 million, yet no effort was made at that time by the government to publicly correct the inaccurate portrayal of the arrangement with Con-Force as a “partnership”. Janice MacKinnon was a member of Cabinet at that time. (1) What specific actions did Janice MacKinnon take to encourage the government to correct the inaccurate portrayal of this business arrangement?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 543:

To the Premier: On April 28, 1998, cabinet approved a plan to obtain the financing for the four SPUDCO storage facilities with total debt of \$14.5 million, yet no effort was made at that time by the government to publicly correct the inaccurate portrayal of the arrangement with Con-Force as a “partnership”. Ned Shillington was a member of Cabinet at that time. (1) What specific actions did Ned Shillington take to encourage the government to correct the inaccurate portrayal of this business arrangement?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 544:

To the Premier: On April 28, 1998, cabinet approved a plan to obtain the financing for the four SPUDCO storage facilities with total debt of \$14.5 million, yet no effort was made at that time by the government to publicly correct the inaccurate portrayal of the arrangement with Con-Force as a “partnership”. Bernie Wiens was a member of Cabinet at that time. (1) What specific actions did Bernie Wiens take to encourage the government to correct the inaccurate portrayal of this business arrangement?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 545:

To the Premier: On April 28, 1998, cabinet approved a plan to obtain the financing for the four SPUDCO storage facilities with total debt of \$14.5 million, yet no effort was made at that time by the government to publicly correct the inaccurate portrayal of the arrangement with Con-Force as a “partnership”. Eric Upshall was a member of Cabinet at that time. (1) What specific actions did Eric Upshall take to encourage the government to correct the inaccurate portrayal of this business arrangement?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 546:

To the Premier: On April 28, 1998, cabinet approved a plan to obtain the financing for the four SPUDCO storage facilities with total debt of \$14.5 million, yet no effort was made at that time by the government to publicly correct the inaccurate portrayal of the arrangement with Con-Force as a “partnership”. Judy Bradley was a member of Cabinet at that time. (1) What specific actions did Judy Bradley take to encourage the government to correct the inaccurate portrayal of this business arrangement?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 547:

To the Premier: On April 28, 1998, cabinet approved a plan to obtain the financing for the four SPUDCO storage facilities with total debt of \$14.5 million, yet no effort was made at that time by the government to publicly correct the inaccurate portrayal of the arrangement with Con-Force as a “partnership”. Keith Goulet was a member of Cabinet at that time. (1) What specific actions did Keith Goulet take to encourage the government to correct the inaccurate portrayal of this business arrangement?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 548:

To the Premier: On April 28, 1998, cabinet approved a plan to obtain the financing for the four SPUDCO storage facilities with total debt of \$14.5 million, yet no effort was made at that time by the government to publicly correct the inaccurate portrayal of the arrangement with Con-Force as a “partnership”. Carol Teichrob was a member of Cabinet at that time. (1) What specific actions did Carol Teichrob take to encourage the government to correct the inaccurate portrayal of this business arrangement?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 549:

To the Premier: On April 28, 1998, cabinet approved a plan to obtain the financing for the four SPUDCO storage facilities with total debt of \$14.5 million, yet no effort was made at that time by the government to publicly correct the inaccurate portrayal of the arrangement with Con-Force as a “partnership”. Lorne Scott was a member of Cabinet at that time. (1) What specific actions did Lorne Scott take to encourage the government to correct the inaccurate portrayal of this business arrangement?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 550:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: (1) Provide a detailed, itemized accounting of all money spent by SaskWater and any other government department, Crown or agency on SPUDCO, including all legal fees and legal settlements. (2) Provide the names of the persons, companies, and other entities that received this money, the amounts each received, and the goods and services the government received for these payments.

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 551:

To the Premier: On July 30, 1998, Deputy Premier Dwain Lingenfelter sent a briefing note on SPUDCO to Premier Roy Romanow indicating: “There are lapses in the requisite legislative authorities to permit SaskWater Corporation to process in certain areas of business they have undertaken.” (1) What specific action did Premier Roy Romanow take to address these lapses in requisite legislative authority? (2) Is there any written record of Premier Romanow’s actions?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 552:

To the Premier: On July 30, 1998, Deputy Premier Dwain Lingenfelter sent a briefing note on SPUDCO to Premier Roy Romanow indicating: “There are lapses in the requisite legislative authorities to permit SaskWater Corporation to process in certain areas of business they have undertaken.” (1) What specific action did Deputy Premier Lingenfelter take to address these lapses in requisite legislative authority? (2) Is there any written record of Deputy Premier Lingenfelter’s actions?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 553:

To the Premier: On July 30, 1998, Deputy Premier Dwain Lingenfelter sent a briefing note on SPUDCO to Premier Roy Romanow indicating: “There are lapses in the requisite legislative authorities to permit SaskWater Corporation to process in certain areas of business they have undertaken.” (1) Other than the Premier and Deputy Premier, which Ministers and other government officials were aware of this briefing note? (2) What specific actions did these Ministers and other government officials take to address the lapses in requisite legislative authority identified in the briefing note?