



No. 70

# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Monday, November 29, 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: Wall, Hermanson, Bjornerud, Stewart, McMorris, Eagles, Harpauer, Bakken, Brkich, Weekes, Dearborn, Hart, D'Autremont and Allchurch.

## **READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS**

According to Order, the Deputy Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 14(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take all necessary action to reverse charges recently made that require the education sector to contribute to the cost of SAMA.

(Sessional Paper No. 670)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to commit to ensure the job security of contracting out work or services provided by public sector employees.

(Sessional Paper No. 671)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that the Wilkie Health Centre and Special Care Home maintain, at the very least, their current level of services.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 96)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to make the necessary repairs to Highway 35 north from the United States border, in order to prevent injury or loss of life and to prevent the loss of economic opportunity in the area.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 107)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reverse the decision to force the amalgamation of school divisions in Saskatchewan and continue re-organization of school division on a strictly voluntary basis.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 637)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take the necessary action to ensure that the CAIS program receives adequate provincial funding, the funding formula is changed to ensure equal access to compensation, and to contribute funds to the latest BSE assistance package released by the Federal Government.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 638)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take necessary action to hold an independent judicial inquiry into the Spudco scandal.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 647)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take the necessary action to ensure that public consultations are done prior to changes to the health care services in Sun Country.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 667)

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill No. 204 – The Recognition of First Nations Women Act, 2005

(Ms. Draude)

Bill No. 88 – The Health Labour Relations Reorganization Amendment Act, 2004

(Hon. Ms. Higgins)

### SPEAKER TABLES REPORTS

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the following:

Business and Financial Plan of the Provincial Auditor, pursuant to section 14.1 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*, for the year ended March 31, 2006

(Sessional Paper No. 675)

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Legislative Library, for the year ended March 31, 2004

(Sessional Paper No. 676)

### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 858 to 884, they were answered. (See Appendix)

### APPOINTMENT OF OMBUDSMAN

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Quennell, seconded by Mr. Morgan:

That an Humble Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor recommending that the Lieutenant Governor in Council appoint Kevin Fenwick, of the Lorie District, Ombudsman for the Province of Saskatchewan pursuant to section 3 of *The Ombudsman and Children's Advocate Act*.

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

### APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Quennell, seconded by Mr. Morgan:

That this Assembly hereby appoints Jean Ouellet, of the city of Regina in the Province of Saskatchewan, Chief Electoral Officer, pursuant to section 4 of *The Election Act, 1996*.

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

### MOTION PURSUANT TO RULE 49

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, pursuant to Rule 49, it was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hermanson:

That this Assembly recognize the mutual importance to Canada and the U.S. of a new commitment by Prime Minister Paul Martin and President George Bush to improve our bilateral relationship, by expediting the resolution of the current disputes affecting bilateral trade in live cattle and swine, wheat and softwood lumber.

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

### 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 question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

Ordered, That Bill No. 19 – The Land Titles Amendment Act, 2004 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

**Bill No. 57 - The Irrigation Amendment Act, 2004**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wartman: That Bill No. 57 - The Irrigation Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

Ordered, That Bill No. 57 - The Irrigation Amendment Act, 2004 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

**Bill No. 76 - The Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute Amendment Act, 2004**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wartman: That Bill No. 76 - The Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

Ordered, That Bill No. 76 - The Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute Amendment Act, 2004 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

**Bill No. 72 - The Traffic Safety Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Sonntag: That Bill No. 72 - The Traffic Safety Act – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

Ordered, That Bill No. 72 - The Traffic Safety Act – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

**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**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Sonntag: That Bill No. 73 - The Traffic Safety Consequential Amendment Act, 2004 - be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion proposée par l'hon. M. Sonntag: 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.

The question being put, the said Bill was accordingly read a second time.

La motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

Sur motion de l'hon. M. Sonntag:

Ordered, That Bill No. 73 - The Traffic Safety Consequential Amendment Act, 2004 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

Il est résolu 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 déferé au Comité permanent des sociétés d'état et des organismes centraux.

**Bill No. 85 – The Film Employment Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2004**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Beatty: That Bill No. 85 – The Film Employment Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Beatty:

Ordered, That Bill No. 85 – The Film Employment Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2004 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

**Bill No. 79 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2004**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Forbes: That Bill No. 79 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Forbes:

Ordered, That Bill No. 79 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2004 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

**Bill No. 81 – The Municipalities Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Taylor: That Bill No. 81 – The Municipalities Act – be now read a second time.

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

**Bill No. 82 – The Miscellaneous Municipal Statutes Amendment Act, 2004**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Taylor: That Bill No. 82 – The Miscellaneous Municipal Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 3:47 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

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

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**RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED**

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Detail of Expenditures under *The Election Act, 1996*: Provincial Constituencies for the fiscal year 2003-2004  
(Sessional Paper No. 674)

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Mr. Elhard asked the Government Question No. 858, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: What discounts do SGI employees, executives and retirees receive on their SGI bills?

Answer:

SGI staff and retirees receive a 10 per cent discount for SGI CANADA home, personal auto and agro policies. Employees, not retirees, purchasing salvage receive a discount equal to the "trade discount," which is 30% on sheet metal parts and 20% on mechanical parts. No discount is given on tires, batteries, whole vehicles, general salvage items, any other sales or for Saskatchewan Auto Fund products.

**Mr. Elhard asked the Government Question No. 859, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Quennell:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What discounts do SaskPower employees, executives and retirees receive on their SaskPower bills?

Answer:

SaskPower employees, executives and retirees do not receive any discounts on their SaskPower bills.

**Mr. Elhard asked the Government Question No. 860, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:**

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: What discounts do SaskEnergy employees, executives and retirees receive on their SaskEnergy bills?

Answer:

SaskEnergy employees, executives and retirees do not receive any discounts on their SaskEnergy bills.

**Mr. Elhard asked the Government Question No. 861, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Corporation: What discounts do STC employees, executives and retirees receive on their STC services?

Answer:

All full-time permanent employees of the Saskatchewan Transportation Company receive a pass for free travel on STC lines, which is valid for the term of their employment. Temporary and part-time staff may request a free trip pass, which is good for a specified trip on a specified date. Retirees with 10 or more years of service will receive a lifetime pass, entitling them to free travel on STC services for the remainder of their lives.

**Mr. Elhard asked the Government Question No. 862, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: What discounts do SLGA employees, executives and retirees receive on their SLGA purchases?

Answer:

SLGA employees, executives and retirees do not receive a discount on SLGA purchases.

**Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 863, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: (1) How many wells have been affected by the Grandora/Dunfermline/Vanscoy TransGas Natural Gas Storage Project? (2) Where are these affected wells located?

Answer:

(1) At present there is no evidence of any wells in the area being affected by TransGas in terms of water quality. In terms of water levels, a number of wells in the Tyner Valley have been impacted as was expected. TransGas has undertaken measures to ensure that impacts were mitigated. SaskEnergy will provide the number of wells where they have provided mitigation. Although it is suggested that a number of wells have been affected by the project thus far, there is presently no scientific evidence to

assign responsibility to TransGas beyond those which they have already mitigated. Expanded monitoring, further investigations and the upcoming temporary shutdown of the project will be used to further assess the possible impacts of this project.

(2) The affected wells which required mitigation are located in the Tyner Valley Aquifer between Vanscoy and Grandora.

**Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 864, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:**

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) Has an environmental impact study been completed on the Grandora/Dunfermline/Vanscoy TransGas Natural Gas Storage Project? (2) If so, what are the findings?

Answer:

The full requirements of the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority (the Authority) water use permit application were met by TransGas Limited (TransGas) in 2003. A hydrogeological aquifer flow modeling study was conducted by qualified professional engineering and geoscience consultants and was submitted with the application. This model assessed the impacts of water movement within the aquifer, the recharge within the aquifer, and the sustainability of water use at the rates and duration required for the TransGas project. The model indicated that the water use rates and duration was sustainable for the project and the Authority issued a permit to TransGas.

**Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 865, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: What scientific basis does TransGas have that the Grandora/Dunfermline/Vanscoy TransGas Natural Gas Storage Project will not affect local groundwater quality and quantity?

Answer:

It was acknowledged from the outset that there would be impacts on groundwater levels in the Tyner Valley aquifer and that some wells in the aquifer would have to be mitigated. It must be recognized that any groundwater withdrawal project will affect water levels to some degree, but scientific modeling indicates that the water will begin to recover as soon as pumping concludes. In terms of the information used in the decision making process, the groundwater investigation report provided in support of TransGas's application was completed by a qualified engineering firm. The report was in turn reviewed by qualified professionals within the Authority. The report was the primary basis for the TransGas Approval. TransGas was also required to implement a groundwater monitoring network prior to starting up their project. Information from this network is regularly collected and assessed. Further investigations are being done to examine the concerns which have recently come to light.

Nitrate is the most significant water quality concern in the area. Information gathered in advance of the TransGas project indicated the presence of nitrates already in the water source. However, it must be recognized that there is no mechanism for groundwater pumping to cause nitrate contamination.

**Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 866, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: According to Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Vice President Wayne Dybvig, "Seventeen wells in the Vanscoy/Grandora area were sampled by Authority staff between November 8 and 10, 2004. These 17 wells were deemed to be at the highest risk, based on previous data." What previous data is being referenced?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority selected 17 wells for sampling due to elevated nitrate levels found when they were sampled by TransGas in summer 2003. The results of these tests were shared with affected local residents. TransGas also took samples as part of their investigations prior to the project start up and later as part of their investigations into concerns expressed by individual well owners.



To date, monitoring in several private wells and in TransGas production wells has shown no measurable change in water quality.

**Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 867, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:**

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: According to Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Vice President Wayne Dybvig, "Seventeen wells in the Vanscoy/Grandora area were sampled by Authority staff between November 8 and 10, 2004. These 17 wells were deemed to be at the highest risk, based on previous data." What previous data is being referenced?

Answer:

TransGas Limited (TransGas) is not aware of the location of the 17 wells sampled by the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority (the Authority) in November 2004 or the criteria the Authority used to select the wells they tested. However, TransGas sampled and tested the water quality of 31 private wells in the summer of 2003 and submitted results to the SWA with TransGas' application for water use. In addition, TransGas sampled and tested the water quality of 86 private water wells so far in 2004 and submitted results to the Authority. All sample test results were also shared with individual well owners in 2003 and 2004.

**Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 868, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:**

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: What scientific basis does TransGas have that the Grandora/Dunfermline/Vanscoy TransGas Natural Gas Storage Project will not affect local groundwater quality and quantity?

Answer:

The hydrogeological model developed in 2003 has been verified against actual pumping results in 2004. The model and pumping to date has confirmed that the quantity of water removed from the Tyner Valley Aquifer (TVA) is sustainable for the duration of cavern mining. There is no known mechanism for TransGas Limited's pumping to introduce groundwater contaminants into the TVA or any overlying aquifers.

**Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 869, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: (1) Has an environmental impact study been completed on the Grandora/Dunfermline/Vanscoy TransGas Natural Gas Storage Project? (2) If so, what are the findings?

Answer:

(1) TransGas engaged the services of Beckie Hydrogeologists Ltd. to perform a hydrogeological evaluation to evaluate the availability of a sustainable ground water supply. This report was reviewed by ground water professionals from the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority. Based on this report, the project did not raise concerns with potential to trigger *The Environmental Assessment Act*. In particular, water related impacts were considered to be local, temporary and reversible. Also, the hydrogeological analysis indicated there was adequate water supply and the proponent had undertaken prior public consultation. As a result, an Environmental Impact Assessment of the project was not requested.

(2) The project did not raise concerns with potential to trigger *The Environmental Assessment Act*. As a result, an Environmental Impact Assessment of the project was not requested.

**Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 870, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:**

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) Were environmental impact studies done on any other TransGas Natural Gas Storage Projects completed in the province? (2) If so, what were the findings?

Answer:

TransGas Limited has complied with all regulatory requirements in application for water use on past natural gas salt cavern storage facility construction. Water use hydrogeology has been a consideration on previous projects as it has been in this project. Formal environmental impact studies have not been a requirement on past projects.

**Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 871, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: (1) Were environmental impact studies done on any other TransGas Natural Gas Storage Projects completed in the province? (2) If so, what were the findings?

Answer:

(1) TransGas has complied with all regulatory requirements in application for water use on past natural gas storage facilities. Information about four gas cavern projects was submitted to the Environmental Assessment Branch for review in the past. For each review, the projects were determined to not meet criteria of *The Environmental Assessment Act* and no Environmental Impact Assessment was required.

(2) In all cases where a project proposal was submitted to the Environmental Assessment Branch, it was determined that an Environmental Impact Assessment was not required.

**Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 872, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:**

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) How many wells have been affected by the Grandora/Dunfermline/Vanscoy TransGas Natural Gas Storage Project? (2) Where are these affected wells located?

Answer:

(1) Water pumping for this Natural Gas Storage Project began in January 2004. Between fall 2003 and October 2004, 55 individual wells have been inspected as a result of hydrogeological modeling predictions or concerns raised by residents. Adverse effects (i.e. lower water levels) have been mitigated on 34 wells to date. The mitigation solutions include lowering pumps in well bores, installing new pumps where necessary, and drilling new wells if required. TransGas Limited (TransGas) was able to proactively mitigate future problems on the majority of wells in advance of concerns raised by residents. The area directly affected by TransGas pumping, based on all the scientific information to date, lies between Grandora and Vanscoy for those with wells in the Tyner Valley Aquifer (TVA). TransGas is pumping water from the TVA. TransGas well monitoring within the area and outside of the affected area in all aquifers provides the scientific evidence that there has been little to no effect on the water levels in wells in aquifers overlying the TVA.

**Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 873, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: Will there be public involvement prior to the re-start of the Grandora/Dunfermline/Vanscoy TransGas Natural Gas Storage Project?

Answer:

Yes. The Authority will continue to work with the local concerned citizens committee which has been established. Their input is currently being sought on the proposed water quality sampling program and the locations for new monitoring wells. This consultation will last throughout the duration of the TransGas project. Beyond this project, the Authority will continue to work with the group to address groundwater issues.

**Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 874, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:**

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: Will there be public involvement prior to the re-start of the Grandora/Dunfermline/Vanscoy TransGas Natural Gas Storage Project?

Answer:

TransGas Limited (TransGas) has worked with the local community representative group throughout the summer and fall of 2004. Recently, the community representative group has been re-formed. TransGas has indicated to this group that they desire to meet with them monthly during the three-month pumping shut down period to share results of aquifer recharge and address other opportunities raised with the previous community group.

**Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 875, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beatty:**

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: How much did your department give to the Provincial Youth Advisory Committee in the fiscal year 2000?

Answer:

Culture, Youth and Recreation did not give any money to the Provincial Youth Advisory Committee in the fiscal year 2000.

**Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 876, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beatty:**

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: How much did your department give to the Provincial Youth Advisory Committee in the fiscal year 2001?

Answer:

Culture, Youth and Recreation did not give any money to the Provincial Youth Advisory Committee in the fiscal year 2001.

**Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 877, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beatty:**

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: How much did your department give to the Provincial Youth Advisory Committee in the fiscal year 2002?

Answer:

Culture, Youth and Recreation did not give any money to the Provincial Youth Advisory Committee in the fiscal year 2002.

**Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 878, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beatty:**

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: How much did your department give to the Provincial Youth Advisory Committee in the fiscal year 2003?

Answer:

Culture, Youth and Recreation incurred a total of \$18,854.72 for the Provincial Youth Advisory Committee in the fiscal year 2003-04. This consists of \$6335.00 in honorariums and the balance of \$12,519.72 was for travel and expense reimbursement.

**Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 879, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beatty:**

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: How much did your department give to the Provincial Youth Advisory Committee in the fiscal year 2004?

Answer:

Culture, Youth and Recreation incurred a total of \$12,584.79 YTD for the Provincial Youth Advisory Committee in the fiscal year 2004-05. This consists of \$3955.00 in honorariums and the balance of \$8,629.79 was for travel and expense reimbursement.

**Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 880, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beatty:**

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: How much did your department give to the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism in the fiscal year 2004?

Answer:

Culture, Youth and Recreation has not given anything to the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism in the fiscal year 2004.

**Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 881, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beatty:**

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: How much did your department give to the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism in the fiscal year 2003?

Answer:

Culture, Youth and Recreation did not give anything to the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism in the fiscal year 2003.

**Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 882, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beatty:**

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: How much did your department give to the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism in the fiscal year 2002?

Answer:

Culture, Youth and Recreation did not give anything to the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism in the fiscal year 2002.

**Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 883, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beatty:**

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: How much did your department give to the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism in the fiscal year 2001?

Answer:

Culture, Youth and Recreation did not give anything to the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism in the fiscal year 2001.

**Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 884, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beatty:**

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: How much did your department give to the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism in the fiscal year 2000?

Answer:

Culture, Youth and Recreation did not give anything to the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism in the fiscal year 2000.

**NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

**The following Questions were asked on day no. 67 and are to be answered by day no. 72:**

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 888:

To the Premier: (1) Does the government have any financial interest in A1 Soybean Enterprise Ltd.? (2) If so, what dollar amount and when was it made?

Mr. Stewart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 889:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) What is the process used for auditing purposes in the Livestock Loan Guarantee Program? (2) Are there any safeguards in place to protect participants in the program from financial malfeasance?

Mr. Stewart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 890:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) For every month since November 2003 to the present day, how many calls has the farm stress hotline received? (2) Please break down the information by month.

Mr. Bjornerud, to ask the Government the following Question No. 891:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) When land is purchased and set aside for wildlife, are adjacent landowners consulted? (2) If not, why not? (3) If yes, please explain the consultation process.

Mr. Gantefoer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 892:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Please indicate the patient assessment criteria for prioritizing chemotherapy and radiation treatment. (2) Are these assessment criteria the same for both cancer centres in the province?

Mr. Gantefoer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 893:

To the Minister of Health: Please indicate the number of people currently waiting for radiation and chemotherapy, respectively, at the Allan Blair Centre.

Mr. Gantefoer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 894:

To the Minister of Health: Please indicate the number of people currently waiting for radiation and chemotherapy, respectively, at the Saskatoon Cancer Centre.

**The following Question was asked on day no. 68 and is to be answered by day no. 73:**

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 895:

To the Minister of Crown Management Board: (1) How many delinquent and past due accounts will SaskTel be able to collect through the \$137 utility rebate? (2) What is the anticipated dollar amount of these accounts?

**The following Question was asked on day no. 69 and is to be answered by day no. 74:**

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 896:

To the Premier: (1) Did the Deputy Premier request legal advice from the Department of Justice regarding documents filed on October 17, 2003 in the SPUDCO lawsuit, alleging that the Saskatchewan Party had committed to settle the SPUDCO lawsuit if it became government, by lawyers with the firm Olive Waller Zinkhan Waller? (2) If so, what was the monetary cost to the Department of Justice and how many hours were billed for this legal advice?