



No. 50

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, May 1, 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, Wall, Draude, Hermanson, Bjornerud, Stewart, Wakefield, Chisholm, Hart, Harpauer, Gantefoer, Eagles, Weekes, Cheveldayoff, Huyghebaert, Allchurch, Kirsch, 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 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 immediate action and make necessary repairs to Highway 32 in order to address safety and economic concerns.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 64)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take the necessary steps to ensure that the Dept. of Highways section shop in Watrous remain open so as to ensure the safety of all motorists and Sask. Highways employees.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 67)

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 fully fund the cancer drug Avastin.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 639)

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)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

The following Bills were reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, they were read the third time and passed:

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

Bill No. 40 – The Income Trust Liability Act

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 1054 to 1063, they were answered. (See Appendix)

SUBSTITUTION OF CHAIR ON THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel, seconded by Mr. Gantfoer, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Rule 108(5) of *The Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*, the membership of the Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Services may be transferable in accordance with the guidelines for temporary substitutions except that any member who substitutes for the Chair shall not preside when the Deputy Chair is present, and further;

That the membership of the Chair may be transferable only for the purpose of the said committee's meeting on Monday, May 1st, 2006.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:29 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. D'Autremont asked the Government the following Question No. 1054, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

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?

Answer:

In 2001, ISC developed the employee policy that outlined consequences for inappropriate use of corporate resources. In 2001, ISC hired a Manager of Risk and Security to begin looking at all risks including fraud and fraudulent activity. Also in 2001, ISC established a Security Committee to track and proactively address security issues within the organization.

Mr. D'Autremont asked the Government the following Question No. 1055, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

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?

Answer:

In 2002, ISC formally approved the ISC Security Policy, Incident Reporting Process and Clean Desk Policies. These were communicated to all staff in May 2002. In addition mandatory photo identification was implemented for ISC Head Office. The ISC Security Committee tracked and proactively addressed security issues within the organization.

Mr. D'Autremont asked the Government the following Question No. 1056, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

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?

Answer:

External auditors and the Manager of Risk and Security monitored programs and controls through security and risk assessments.

Mr. D'Autremont asked the Government the following Question No. 1057, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

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?

Answer:

External auditors and the Manager of Risk and Security monitored programs and controls through security and risk assessments.

Mr. D'Autremont asked the Government the following Question No. 1058, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

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?

Answer:

In 2001 the following incidents occurred where it could not be concluded fraud or internal theft occurred:

- In July 2001 a laptop went missing from the ISC e-Business Centre. A police report was filed.

- In August 2001, a break-in occurred where computer equipment was stolen from the ISC e-Business Centre. A police report was filed.
- In October 2001, a computer was stolen from ISC Conversion Centre. A police report was filed. There was no evidence of a forced break-in. An internal investigation uncovered no evidence that the loss was attributable to internal activity.
- In December 2001, an ISC laptop and a laptop owned by an ISC partner were stolen from ISC Head Office. There was evidence of forced removal. A police report was filed. An internal investigation uncovered no evidence that the loss was attributable to internal activity.

In 2001 the following incidents occurred where it was concluded fraud or internal theft likely occurred:

- An inventory of parking passes uncovered a missing pass. An employee assigned parking administration duties was manipulating the process to obtain free parking totalling \$150.00. An internal investigation showed that the parking administration process had a lack of controls, supervision and formalized procedures. The employee was able to remove their name and assigned tag number from the parking records without any formal notification or communication. The individual had unregulated access to courtesy parking passes, which were available for ISC visitors but used sparingly. The individual handled cash transactions on a regular basis with limited or no procedural checks and balances for accountability. In general the system was susceptible to fraudulent or improper activities. As a result of the investigation the process was improved and controls were tightened. The employee in question had already been terminated with cause prior to the discovery of the theft of the parking pass.

Mr. D'Autremont asked the Government the following Question No. 1059, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

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?

Answer:

There were no reported internal incidents or break-ins in 2002.

Mr. D'Autremont asked the Government the following Question No. 1060, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

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?

Answer:

Follow-up to all incidents identified above resulted in report to management. Security and/or internal control recommendations were forwarded for management approval.

Mr. D'Autremont asked the Government the following Question No. 1061, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

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?

Answer:

There were no reported internal incidents or break-ins in 2002.

Mr. D'Autremont asked the Government the following Question No. 1062, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

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?

Answer:

There was one incident of illegal activity within ISC. It is detailed in Question No. 1058.

Mr. D'Autremont asked the Government the following Question No. 1063, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

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?

Answer:

No.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 47 and are to be answered by day no. 52:

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1066:

To the Minister of Health: How many stakeholders submitted reports for the review of the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1067:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Will the phase one report on the review of the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency be tabled in this Legislative Assembly? (2) If so, when can the Assembly expect this report to be tabled?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 48 and are to be answered by day no. 53:

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1068:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Corporation: How many Direct Seller's licenses were issued to alarm and security service dealers province-wide in 2002?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1069:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Corporation: How many Direct Seller's licenses were issued to alarm and security service dealers province-wide in 2003?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1070:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Corporation: How many Direct Seller's licenses were issued to alarm and security service dealers province-wide in 2004?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1071:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Corporation: How many Direct Seller's licenses were issued to alarm and security service dealers province-wide in 2005?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1072:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Corporation: How many alarm and security service dealers were operating in Saskatchewan in 2002?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1073:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Corporation: How many alarm and security service dealers were operating in Saskatchewan in 2003?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1074:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Corporation: How many alarm and security service dealers were operating in Saskatchewan in 2004?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1075:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Corporation: How many alarm and security service dealers were operating in Saskatchewan in 2005?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1076:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Corporation: How many Saskatchewan security dealers are exempt from purchasing a Direct Seller's license, and which ones are they?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1077:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Corporation: How many independent SaskTel Securetek dealers are required to purchase a Direct Seller's license?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1078:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Corporation: How many independent SaskTel Securetek dealers have purchased a Direct Seller's license?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1079:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Corporation: How many security companies operating in Saskatchewan are required to purchase a Direct Seller's license, and what companies are they?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1080:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Corporation: How much does it cost to purchase a Direct Seller's license for selling alarm and security services?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1081:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Is there any money in this year's budget allocated to construction for a new hospital in Watrous? (2) If not, when will the government commit to fund the Watrous hospital?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1082:

To the Minister of Environment: What is the process for a company to receive a Forest Management Agreement from the Province of Saskatchewan?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1083:

To the Minister of Environment: What is the timeframe for cancellation of a Forest Management Agreement (FMA) if it is unused or if the company awarded the FMA ceases operation?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1084:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) Does Northwest Communities Wood Products hold a Saskatchewan Forest Management Agreement? (2) If so, how long have they held it?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1085:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) Does Beauval Forest Industries hold a Saskatchewan Forest Management Agreement? (2) If so, how long have they held it?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 50 and are to be answered by day no. 55:

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1086:

To the Minister of Learning: Can the Minister indicate: (1) How much money has been provided to the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic School Division for air quality upgrades over the past year? (2) What actions the school division has taken/will be taking with funding provided by the Department to improve air quality? (3) How much of the funding is new (as of this calendar year)?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1087:

To the Minister of Learning: Does the Minister consider any of the airborne fungi mentioned in a report prepared by Dr. Don Figley dated February 21, 2006 ("air sampling for airborne fungi found aspergillus unguis, acremonium strictum, aspergillus versicolor and penicillium griseofolium") to be hazardous to the health of students and staff at St. Patrick's School in Swift Current?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1088:

To the Minister of Learning: Can the Minister indicate what the \$248,000 announced by the Department of Learning on April 20, 2006 for "air quality upgrades" to St. Patrick's School in Swift Current will be used for?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1089:

To the Minister of Learning: Can the Minister indicate how much money the department paid in 2006/07 for repairs and renovations to Saskatchewan schools that have been found to have mould or other problems that can affect the health and safety of students and staff?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1090:

To the Minister of Learning: Can the Minister indicate how much money the department paid in 2005/06 for repairs and renovations to Saskatchewan schools that have been found to have mould or other problems that can affect the health and safety of students and staff?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1091:

To the Minister of Learning: Is the Minister aware whether any mould or any fungus which could potentially pose a health hazard to students and/or staff was located during the inspection of St. Patrick's School?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1092:

To the Minister of Learning: Now that the repairs of St. Patrick's School in Swift Current have been completed, does the department have a commitment to pay for a total environmental assessment to determine the overall condition of the school, given the lengthy history of air quality complaints at St. Patrick's School and the fact that testing located at least six plumbing leaks in the school?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1093:

To the Minister of Community Resources: Is there any record of the RCMP contacting the Government of Saskatchewan concerning a pardon for Evelyn Hynes at any time that she was an employee of the Government of Saskatchewan?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1094:

To the Minister of Community Resources: Can the Minister indicate the date that the Government of Saskatchewan discovered the first instance of fraud by Evelyn Hynes?