



No. 53

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Thursday, May 4, 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: Elhard, Draude, Weekes, Allchurch, Kirsch, Brkich, Merriman and Morgan.

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 steps to ensure the Davidson and Imperial Health Centres be maintained at their current level of service.

(Sessional Paper No. 741)

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 act upon the recommendations made by the group “Saskatchewan Families for Effective Autism Treatment”.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 638)

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

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 669)

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 work closely with the federal government to develop a farm income assistance program.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 738)

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
RAPPORT DU COMITÉ PERMANENT DES SERVICES À LA PERSONNE**

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: Les projets de loi suivants sont rapportés sans amendement, et l'Assemblée s'étant désistée de l'étape du Comité plénier, ils sont lus la troisième fois et adoptés:

Bill No. 49 - The Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Day Act

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

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

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 1068 and 1085, they were answered. (See Appendix)

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:35 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 1068, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:

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?

Answer:

SaskTel is not the organization responsible for tracking this information. This is the responsibility of the Consumer Protection Branch through Saskatchewan Justice.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 1069, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:

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?

Answer:

SaskTel is not the organization responsible for tracking this information. This is the responsibility of the Consumer Protection Branch through Saskatchewan Justice.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 1070, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:

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?

Answer:

SaskTel is not the organization responsible for tracking this information. This is the responsibility of the Consumer Protection Branch through Saskatchewan Justice.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 1071, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:

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?

Answer:

SaskTel is not the organization responsible for tracking this information. This is the responsibility of the Consumer Protection Branch through Saskatchewan Justice.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 1072, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:

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

Answer:

SaskTel is not the only company in the province that offers security services as it is a highly competitive market. Therefore, we cannot state how many dealers the competitors have, but SaskTel had 13 dealers in the province.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 1073, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:

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

Answer:

SaskTel is not the only company in the province that offers security services as it is a highly competitive market. Therefore, we cannot state how many dealers the competitors have, but SaskTel had 14 dealers in the province.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 1074, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:

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

Answer:

SaskTel is not the only company in the province that offers security services as it is a highly competitive market. Therefore, we cannot state how many dealers the competitors have, but SaskTel had 14 dealers in the province.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 1075, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:

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

Answer:

SaskTel is not the only company in the province that offers security services as it is a highly competitive market. Therefore, we cannot state how many dealers the competitors have, but SaskTel had 13 dealers in the province.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 1076, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:

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

Answer:

SaskTel is not the organization responsible for tracking this information.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 1077, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:

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

Answer:

None, as SaskTel SecurTek dealers fall within SecurTek's Direct Seller's license.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 1078, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:

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

Answer:

None, as SaskTel SecurTek dealers fall within SecurTek's Direct Seller's license.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 1079, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:

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?

Answer:

SaskTel is not the organization responsible for tracking this information.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 1080, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:

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?

Answer:

The fee structure for purchasing a Direct Seller's license is put in place by the Consumer Protection Branch.

Mr. Brkich asked the Government the following Question No. 1081, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

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?

Answer:

(1) No.

(2) Requests for funding of capital construction projects are considered relative to available resources and other competing priorities on an annual basis.

Mr. Allchurch asked the Government the following Question No. 1082, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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

Answer:

The Government of Saskatchewan and the company negotiate the terms of the Forest Management Agreement, which must contain several provisions which are outlined in *The Forest Resources Management Act and Regulations*, including area, volume to be harvested, responsibility for renewal, and dues and fees to be paid. The company must also complete a Twenty-year Forest Management Plan which must undergo an Environmental Impact Assessment, before the Forest Management Agreement is brought to Cabinet for approval.

Mr. Allchurch asked the Government the following Question No. 1083, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

The term of a Forest Management Agreement (FMA) is twenty years. However, during this twenty-year period, if a company is considered to be in default of any of its obligations, they may be given a set time to remedy the default. If they do not remedy the default, then the FMA may be subject to forfeiture. If the company's facilities cease operation, there is a time specified after which they are considered in default and the FMA is subject to forfeiture. Because these agreements are negotiated the timeframe for closure differs in different FMAs.

Mr. Allchurch asked the Government the following Question No. 1084, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

(1) No.

(2) N/A

Mr. Allchurch asked the Government the following Question No. 1085, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

(1) No.

(2) N/A

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?

The following Question was given notice on day no. 52 and is to be answered by day no. 57:

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1095:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: How many grains and oilseeds producers have contacted Crop Insurance after the March 31 deadline in an effort to reinstate their coverage for 2006?