



No. 45

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, April 24, 2006

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, D'Autremont, Krawetz, Hermanson, Bjornerud, Stewart, Wakefield, Hart, Harpauer, Gantfoer, Eagles, Weekes, Cheveldayoff, Huyghebaert, Kirsch, Brkich, Merriman, Morgan and Wall.

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 actions to install the technical equipment necessary to ensure that residents along Highway 19 and the Outlook area in Saskatchewan are protected by reliable cellular phone coverage.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

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 upgrade and widen Highway 5 from Humboldt to Saskatoon.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to repair Highway 310 in order to address safety concerns and to facilitate economic growth and tourism in Foam Lake, Fishing Lake, Kuroki and surrounding areas.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

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 build a provincial Children's Hospital in Saskatoon.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 644)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take the steps to resurface and maintain Highway 3 from Fairholme to Turtleford.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 669)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 908 to 923, they were answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS/DEUXIÈME LECTURE

Bill No. 60 – The Evidence Act Projet de loi n° 60 - Loi sur la preuve

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 60 – The Evidence Act – be now read a second time.

L'hon. M. Quennell propose: Que le projet de loi n° 60 - Loi sur la preuve – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

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

Bill No. 61 – The Evidence Consequential Amendments Act, 2006

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 61 – The Evidence Consequential Amendments Act, 2006 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 50 – The Queen's Bench (Mediation) Amendment Act, 2006 Projet de loi n° 50 - Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine (médiation)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 50 – The Queen's Bench (Mediation) Amendment Act, 2006 – be now read a second time.

L'hon. M. Quennell propose: Que le projet de loi n° 50 - Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine (médiation) – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

Bill No. 32 – The Victims of Crime Amendment Act, 2006

Projet de loi n° 32 - Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur les victimes d'actes criminels

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 32 – The Victims of Crime Amendment Act, 2006 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Quennell: Que le projet de loi n° 32 - Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur les victimes d'actes criminels – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adopté et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Sur motion de l'hon. M. Hagel:

Ordered, That Bill No. 32 – The Victims of Crime Amendment Act, 2006 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Il est résolu que le projet de loi n° 32 - Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur les victimes d'actes criminels – soit maintenant renvoyé au Comité permanent des services à la personne.

Bill No. 47 – The Business Names Registration Amendment Act, 2006

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 47 – The Business Names Registration Amendment Act, 2006 - be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Yates:

Ordered, That Bill No. 47 – The Business Names Registration Amendment Act, 2006 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Bill No. 46 – The Snowmobile Amendment Act, 2006

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 46 – The Snowmobile Amendment Act, 2006 - be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Serby:

Ordered, That Bill No. 46 – The Snowmobile Amendment Act, 2006 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

Bill No. 40 – The Income Trust Liability Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 40 – The Income Trust Liability Act - be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That Bill No. 40 – The Income Trust Liability Act - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Bill No. 45 – The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2006

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: That Bill No. 45 – The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2006 - be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That Bill No. 45 – The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2006 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure.

Bill No. 35 – The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2006
Projet de loi n° 35 - Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi d'interprétation de 1995

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 35 – The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2006 – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

Ordered, That Bill No. 35 – The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2006 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Quennell: Que le projet de loi n° 35 - Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi d'interprétation de 1995 – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adopté et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

Sur motion de l'hon. M. Quennell:

Il est résolu que le projet de loi n° 35 - Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi d'interprétation de 1995 – soit maintenant renvoyé au Comité permanent des services à la personne.

Bill No. 31 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Accounting Professions) Amendment Act, 2006

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 31 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Accounting Professions) Amendment Act, 2006 - be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

Ordered, That Bill No. 31 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Accounting Professions) Amendment Act, 2006 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Bill No. 37 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Directors' and Officers' Indemnification and Insurance) Amendment Act, 2006

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 37 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Directors' and Officers' Indemnification and Insurance) Amendment Act, 2006 - be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

Ordered, That Bill No. 37 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Directors' and Officers' Indemnification and Insurance) Amendment Act, 2006 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Bill No. 36 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Directors' and Officers' Indemnification and Insurance) Amendment Act, 2006 (No. 2)

Projet de loi n° 36 - Loi corrective (indemnisation et assurance au profit des administrateurs et dirigeants) de 2006 (n° 2)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 36 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Directors' and Officers' Indemnification and Insurance) Amendment Act, 2006 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

Ordered, That Bill No. 36 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Directors' and Officers' Indemnification and Insurance) Amendment Act, 2006 (No. 2) - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Quennell: Que le projet de loi n° 36 - Loi corrective (indemnisation et assurance au profit des administrateurs et dirigeants) de 2006 (n° 2) – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adopté et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

Sur motion de l'hon. M. Quennell:

Il est résolu que le projet de loi n° 36 - Loi corrective (indemnisation et assurance au profit des administrateurs et dirigeants) de 2006 (n° 2) – soit maintenant renvoyé au Comité permanent des services à la personne.

Bill No. 43 – The Medical Radiation Technologists Act, 2006

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Taylor: That Bill No. 43 – The Medical Radiation Technologists Act, 2006 - be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

Ordered, That Bill No. 43 – The Medical Radiation Technologists Act, 2006 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

Bill No. 42 – The Respiratory Therapists Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Taylor: That Bill No. 42 – The Respiratory Therapists Act - be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

Ordered, That Bill No. 42 – The Respiratory Therapists Act - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

Bill No. 41 – The Partnership Amendment Act, 2006

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 41 – The Partnership Amendment Act, 2006 - be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

Ordered, That Bill No. 41 – The Partnership Amendment Act, 2006 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Bill No. 39 – The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Amendment Act, 2006

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 39 – The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Amendment Act, 2006 - be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That Bill No. 39 – The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Amendment Act, 2006 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

Bill No. 38 – The Settlement of International Investment Disputes Act
Projet de loi n° 38 - Loi sur le règlement des différends internationaux relatifs aux investissements

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 38 – The Settlement of International Investment Disputes Act – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

Ordered, That Bill No. 38 – The Settlement of International Investment Disputes Act - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Quennell: Que le projet de loi n° 38 - Loi sur le règlement des différends internationaux relatifs aux investissements – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adopté et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

Sur motion de l'hon. M. Quennell:

Il est résolu que le projet de loi n° 38 - Loi sur le règlement des différends internationaux relatifs aux investissements – soit maintenant renvoyé au Comité permanent des services à la personne.

Bill No. 44 – The Teachers' Federation Act, 2006

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Higgins: That Bill No. 44 – The Teachers' Federation Act, 2006 - be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Higgins:

Ordered, That Bill No. 44 – The Teachers' Federation Act, 2006 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

Bill No. 33 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2006

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 33 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2006 - be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That Bill No. 33 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2006 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

Bill No. 34 – The Wildlife Amendment Act, 2006
Projet de loi n° 34 - Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la faune

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 34 – The Wildlife Amendment Act, 2006 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Nilson: Que le projet de loi n° 34 - Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la faune – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adopté et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Sur motion de l'hon. M. Hagel:

Ordered, That Bill No. 34 – The Wildlife Amendment Act, 2006 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

Il est résolu que le projet de loi n° 34 - Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la faune – soit maintenant renvoyé au Comité permanent de l'économie.

Bill No. 28 – The Veterinarians Amendment Act, 2005

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wartman: That Bill No. 28 – The Veterinarians Amendment Act, 2005 - be now read a second time.

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

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance.

The Committee recessed from 4:23 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The Committee considered Estimates for the Department of Agriculture and Food.

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Health.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 10:01 p.m. until Tuesday 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. Cline:

Annual Report and Consolidated and Non-Consolidated Financial Statements for Investment Saskatchewan Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2005.

(Sessional Paper No. 688)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2005.

(Sessional Paper No. 689)

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund Management Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2005.

(Sessional Paper No. 690)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund II Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2005.

(Sessional Paper No. 691)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund III Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2005.

(Sessional Paper No. 692)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund IV Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2005.

(Sessional Paper No. 693)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund (1997) V Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2005.

(Sessional Paper No. 694)

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund VI Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2005.

(Sessional Paper No. 695)

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund VII Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2005.

(Sessional Paper No. 696)

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund VIII Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2005.

(Sessional Paper No. 697)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. McMorris asked the Government the following Question No. 908, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: (1) How much money is SaskWater spending to renovate and buy new office equipment for its offices in Moose Jaw? (2) Did SaskWater tender the contracts for the office renovation and new office equipment? (3) If so, how much was the amount of the successful bid?

Answer:

- (1) The upfront cost of leasehold improvements at Victoria Place in Moose Jaw will be paid for by the landlord. The cost of these improvements will be provided for through new lease agreements for both SaskWater and the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority. SaskWater's rent will increase by \$110,000 per year. The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority's rent will increase by \$120,000 per year. These increases reflect:
 - a. the cost of renovations;
 - b. increased space;
 - c. space efficient, ergonomic work stations and storage units; and
 - d. inflation.
- (2) Because the landlord will be paying the upfront cost of renovations, the landlord will manage the contracting and subcontracting of suppliers. It is the landlord's intention to utilize Saskatchewan-based suppliers.
- (3) N/A

Mr. Dearborn asked the Government the following Question No. 909, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) Has the government of Saskatchewan and the Department of Agriculture taken a position with respect to the UN moratorium on the use of the terminator gene? (2) Has there been any correspondence between the department and the federal government in respect to the use of terminator genetics? (3) If so, could the Minister table the correspondence?

Answer:

- (1) This government takes the view that the commercialization of Genetic Use Restriction Technologies (GURTs or terminator genes) for seed sterilization purposes should be further evaluated to determine what, if any, tangible benefits will accrue to the primary producer. We support the consensus decision at the Convention on Biological Diversity (held in Brazil) to not field test GURT until the appropriate scientific data is available. We also need to be sure that benefits of the technology do not outweigh the costs and to fully understand the impact it may have on market access.
- (2) I have informed the federal government of Saskatchewan's position.
- (3) The response to (1) outlines what I said in correspondence to the federal government.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 910, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) At any time, was an investigation done into contractors contracted by SaskPower doing work at employees' homes and billing the cost of the work to SaskPower? (2) If so, what was the outcome of the investigation?

Answer:

SaskPower has not done any such investigation; however, our electrical inspectors do conduct inspections of any reported suspected illegal service connections.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 911, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Investments Corporation: (1) At any time, was an investigation done into contractors contracted by SaskPower doing work at employees' homes and billing the cost of the work to SaskPower? (2) If so, what was the outcome of the investigation?

Answer:

No. See answer to Question 910.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 912, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Thomson:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) At any time, was an investigation done into contractors contracted by SaskEnergy doing work at employees' homes and billing the cost of the work to SaskEnergy? (2) If so, what was the outcome of the investigation?

Answer:

- (1) SaskEnergy did complete an internal investigation into an allegation of a contractor contracted by SaskEnergy doing work at an employee's home and billing the cost of the work to SaskEnergy.
- (2) The investigation found the allegation to be groundless.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 913, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Investments Corporation: (1) At any time, was an investigation done into contractors contracted by SaskEnergy doing work at employees' homes and billing the cost of the work to SaskEnergy? (2) If so, what was the outcome of the investigation?

Answer:

- (1) Yes. SaskEnergy did complete an internal investigation into an allegation of a contractor contracted by SaskEnergy doing work at an employee's home and billing the cost of the work to SaskEnergy. See answer to Question 912.
- (2) The investigation found the allegation to be groundless. See answer to Question 912.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 914, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Did management of the department have established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2001?

Answer:

All Crown Corporations work with their external auditors and the Provincial Auditor's Office to ensure the integrity of the internal controls and the financial reporting processes. As part of this effort, any incident identified through the audit process is reported to the Crown's Board of Directors by the Financial and Audit Committee at a meeting attended by both the external auditors and the Provincial Auditor.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 915, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Did management of the department have established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2002?

Answer:

All Crown Corporations work with their external auditors and the Provincial Auditor's Office to ensure the integrity of the internal controls and the financial reporting processes. As part of this effort, any incident identified through the audit process is reported to the Crown's Board of Directors by the Financial and Audit Committee at a meeting attended by both the external auditors and the Provincial Auditor.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 916, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How did management of the department monitor any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2001?

Answer:

See response to question on established programs and controls.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 917, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How did management of the department monitor any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2002?

Answer:

See response to question on established programs and controls.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 918, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) Does management of the department have any knowledge of any actual or suspected fraud or illegal activity within the department during the year 2001? (2) If so, what is the nature of this activity?

Answer:

Pursuant to *The Provincial Auditor's Act* sec. 12(1)(e), the Auditor has full authority to report publicly and to Members of the Legislature any matter he considers significant, including any cases where "there has been a deficiency or loss to the Crown through fraud, default or mistake of any person". This is a very important assurance of Crown accountability and disclosure. In addition to this existing reporting mechanism CIC and its subsidiary Crown corporations will now report quarterly, to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, any incident involving a loss of public funds above \$500.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 919, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) Does management of the department have any knowledge of any actual or suspected fraud or illegal activity within the department during the year 2002? (2) If so, what is the nature of this activity?

Answer:

Pursuant to *The Provincial Auditor's Act* sec. 12(1)(e), the Auditor has full authority to report publicly and to Members of the Legislature any matter he considers significant, including any cases where "there has been a deficiency or loss to the Crown through fraud, default or mistake of any person". This is a very important assurance of Crown accountability and disclosure. In addition to this existing reporting mechanism CIC and its subsidiary Crown corporations will now report quarterly, to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, any incident involving a loss of public funds above \$500.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 920, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What did management of the department find as a result of its monitoring of any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risk or detect fraud in the year 2001?

Answer:

See response to question on established programs and controls.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 921, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What did management of the department find as a result of its monitoring of any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risk or detect fraud in the year 2002?

Answer:

See response to question on established programs and controls.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 922, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) Is management of the department aware of any allegations of fraud or other illegal activity within the department or its agencies during the year 2001, such as information received from employees, former employees, customers/clients, suppliers or others? (2) If so, what is the nature of the activity?

Answer:

Allegations are reviewed and followed up in accordance with policies and procedures.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 923, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) Is management of the department aware of any allegations of fraud or other illegal activity within the department or its agencies during the year 2002, such as information received from employees, former employees, customers/clients, suppliers or others? (2) If so, what is the nature of the activity?

Answer:

Allegations are reviewed and followed up in accordance with policies and procedures.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 42 and are to be answered by day no. 47:

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1015:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) With whom did the Minister and his officials meet with concerning Bill 28 – The Veterinarians Amendment Act, 2005? (2) At what dates and times did these meetings take place?

Mr. Huyghebaert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1016:

To the Minister of Property Management: Did management of the department have established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2001?

Mr. Huyghebaert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1017:

To the Minister of Property Management: Did management of the department have established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2002?

Mr. Huyghebaert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1018:

To the Minister of Property Management: How did management of the department monitor any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2001?

Mr. Huyghebaert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1019:

To the Minister of Property Management: How did management of the department monitor any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2002?

Mr. Huyghebaert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1020:

To the Minister of Property Management: (1) Does management of the department have any knowledge of any actual or suspected fraud or illegal activity within the department during the year 2001? (2) If so, what is the nature of this activity?

Mr. Huyghebaert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1021:

To the Minister of Property Management: (1) Does management of the department have any knowledge of any actual or suspected fraud or illegal activity within the department during the year 2002? (2) If so, what is the nature of this activity?

Mr. Huyghebaert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1022:

To the Minister of Property Management: What did management of the department find as a result of its monitoring of any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risk or detect fraud in the year 2001?

Mr. Huyghebaert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1023:

To the Minister of Property Management: What did management of the department find as a result of its monitoring of any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risk or detect fraud in the year 2002?

Mr. Huyghebaert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1024:

To the Minister of Property Management: (1) Is management of the department aware of any allegations of fraud or other illegal activity within the department or its agencies in the year 2001, such as information received from employees, former employees, customers/clients, suppliers or others? (2) If so, what is the nature of the activity?

Mr. Huyghebaert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1025:

To the Minister of Property Management: (1) Is management of the department aware of any allegations of fraud or other illegal activity within the department or its agencies in the year 2002, such as information received from employees, former employees, customers/clients, suppliers or others? (2) If so, what is the nature of the activity?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1026:

To the Minister Responsible for Investment Saskatchewan: Did management of the department have established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2001?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1027:

To the Minister Responsible for Investment Saskatchewan: Did management of the department have established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2002?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1028:

To the Minister Responsible for Investment Saskatchewan: How did management of the department monitor any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2001?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1029:

To the Minister Responsible for Investment Saskatchewan: How did management of the department monitor any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2002?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1030:

To the Minister Responsible for Investment Saskatchewan: (1) Does management of the department have any knowledge of any actual or suspected fraud or illegal activity within the department during the year 2001? (2) If so, what is the nature of this activity?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1031:

To the Minister Responsible for Investment Saskatchewan: (1) Does management of the department have any knowledge of any actual or suspected fraud or illegal activity within the department during the year 2002? (2) If so, what is the nature of this activity?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1032:

To the Minister Responsible for Investment Saskatchewan: What did management of the department find as a result of its monitoring of any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risk or detect fraud in the year 2001?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1033:

To the Minister Responsible for Investment Saskatchewan: What did management of the department find as a result of its monitoring of any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risk or detect fraud in the year 2002?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1034:

To the Minister Responsible for Investment Saskatchewan: (1) Is management of the department aware of any allegations of fraud or other illegal activity within the department or its agencies in the year 2001, such as information received from employees, former employees, customers/clients, suppliers or others? (2) If so, what is the nature of the activity?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1035:

To the Minister Responsible for Investment Saskatchewan: (1) Is management of the department aware of any allegations of fraud or other illegal activity within the department or its agencies in the year 2002, such as information received from employees, former employees, customers/clients, suppliers or others? (2) If so, what is the nature of the activity?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 43 and are to be answered by day no. 48:

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1036:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: (1) To date, has the provincial government made any payments to any First Nations with regard to the water level dispute on Echo and Pasqua Lakes? (2) If so, for how much and when?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1037:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: (1) To date, has the provincial government made any specific payments to the Standing Buffalo First Nation with regard to the water level dispute in the Qu'Appelle Valley? (2) If so, for how much and when?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1038:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Technology Office: Did management of the department have established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2001?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1039:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Technology Office: Did management of the department have established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2002?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1040:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Technology Office: How did management of the department monitor any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2001?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1041:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Technology Office: How did management of the department monitor any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2002?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1042:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Technology Office: (1) Does management of the department have any knowledge of any actual or suspected fraud or illegal activity within the department during the year 2001? (2) If so, what is the nature of this activity?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1043:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Technology Office: (1) Does management of the department have any knowledge of any actual or suspected fraud or illegal activity within the department during the year 2002? (2) If so, what is the nature of this activity?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1044:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Technology Office: What did management of the department find as a result of its monitoring of any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risk or detect fraud in the year 2001?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1045:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Technology Office: What did management of the department find as a result of its monitoring of any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risk or detect fraud in the year 2002?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1046:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Technology Office: (1) Is management of the department aware of any allegations of fraud or other illegal activity within the department or its agencies in the year 2001, such as information received from employees, former employees, customers/clients, suppliers or others? (2) If so, what is the nature of the activity?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1047:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Technology Office: (1) Is management of the department aware of any allegations of fraud or other illegal activity within the department or its agencies in the year 2002, such as information received from employees, former employees, customers/clients, suppliers or others? (2) If so, what is the nature of the activity?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 44 and are to be answered by day no. 49:

Mr. Huyghebaert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1048:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) In the fiscal year 2005-2006, how much money was collected through the environmental tax? (2) What amount of the funds collected was allocated to the General Revenue Fund? (3) Were funds collected through this tax allocated to any other agencies? (4) If so, which agencies, and how much did each agency receive?

Mr. Huyghebaert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1049:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) In the fiscal year 2004-2005, how much money was collected through the environmental tax? (2) What amount of the funds collected was allocated to the General Revenue Fund? (3) Were funds collected through this tax allocated to any other agencies? (4) If so, which agencies, and how much did each agency receive?

Mr. Huyghebaert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1050:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) In the fiscal year 2003-2004, how much money was collected through the environmental tax? (2) What amount of the funds collected was allocated to the General Revenue Fund? (3) Were funds collected through this tax allocated to any other agencies? (4) If so, which agencies, and how much did each agency receive?

Mr. Huyghebaert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1051:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) In the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money was collected through the environmental tax? (2) What amount of the funds collected was allocated to the General Revenue Fund? (3) Were funds collected through this tax allocated to any other agencies? (4) If so, which agencies, and how much did each agency receive?

Mr. Huyghebaert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1052:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) In the fiscal year 2001-2002, how much money was collected through the environmental tax? (2) What amount of the funds collected was allocated to the General Revenue Fund? (3) Were funds collected through this tax allocated to any other agencies? (4) If so, which agencies, and how much did each agency receive?

Mr. Huyghebaert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1053:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) In the fiscal year 2000-2001, how much money was collected through the environmental tax? (2) What amount of the funds collected was allocated to the General Revenue Fund? (3) Were funds collected through this tax allocated to any other agencies? (4) If so, which agencies, and how much did each agency receive?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 45 and are to be answered by day no. 50:

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1054:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: Did management of the department have established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2001?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1055:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: Did management of the department have established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2002?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1056:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: How did management of the department monitor any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2001?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1057:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: How did management of the department monitor any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2002?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1058:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: (1) Does management of the department have any knowledge of any actual or suspected fraud or illegal activity within the department during the year 2001? (2) If so, what is the nature of this activity?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1059:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: (1) Does management of the department have any knowledge of any actual or suspected fraud or illegal activity within the department during the year 2002? (2) If so, what is the nature of this activity?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1060:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: What did management of the department find as a result of its monitoring of any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risk or detect fraud in the year 2001?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1061:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: What did management of the department find as a result of its monitoring of any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risk or detect fraud in the year 2002?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1062:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: (1) Is management of the department aware of any allegations of fraud or other illegal activity within the department or its agencies in the year 2001, such as information received from employees, former employees, customers/clients, suppliers or others? (2) If so, what is the nature of the activity?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1063:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: (1) Is management of the department aware of any allegations of fraud or other illegal activity within the department or its agencies in the year 2002, such as information received from employees, former employees, customers/clients, suppliers or others? (2) If so, what is the nature of the activity?