



No. 46

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

SPEAKER TABLES REPORT

The Speaker laid before the Assembly a Report of the Children's Advocate entitled *The Youth Drug Detoxification and Stabilization Act* dated April 25, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 698)

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, Wakefield, Chisholm, Hart, Gantefer, Eagles, Weekes, Cheveldayoff, Huyghebaert, Kirsch, Brkich, Merriman, Morgan and Kerpan.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Deputy Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 14(7), the following Petition was 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 the necessary action to build a provincial Children's Hospital in Saskatoon.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 644)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 924 to 1014, they were answered. (See Appendix)

INTERIM SUPPLY

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider resolutions for Interim Supply.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Thomson:

That a sum not exceeding one billion, two hundred seven million, one hundred fifty-one thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, on account, for the twelve months ending March 31, 2007.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Thomson:

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007, the sum of one billion, two hundred seven million, one hundred fifty-one thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

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

THE APPROPRIATION ACT, 2006 (No. 1)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Thomson, by leave of the Assembly: That Bill No. 65 – The Appropriation Act, 2006 (No. 1) – be introduced and read the first time.

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

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

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 62 – The Municipal Revenue Sharing Amendment Act, 2006

The Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, 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. 62 – The Municipal Revenue Sharing Amendment Act, 2006 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 63 – The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2006

The Hon. Mr. Thomson, 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. 63 – The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2006 – be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 60 – The Evidence Act – 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° 60 - Loi sur la preuve – 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. Quennell:

Sur motion de l'hon. M. Quennell:

Ordered, That Bill No. 60 – The Evidence Act - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Il est résolu que le projet de loi n° 60 - Loi sur la preuve – soit maintenant renvoyé au Comité permanent des services à la personne.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 61 – The Evidence Consequential Amendments 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. 61 – The Evidence Consequential Amendments Act, 2006 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

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)**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 50 – The Queen’s Bench (Mediation) 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° 50 - Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine (médiation) – 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. Quennell:

Sur motion de l’hon. M. Quennell:

Ordered, That Bill No. 50 – The Queen’s Bench (Mediation) Amendment Act, 2006 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Il est résolu 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 renvoyé au Comité permanent des services à la personne.

Bill No. 54 - The Cancer Agency Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Taylor: That Bill No. 54 - The Cancer Agency Act - be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 51 - The Regional Health Services Amendment Act, 2006

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Taylor: That Bill No. 51 - The Regional Health Services Amendment Act, 2006 - be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 53 - The Economic and Co-operative Development Amendment Act, 2006

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Thomson: That Bill No. 53 - The Economic and Co-operative Development Amendment Act, 2006 - be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 52 - The Meewasin Valley Authority Amendment Act, 2006

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Forbes: That Bill No. 52 - The Meewasin Valley 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. Forbes:

Ordered, That Bill No. 52 - The Meewasin Valley Authority Amendment Act, 2006 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure.

Bill No. 48 - The Parks Amendment Act, 2006

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 48 - The Parks Amendment Act, 2006 - be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 55 – The Reclaimed Industrial Sites Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 55 – The Reclaimed Industrial Sites Act - be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 56 – The Residential Tenancies Act, 2006

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 56 – The Residential Tenancies 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. 56 – The Residential Tenancies Act, 2006 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Bill No. 57 – The Residential Tenancies Consequential Amendment Act, 2006

Projet de loi n° 57 - Loi de 2006 portant modification corrélative à la loi intitulée The Residential Tenancies Act, 2006

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 57 – The Residential Tenancies Consequential 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° 57 - Loi de 2006 portant modification corrélative à la loi intitulée The Residential Tenancies Act, 2006 – 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.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

Ordered, That Bill No. 57 – The Residential Tenancies Consequential Amendment Act, 2006 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

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° 57 - Loi de 2006 portant modification corrélatrice à la loi intitulée The Residential Tenancies Act, 2006 – soit maintenant renvoyé au Comité permanent des services à la personne.

Bill No. 59 – The Education Amendment Act, 2006
Projet de loi n° 59 - Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Higgins: That Bill No. 59 – The Education 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. Ms. Higgins:

Ordered, That Bill No. 59 – The Education Amendment Act, 2006 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. Mme Higgins: Que le projet de loi n° 59 - Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation – 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. Mme Higgins:

Il est résolu que le projet de loi n° 59 - Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation – soit maintenant renvoyé au Comité permanent des sociétés d'état et des organismes centraux.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

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

The Committee recessed from 4:59 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The Committee considered Estimates for the Department of Learning.

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Environment.

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 10:26 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Housing Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2005, including Supplier, Grant and other Payments for 2005 as well as Consolidation Schedule, Corporate and Housing Authority Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2005.

(Sessional Paper No. 699)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Morgan asked the Government the following Question No. 924, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

To the Minister of Justice: Has the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission negotiated a start date for John (Jack) Hillson?

Answer:

No. The Legal Aid Commission has not yet had the opportunity to discuss this matter, but will do so in late April.

Mr. Allchurch asked the Government the following Question No. 925, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) In the fiscal year 2005-2006, did your department provide any money to North West Communities Wood Products? (2) If so, how much?

Answer:

(1) No.

(2) N/A

Mr. Allchurch asked the Government the following Question No. 926, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (1) In the fiscal year 2005-2006, did your department provide any money to North West Communities Wood Products? (2) If so, how much?

Answer:

(1) No.

(2) N/A

Mr. Allchurch asked the Government the following Question No. 927, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beatty:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: (1) In the fiscal year 2005-2006, did your department provide any money to North West Communities Wood Products? (2) If so, how much?

Answer:

(1) In the fiscal year 2005-2006, Saskatchewan Northern Affairs provided a one time operating grant to North West Communities Wood Products.

(2) In the amount of \$50,000.

Mr. Allchurch asked the Government the following Question No. 928, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister Responsible for Investment Saskatchewan Incorporated: (1) In the fiscal year 2005-2006, did Investment Saskatchewan provide any money to North West Communities Wood Products?

(2) If so, how much?

Answer:

Investment Saskatchewan approved a loan to North West Communities Holdings Inc. (Beauval Forest Industries Inc.) in the amount of \$2 million. At December 31, 2005, \$1 Million had been disbursed to the company.

Mr. Allchurch asked the Government the following Question No. 929, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Investment Corporation: (1) In the fiscal year 2005-2006, did CIC provide any money to North West Communities Wood Products? (2) If so, how much?

Answer:

CIC did not provide any money to North West Communities Wood Products in 2005-2006.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 930, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company: 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:

The Saskatchewan Transportation Company has well-established processes in place for the monitoring of cash flows, billing, inventory, cash floats and spending authorities. These controls are tested annually by the company's external auditor on behalf of the Provincial Auditor.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 931, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company: 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:

The Saskatchewan Transportation Company has well-established processes in place for the monitoring of cash flows, billing, inventory, cash floats and spending authorities. These controls are tested annually by the company's external auditor on behalf of the Provincial Auditor.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 932, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company: 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:

Monitoring is ongoing. Any problems identified are acted upon. STC's External Auditor has reviewed, on behalf of the Provincial Auditor, STC's controls relating to certain objectives, including loss or inappropriate use of public resources, and STC has not had any control weaknesses reported.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 933, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company: 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:

Monitoring is ongoing. Any problems identified are acted upon. STC's External Auditor has reviewed, on behalf of the Provincial Auditor, STC's controls relating to certain objectives, including loss or inappropriate use of public resources, and STC has not had any control weaknesses reported.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 934, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company: (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:

(1) Yes.

(2) Theft of cash and waybills from a till, in the amount of \$511, was detected in Prince Albert. The employee, when confronted, made full restitution and resigned.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 935, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company: (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:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Theft of locker rental revenues in the amount of approximately \$40 was detected in Regina; an employee was terminated with cause.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 936, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company: 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:

No shortcomings were found. STC's External Auditor has reviewed, on behalf of the Provincial Auditor, STC's controls relating to certain objectives including loss or inappropriate use of public resources, and STC has not had any control weaknesses reported.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 937, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company: 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:

No shortcomings were found. STC's External Auditor has reviewed, on behalf of the Provincial Auditor, STC's controls relating to certain objectives including loss or inappropriate use of public resources, and STC has not had any control weaknesses reported.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 938, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company: (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?

Answer:

- (1) STC investigates all allegations or suspicions of fraud, but only reports on those which are founded.
- (2) See response to Question 934.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 939, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company: (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?

Answer:

- (1) STC investigates all allegations or suspicions of fraud, but only reports on those which are founded.
- (2) See response to Question 935.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 940, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: Did management of the department have established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2000-2001?

Answer:

For 2000-2001, the department had appropriate programs and controls in place to mitigate fraud risks and to help prevent or detect fraud including:

- Following the procedures of the Financial Administration Manual;
- Review of monthly expenditure and revenue reports and forecasts;
- Ongoing audit reports;
- Review of computer access; and
- Appropriate segregation of duties.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 941, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: Did management of the department have established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2001-2002?

Answer:

For 2001-2002, the department had appropriate programs and controls in place to mitigate fraud risks and to help prevent or detect fraud including:

- Following the procedures of the Financial Administration Manual;
- Review of monthly expenditure and revenue reports and forecasts;
- Ongoing audit reports;
- Review of computer access; and
- Appropriate segregation of duties.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 942, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: Did management of the department have established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2002-2003?

Answer:

For 2002-2003, the department had appropriate programs and controls in place to mitigate fraud risks and to help prevent or detect fraud including:

- Following the procedures of the Financial Administration Manual;
- Review of monthly expenditure and revenue reports and forecasts;
- Ongoing audit reports;
- Review of computer access; and
- Appropriate segregation of duties.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 943, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: 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 2000-2001?

Answer:

The department follows all the procedures outlined in the Financial Administration Manual. For 2000-2001, management received monthly expenditure and revenue reports and forecasts. In addition, the department received audit reports from Provincial Auditor and Comptrollers Branch, Saskatchewan Finance. The department also had internal audit functions in place for purchase cards

and payment processing. The department also reviews computer system access and monitors segregation of duties on SAF programs.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 944, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: 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 2001-2002?

Answer:

The department follows all the procedures outlined in the Financial Administration Manual. For 2001-2002, management received monthly expenditure and revenue reports and forecasts. In addition, the department received audit reports from Provincial Auditor and Comptrollers Branch, Saskatchewan Finance. The department also had internal audit functions in place for purchase cards and payment processing. The department also reviews computer system access and monitors segregation of duties on SAF programs.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 945, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: 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 2002-2003?

Answer:

The department follows all the procedures outlined in the Financial Administration Manual. For 2002-2003, management received monthly expenditure and revenue reports and forecasts. In addition, the department received audit reports from Provincial Auditor and Comptrollers Branch, Saskatchewan Finance. The department also had internal audit functions in place for purchase cards and payment processing. The department also reviews computer system access and monitors segregation of duties on SAF programs.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 946, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: 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 2000-2001?

Answer:

For 2000-2001, the department management has not found any activities of a fraudulent nature.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 947, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Wartman:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: 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 2001-2002?

Answer:

For 2001-2002, the department management has not found any activities of a fraudulent nature.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 948, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Wartman:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: 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 2002-2003?

Answer:

For 2002-2003, the department management has not found any activities of a fraudulent nature.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 949, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) Does management of the department have any knowledge of any actual or suspected fraud or illegal activity within the department during the year 2000-2001? (2) If so, what is the nature of this activity?

Answer:

- (1) For 2000-2001, the department had no knowledge of any actual or suspected fraud or illegal activity within the department.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 950, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) Does management of the department have any knowledge of any actual or suspected fraud or illegal activity within the department during the year 2001-2002? (2) If so, what is the nature of this activity?

Answer:

- (1) For 2001-2002, the department had no knowledge of any actual or suspected fraud or illegal activity within the department.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 951, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) Does management of the department have any knowledge of any actual or suspected fraud or illegal activity within the department during the year 2002-2003? (2) If so, what is the nature of this activity?

Answer:

- (1) For 2002-2003, the department had no knowledge of any actual or suspected fraud or illegal activity within the department.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 952, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (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 2000-2001, such as information received from employees, former employees, customers/clients, suppliers or others? (2) If so, what is the nature of the activity?

Answer:

- (1) For 2000-2001, the department was not aware of any allegations of fraud or other illegal activity within the department.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 953, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (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 2001-2002, such as information received from employees, former employees, customers/clients, suppliers or others? (2) If so, what is the nature of the activity?

Answer:

- (1) For 2001-2002, the department was not aware of any allegations of fraud or other illegal activity within the department.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 954, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (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 2002-2003, such as information received from employees, former employees, customers/clients, suppliers or others? (2) If so, what is the nature of the activity?

Answer:

- (1) For 2002-2003, the department was not aware of any allegations of fraud or other illegal activity within the department.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 955, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance 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 2000-2001?

Answer:

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance works 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 Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Board of Directors. Both the external auditors and the Provincial Auditor receive copies of board minutes.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 956, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance 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 2001-2002?

Answer:

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance works 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 Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Board of Directors. Both the external auditors and the Provincial Auditor receive copies of board minutes.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 957, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance 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 2002-2003?

Answer:

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance works 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 Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Board of Directors. Both the external auditors and the Provincial Auditor receive copies of board minutes.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 958, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance 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 2000-2001?

Answer:

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance works 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 Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Board of Directors. Both the external auditors and the Provincial Auditor receive copies of board minutes.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 959, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance 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 2001-2002?

Answer:

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance works 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 Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Board of Directors. Both the external auditors and the Provincial Auditor receive copies of board minutes.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 960, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance 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 2002-2003?

Answer:

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance works 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 Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Board of Directors. Both the external auditors and the Provincial Auditor receive copies of board minutes.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 961, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance 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 2000-2001? (2) If so, what is the nature of this activity?

Answer:

Pursuant to clause 12(1)(e) of *The Provincial Auditor's Act*, 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 Saskatchewan Crop Insurance through fraud, default or mistake of any person". This is a very important assurance of the corporation's accountability and disclosure. In addition to this existing reporting mechanism Saskatchewan Crop Insurance will now report quarterly, to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, any incident involving a loss of public funds above \$500.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 962, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance 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 2001-2002? (2) If so, what is the nature of this activity?

Answer:

Pursuant to clause 12(1)(e) of *The Provincial Auditor's Act*, 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 Saskatchewan Crop Insurance through fraud, default or mistake of any person". This is a very important assurance of the corporation's accountability and disclosure. In addition to this existing reporting mechanism Saskatchewan Crop Insurance will now report quarterly, to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, any incident involving a loss of public funds above \$500.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 963, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance 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 2002-2003? (2) If so, what is the nature of this activity?

Answer:

Pursuant to clause 12(1)(e) of *The Provincial Auditor's Act*, 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 Saskatchewan Crop Insurance through fraud, default or mistake of any person". This is a very important assurance of the corporation's accountability and disclosure. In addition to this existing reporting mechanism Saskatchewan Crop Insurance will now report quarterly, to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, any incident involving a loss of public funds above \$500.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 964, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance 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 2000-2001?

Answer:

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance works 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 Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Board of Directors. Both the external auditors and the Provincial Auditor receive copies of board minutes.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 965, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance 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 2001-2002?

Answer:

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance works 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 Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Board of Directors. Both the external auditors and the Provincial Auditor receive copies of board minutes.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 966, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance 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 2002-2003?

Answer:

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance works 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 Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Board of Directors. Both the external auditors and the Provincial Auditor receive copies of board minutes.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 967, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance 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 2000-2001, 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.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 968, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance 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 2001-2002, 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.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government the following Question No. 969, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance 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 2002-2003, 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.

Mr. Stewart asked the Government the following Question No. 970, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: Did management of the department have established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2000-2001?

Answer:

Note: The department of Industry and Resources was formed April 1, 2002, amalgamating the former departments of Energy & Mines and Economic and Co-operative Development. As the entity of Industry and Resources did not exist prior to April 1, 2002, the response to this question refers to the then-departments of Saskatchewan Energy & Mines and Saskatchewan Economic and Co-operative Development.

Yes.

Mr. Stewart asked the Government the following Question No. 971, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: Did management of the department have established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2001-2002?

Answer:

Note: The department of Industry and Resources was formed April 1, 2002, amalgamating the former departments of Energy & Mines and Economic and Co-operative Development. As the entity of Industry and Resources did not exist prior to April 1, 2002, the response to this question refers to the then-departments of Saskatchewan Energy & Mines and Saskatchewan Economic and Co-operative Development.

Yes.

Mr. Stewart asked the Government the following Question No. 972, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: Did management of the department have established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2002-2003?

Answer:

Yes.

Mr. Stewart asked the Government the following Question No. 973, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: 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 2000-2001?

Answer:

Note: The department of Industry and Resources was formed April 1, 2002, amalgamating the former departments of Energy & Mines and Economic and Co-operative Development. As the entity of Industry and Resources did not exist prior to April 1, 2002, the response to this question refers to the then-departments of Saskatchewan Energy & Mines and Saskatchewan Economic and Co-operative Development.

All departments, including the Department of Industry and Resources, continually monitor, assess and update the systems and controls that are in place to reduce the risk of loss of public money or property. These systems and controls have been developed based upon the government-wide internal control framework encompassing legislation, Financial Administration Manual (FAM) policies, human resource policies and information technology policies.

The Department of Industry and Resources has taken a number of specific measures to help mitigate the risk to public money or property. These measures include but are not limited to employing segregation of duty, oversight responsibility (Executive Management Committee meetings, signing authorities, process review, monthly review of expenditure forecasts), audit of programs, independent verifications, contract controls, etc.

Central agencies, such as the Department of Finance, the Public Service Commission, the Information Technology Office, Executive Council and the Department of Justice have established and monitor government-wide policies and procedures with respect to financial, human resource, legal, information technology and related matters.

Treasury Board Branch within Finance also provides the Department of Industry and Resources with additional oversight and direction, through its budget review and monitoring function and its supervision of the Departments' performance reporting.

The Provincial Comptroller within Finance has specific and important functions related to overall financial management within the Government. These include:

- establishing and communicating policies and directives on behalf of Treasury Board through the Financial Administration Manual (FAM);
- maintaining and operating the Government's central financial management system;
- maintaining budget/appropriation accounts; and,
- monitoring the adequacy of internal controls in the Government, through review of financial systems and post-audit of payment and payroll transactions.

Finally, the Department of Industry and Resources also utilizes and appreciates the work of third parties, such as the Provincial Auditor who helps provide another check and balance on the Government's internal control systems. The Department of Industry and Resources agrees with and implements the vast majority of his recommendations.

Mr. Stewart asked the Government the following Question No. 974, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: 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 2001-2002?

Answer:

Note: The department of Industry and Resources was formed April 1, 2002, amalgamating the former departments of Energy & Mines and Economic and Co-operative Development. As the entity of Industry and Resources did not exist prior to April 1, 2002, the response to this question refers to the then-departments of Saskatchewan Energy & Mines and Saskatchewan Economic and Co-operative Development.

All departments, including the Department of Industry and Resources, continually monitor, assess and update the systems and controls that are in place to reduce the risk of loss of public money or property. These systems and controls have been developed based upon the government-wide internal control framework encompassing legislation, Financial Administration Manual (FAM) policies, human resource policies and information technology policies.

The Department of Industry and Resources has taken a number of specific measures to help mitigate the risk of public money or property. These measures include but are not limited to employing segregation of duty, oversight responsibility (Executive Management Committee meetings, signing authorities, process review, monthly review of expenditure forecasts), audit of programs, independent verifications, contract controls, etc.

Central agencies, such as the Department of Finance, the Public Service Commission, the Information Technology Office, Executive Council and the Department of Justice have established and monitor government-wide policies and procedures with respect to financial, human resource, legal, information technology and related matters.

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- establishing and communicating policies and directives on behalf of Treasury Board through the Financial Administration Manual (FAM);
- maintaining and operating the Government's central financial management system;
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- monitoring the adequacy of internal controls in the Government, through review of financial systems and post-audit of payment and payroll transactions.

Finally, the Department of Industry and Resources also utilizes and appreciates the work of third parties, such as the Provincial Auditor who helps provide another check and balance on the Government's internal control systems. The Department of Industry and Resources agrees with and implements the vast majority of his recommendations.

Mr. Stewart asked the Government the following Question No. 975, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: 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 2002-2003?

Answer:

All departments, including the Department of Industry and Resources, continually monitor, assess and update the systems and controls that are in place to reduce the risk of loss of public money or property. These systems and controls have been developed based upon the government-wide internal control framework encompassing legislation, Financial Administration Manual (FAM) policies, human resource policies and information technology policies.

The Department of Industry and Resources has taken a number of specific measures to help mitigate the risk of public money or property. These measures include but are not limited to employing segregation of duty, oversight responsibility (Executive Management Committee meetings, signing authorities, process review, monthly review of expenditure forecasts), audit of programs, independent verifications, contract controls, etc.

Central agencies, such as the Department of Finance, the Public Service Commission, the Information Technology Office, Executive Council and the Department of Justice have established and monitor government-wide policies and procedures with respect to financial, human resource, legal, information technology and related matters.

Treasury Board Branch within Finance also provides the Department of Industry and Resources with additional oversight and direction, through its budget review and monitoring function and its supervision of the Departments' performance reporting.

The Provincial Comptroller within Finance has specific and important functions related to overall financial management within the Government. These include:

- establishing and communicating policies and directives on behalf of Treasury Board through the Financial Administration Manual (FAM);
- maintaining and operating the Government's central financial management system;
- maintaining budget/appropriation accounts; and,
- monitoring the adequacy of internal controls in the Government, through review of financial systems and post-audit of payment and payroll transactions.

Finally, the Department of Industry and Resources also utilizes and appreciates the work of third parties, such as the Provincial Auditor who helps provide another check and balance on the Government's internal control systems. The Department of Industry and Resources agrees with and implements the vast majority of his recommendations.

Mr. Stewart asked the Government the following Question No. 976, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (1) Does management of the department have any knowledge of any actual or suspected fraud or illegal activity within the department during the year 2000-2001? (2) If so, what is the nature of this activity?

Answer:

Note: The department of Industry and Resources was formed April 1, 2002, amalgamating the former departments of Energy & Mines and Economic and Co-operative Development. As the entity of Industry and Resources did not exist prior to April 1, 2002, the response to this question refers to the then-departments of Saskatchewan Energy & Mines and Saskatchewan Economic and Co-operative Development.

(1) No.

(2) N/A

Mr. Stewart asked the Government the following Question No. 977, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (1) Does management of the department have any knowledge of any actual or suspected fraud or illegal activity within the department during the year 2001-2002? (2) If so, what is the nature of this activity?

Answer:

Note: The department of Industry and Resources was formed April 1, 2002, amalgamating the former departments of Energy & Mines and Economic and Co-operative Development. As the entity of Industry and Resources did not exist prior to April 1, 2002, the response to this question refers to the then-departments of Saskatchewan Energy & Mines and Saskatchewan Economic and Co-operative Development.

(1) No.

(2) N/A

Mr. Stewart asked the Government the following Question No. 978, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (1) Does management of the department have any knowledge of any actual or suspected fraud or illegal activity within the department during the year 2002-2003? (2) If so, what is the nature of this activity?

Answer:

(1) No.

(2) N/A

Mr. Stewart asked the Government the following Question No. 979, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: 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 2000-2001?

Answer:

Note: The department of Industry and Resources was formed April 1, 2002, amalgamating the former departments of Energy & Mines and Economic and Co-operative Development. As the entity of Industry and Resources did not exist prior to April 1, 2002, the response to this question refers to the then-departments of Saskatchewan Energy & Mines and Saskatchewan Economic and Co-operative Development.

The management of the department was satisfied that the programs and controls in place to mitigate fraud risk or detect fraud were adequate and working effectively to meet the intended purpose.

Mr. Stewart asked the Government the following Question No. 980, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: 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 2001-2002?

Answer:

Note: The department of Industry and Resources was formed April 1, 2002, amalgamating the former departments of Energy & Mines and Economic and Co-operative Development. As the entity of Industry and Resources did not exist prior to April 1, 2002, the response to this question refers to the then-departments of Saskatchewan Energy & Mines and Saskatchewan Economic and Co-operative Development.

The management of the department was satisfied that the programs and controls in place to mitigate fraud risk or detect fraud were adequate and working effectively to meet the intended purpose.

Mr. Stewart asked the Government the following Question No. 981, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: 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 2002-2003?

Answer:

The management of the department was satisfied that the programs and controls in place to mitigate fraud risk or detect fraud were adequate and working effectively to meet the intended purpose.

Mr. Stewart asked the Government the following Question No. 982, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (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 2000-2001, such as information received from employees, former employees, customers/clients, suppliers or others? (2) If so, what is the nature of the activity?

Answer:

Note: The department of Industry and Resources was formed April 1, 2002, amalgamating the former departments of Energy & Mines and Economic and Co-operative Development. As the entity of Industry and Resources did not exist prior to April 1, 2002, the response to this question refers to the then-departments of Saskatchewan Energy & Mines and Saskatchewan Economic and Co-operative Development.

(1) No.

(2) N/A

Mr. Stewart asked the Government the following Question No. 983, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (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 2001-2002, such as information received from employees, former employees, customers/clients, suppliers or others? (2) If so, what is the nature of the activity?

Answer:

Note: The department of Industry and Resources was formed April 1, 2002, amalgamating the former departments of Energy & Mines and Economic and Co-operative Development. As the entity of Industry and Resources did not exist prior to April 1, 2002, the response to this question refers to the then-departments of Saskatchewan Energy & Mines and Saskatchewan Economic and Co-operative Development.

(1) No.

(2) N/A

Mr. Stewart asked the Government the following Question No. 984, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (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 2002-2003, such as information received from employees, former employees, customers/clients, suppliers or others? (2) If so, what is the nature of the activity?

Answer:

- (1) No.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Krawetz asked the Government the following Question No. 985, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:

To the Minister of Labour: Did management of the department have established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2000-2001?

Answer:

All Departments, Crowns, and Agencies work with the Provincial Auditor to ensure adequate financial controls are in place.

Mr. Krawetz asked the Government the following Question No. 986, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:

To the Minister of Labour: Did management of the department have established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2001-2002?

Answer:

All Departments, Crowns, and Agencies work with the Provincial Auditor to ensure adequate financial controls are in place.

Mr. Krawetz asked the Government the following Question No. 987, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:

To the Minister of Labour: Did management of the department have established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2002-2003?

Answer:

All Departments, Crowns, and Agencies work with the Provincial Auditor to ensure adequate financial controls are in place.

Mr. Krawetz asked the Government the following Question No. 988, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:

To the Minister of Labour: 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 2000-2001?

Answer:

All Departments, Crowns, and Agencies work with the Provincial Auditor to ensure adequate financial controls are in place.

Mr. Krawetz asked the Government the following Question No. 989, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:

To the Minister of Labour: 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 2001-2002?

Answer:

All Departments, Crowns, and Agencies work with the Provincial Auditor to ensure adequate financial controls are in place.

Mr. Krawetz asked the Government the following Question No. 990, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:

To the Minister of Labour: 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 2002-2003?

Answer:

All Departments, Crowns, and Agencies work with the Provincial Auditor to ensure adequate financial controls are in place.

Mr. Krawetz asked the Government the following Question No. 991, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:

To the Minister of Labour: (1) Does management of the department have any knowledge of any actual or suspected fraud or illegal activity within the department during the year 2000-2001? (2) If so, what is the nature of this activity?

Answer:

Detail requested in this question is provided through the authority of the Provincial Auditor and reported through the Public Accounts Committee.

Mr. Krawetz asked the Government the following Question No. 992, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:

To the Minister of Labour: (1) Does management of the department have any knowledge of any actual or suspected fraud or illegal activity within the department during the year 2001-2002? (2) If so, what is the nature of this activity?

Answer:

Detail requested in this question is provided through the authority of the Provincial Auditor and reported through the Public Accounts Committee.

Mr. Krawetz asked the Government the following Question No. 993, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:

To the Minister of Labour: (1) Does management of the department have any knowledge of any actual or suspected fraud or illegal activity within the department during the year 2002-2003? (2) If so, what is the nature of this activity?

Answer:

Detail requested in this question is provided through the authority of the Provincial Auditor and reported through the Public Accounts Committee.

Mr. Krawetz asked the Government the following Question No. 994, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:

To the Minister of Labour: 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 2000-2001?

Answer:

Detail requested in this question is provided through the authority of the Provincial Auditor and reported through the Public Accounts Committee.

Mr. Krawetz asked the Government the following Question No. 995, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:

To the Minister of Labour: 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 2001-2002?

Answer:

Detail requested in this question is provided through the authority of the Provincial Auditor and reported through the Public Accounts Committee.

Mr. Krawetz asked the Government the following Question No. 996, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:

To the Minister of Labour: 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 2002-2003?

Answer:

Detail requested in this question is provided through the authority of the Provincial Auditor and reported through the Public Accounts Committee.

Mr. Krawetz asked the Government the following Question No. 997, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:

To the Minister of Labour: (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 2000-2001, 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 by appropriate personnel and followed up in accordance through respective policies and procedures.

Mr. Krawetz asked the Government the following Question No. 998, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:

To the Minister of Labour: (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 2001-2002, 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 by appropriate personnel and followed up in accordance through respective policies and procedures.

Mr. Krawetz asked the Government the following Question No. 999, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:

To the Minister of Labour: (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 2002-2003, 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 by appropriate personnel and followed up in accordance through respective policies and procedures.

Mr. Hart asked the Government the following Question No. 1000, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: Did management of the authority have established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2000-2001?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority was established on October 1, 2002 as the continuation of the former Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation. 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 at a meeting attended by both the external auditors and the Provincial Auditor.

Mr. Hart asked the Government the following Question No. 1001, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: Did management of the authority have established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2001-2002?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority was established on October 1, 2002 as the continuation of the former Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation. 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 at a meeting attended by both the external auditors and the Provincial Auditor.

Mr. Hart asked the Government the following Question No. 1002, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: Did management of the authority have established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2002-2003?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority was established on October 1, 2002 as the continuation of the former Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation. 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 at a meeting attended by both the external auditors and the Provincial Auditor.

Mr. Hart asked the Government the following Question No. 1003, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: How did management of the authority monitor any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2000-2001?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority was established on October 1, 2002 as the continuation of the former Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation. 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 at a meeting attended by both the external auditors and the Provincial Auditor.

Mr. Hart asked the Government the following Question No. 1004, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: How did management of the authority monitor any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2001-2002?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority was established on October 1, 2002 as the continuation of the former Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation. 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 at a meeting attended by both the external auditors and the Provincial Auditor.

Mr. Hart asked the Government the following Question No. 1005, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: How did management of the authority monitor any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risks or to help prevent or detect fraud in the year 2002-2003?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority was established on October 1, 2002 as the continuation of the former Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation. 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 at a meeting attended by both the external auditors and the Provincial Auditor.

Mr. Hart asked the Government the following Question No. 1006, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: (1) Does management of the authority have any knowledge of any actual or suspected fraud or illegal activity within the authority during the year 2000-2001? (2) If so, what is the nature of this activity?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority was established on October 1, 2002 as the continuation of the former Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation. 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 the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority will report on a quarterly basis to the Provincial Comptroller's Office, any incident involving a loss of public funds above \$500 and report it to the Provincial Auditor.

Mr. Hart asked the Government the following Question No. 1007, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: (1) Does management of the authority have any knowledge of any actual or suspected fraud or illegal activity within the authority during the year 2001-2002? (2) If so, what is the nature of this activity?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority was established on October 1, 2002 as the continuation of the former Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation. 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 the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority will report on a quarterly basis to the Provincial Comptroller's Office, any incident involving a loss of public funds above \$500 and report it to the Provincial Auditor.

Mr. Hart asked the Government the following Question No. 1008, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: (1) Does management of the authority have any knowledge of any actual or suspected fraud or illegal activity within the authority during the year 2002-2003? (2) If so, what is the nature of this activity?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority was established on October 1, 2002 as the continuation of the former Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation. 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 the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority will report on a quarterly basis to the Provincial Comptroller's Office, any incident involving a loss of public funds above \$500 and report it to the Provincial Auditor.

Mr. Hart asked the Government the following Question No. 1009, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: What did management of the authority find as a result of its monitoring of any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risk or detect fraud in the year 2000-2001?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority was established on October 1, 2002 as the continuation of the former Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation. 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 at a meeting attended by both the external auditors and the Provincial Auditor.

Mr. Hart asked the Government the following Question No. 1010, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: What did management of the authority find as a result of its monitoring of any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risk or detect fraud in the year 2001-2002?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority was established on October 1, 2002 as the continuation of the former Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation. 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 at a meeting attended by both the external auditors and the Provincial Auditor.

Mr. Hart asked the Government the following Question No. 1011, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: What did management of the authority find as a result of its monitoring of any established programs and controls to mitigate fraud risk or detect fraud in the year 2002-2003?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority was established on October 1, 2002 as the continuation of the former Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation. 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 at a meeting attended by both the external auditors and the Provincial Auditor.

Mr. Hart asked the Government the following Question No. 1012, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: (1) Is management of the authority aware of any allegations of fraud or other illegal activity within the authority or its agencies in the year 2000-2001, such as information received from employees, former employees, customers/clients, suppliers or others? (2) If so, what is the nature of the activity?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority was established on October 1, 2002 as the continuation of the former Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation. Allegations are reviewed and followed up in accordance with policies and procedures.

Mr. Hart asked the Government the following Question No. 1013, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: (1) Is management of the authority aware of any allegations of fraud or other illegal activity within the authority or its agencies in the year 2001-2002, such as information received from employees, former employees, customers/clients, suppliers or others? (2) If so, what is the nature of the activity?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority was established on October 1, 2002 as the continuation of the former Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation. Allegations are reviewed and followed up in accordance with policies and procedures.

Mr. Hart asked the Government the following Question No. 1014, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: (1) Is management of the authority aware of any allegations of fraud or other illegal activity within the authority or its agencies in the year 2002-2003, such as information received from employees, former employees, customers/clients, suppliers or others? (2) If so, what is the nature of the activity?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority was established on October 1, 2002 as the continuation of the former Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation. 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. 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?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 46 and are to be answered by day no. 51:

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1064:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) Does SGI have an agreement with Imperial Parking Canada to pass private client information over to Imperial Parking? (2) If so, has SGI tried to end this agreement?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1065:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) Does SGI pass any private client information to Imperial Parking Canada for any means? (2) If so, for what purpose? (3) How many referrals has SGI made to Imperial Parking Canada in 2005?