



No. 24

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, December 5, 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, Wall, Bjornerud, Stewart, Chisholm, Hart, Harpauer, Eagles, Weekes, Cheveldayoff, Huyghebaert, Allchurch, Kirsch, Brkich, Merriman, Morgan, Duncan, Draude, Sonntag, Borgerson and Serby.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Deputy Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 15(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to address the concerns of individuals affected by the TransGas Asquith natural gas storage project.

(Sessional Paper No. 51)

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. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to fully fund the cancer drug Avastin.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 21)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to upgrade and widen Highway 5 from Humboldt to Saskatoon.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 22)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to implement a strategy that will see a dialysis unit placed in Broadview Union Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 27)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to repair Highway 49.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 32)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to lobby the federal government for tougher sentences for sexual offences against children.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 38)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reimburse the Bonderud family for out-of-country treatment costs, and improve the future communication and coordination of cancer services for all cancer patients.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 43)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to support the position that it is the right of western Canadian producers to decide the future of the Canadian Wheat Board.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 48)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY RAPPORT DU COMITÉ PERMANENT DE L'ÉCONOMIE

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 avec la permission de l'Assemblée de passer outre au renvoi au Comité plénier, sont lus une troisième fois et adoptés:

Bill No. 34 – The Labour Market Commission Act

Bill No. 1 – The Labour Standards Amendment Act, 2006

Bill No. 29 – The Labour Standards Consequential Amendments Act, 2006

Projet de loi n° 29 – Loi de 2006 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Labour Standards Amendments Act, 2006

Mr. Yates, Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy, presented the Sixth Report of the said Committee which is as follows:

Your Committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the following Government departments and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

Supplementary Estimates, 2006-2007:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2007, the following sums:

For Agriculture and Food \$66,630,000

For Environment..... \$12,900,000

Your committee reviewed the following Supplementary Estimates for which no funds were requested or required to be voted:

Supplementary Estimates, 2006-2007:

Executive Branch of Government

For Saskatchewan Infrastructure Fund (Statutory)

Your Committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the Appropriation Bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.
(Sessional Paper No. 53)

On motion of Mr. Yates, seconded by Mr. Weekes:

Ordered, That the Sixth Report of the Standing Committee on the Economy be now concurred in.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. Harper, Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure presented the Sixth Report of the said committee which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the following Government departments and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

Supplementary Estimates, 2006-2007:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2007, the following sums:

Executive Branch of Government

For First Nations and Métis Relations \$11,487,000

For Government Relations \$13,965,000

For Highways and Transportation\$22,630,000

For Justice\$3,833,000

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2007, the following sums, which to the extent that they remain unexpended for that fiscal year are also granted for the fiscal year ending on March 31, 2008:

Major Capital Expenditure

For Highways and Transportation Capital\$32,000,000

Your committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the Appropriation Bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.

(Sessional Paper No. 54)

On motion of Mr. Harper, seconded by Ms. Draude:

Ordered, That the Sixth Report of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure be now concurred in.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Ms. Junor, Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Services presented the Seventh Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

Your Committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the following Government departments and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

Supplementary Estimates, 2006-2007:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2007 the following sums:

For Advanced Education and Employment \$71,470,000

For Community Resources \$49,953,000

For Corrections and Public Safety \$13,547,000

For Culture, Youth and Recreation \$22,110,000

For Health \$30,400,000

For Learning..... \$22,230,000

Your Committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the Appropriation Bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.

(Sessional Paper No. 55)

On motion of Ms. Junor, seconded by Mr. Elhard:

Ordered, That the Seventh Report of the Standing Committee on Human Services be now concurred in.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

Ms. Morin, Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies presented the Seventh Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

Your Committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the following Government departments and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

Supplementary Estimates, 2006-2007:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2007, the following sums:

For Information Technology Office\$100,000

For Property Management\$2,800,000

For SaskEnergy Incorporated\$7,000,000

Your Committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the Appropriation Bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.

(Sessional Paper No. 56)

On motion of Ms. Morin, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

Ordered, That the Seventh Report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies be now concurred in.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS

Ms. Junor, Chair of the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the Seventh Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee has duly examined the under-mentioned Petitions for Private Bills and finds that the provisions of Rules 88, 89 and 92 have been fully complied with:

Of the Hotels Association of Saskatchewan, in the Province of Saskatchewan, praying for an Act to amend *The Hotels Association of Saskatchewan Act*.

Of the Full Gospel Bible Institute, in the Province of Saskatchewan, praying for an Act to amend *The Full Gospel Bible Institute Act*.

(Sessional Paper No. 57)

On motion of Ms. Junor, seconded by Mr. Hart:

Ordered, That the Seventh Report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills be now concurred in.

Thereupon the Clerk laid upon the Table the following Bills:

Bill No. 301 – The Eston College (Full Gospel Bible Institute Amendment) Act

(Mr. Hermanson)

Bill No. 302 – The Hotels Association of Saskatchewan Amendment Act

(Ms. Hamilton)

The said Bills were deemed to have been read the first time, and ordered for Second Reading at the next sitting, pursuant to Rule 95.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 222 to 328, they were answered. (See Appendix)

CONDOLENCE MOTIONS

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Calvert, seconded by Mr. Wall, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency and to the province.

Karl Frank Klein, who passed away on June 22, 2006, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1956 until 1964 representing the constituency of Notukeu – Willow Bunch for the Liberal Party.

Mr. Klein was born on October 17, 1922 in Lafleche. He married Agnes McCarthy on July 1, 1948 and together they had six children. Mr. Klein received his early education in local schools before enlisting in the Royal Canadian Navy in 1940. He served overseas as a wireless telegraphist until 1945. Upon his return, Mr. Klein attended Teachers College in Regina. He completed his degree in Education at the University of Manitoba.

Mr. Klein's teaching career extended over twenty-seven years. He also found time to farm and to participate in the activities of his local church and the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Klein served two terms in this Assembly, winning his seat in the 1956 and the 1960 general elections.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy with members of the bereaved family.

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

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Calvert, seconded by Mr. Wall, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency and to the province.

Bernard Leo Korchinski, who passed away on October 13, 2006, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1948 until 1952 and from 1956 until 1960 representing the constituency of Redberry for the Liberal Party.

Mr. Korchinski was born on Christmas Day, 1905 at Beaver Hill, near Ituna. He was educated at schools in Ituna, Yorkton and Regina before attending the University of Saskatchewan. He married Slawka Marak on July 21, 1938. He is survived by his four children and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Korchinski's teaching career spanned thirty-nine years and schools throughout Saskatchewan. During the Second World War, he took a leave from teaching to work for the National Film Board showing newsreels and promoting war bonds. Mr. Korchinski's public service also included periods as the provincial director of the Emergency Measures Organization and as a citizenship court judge. He served two terms in this Assembly.

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

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Calvert, seconded by Mr. Wall, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency and to the province.

Joseph Clifford McIsaac, who passed away on July 25, 2006, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1964 until 1974 representing the constituency of Wilkie for the Liberal Party.

Dr. McIsaac was born in Mount Herbert, Prince Edward Island on August 30, 1930. He attended local schools before graduating from the Prince of Wales College in Charlottetown. Dr. McIsaac continued his studies at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, from which he received his diploma in 1950. Later he was awarded a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1955 from the Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph. Dr. McIsaac married Marie Vandervoort on July 29, 2006. He is survived by his wife and their six children.

Dr. McIsaac began his veterinarian career by opening a practice in Unity. He expanded his interests in the farming field by establishing a commercial beef operation and a mobile feed milling company. In later years, he moved his practice to North Battleford.

Dr. McIsaac was active in a number of community and professional organizations. He belonged to the Knights of Columbus and served on the local school board and the Saskatchewan School Trustee Association. His professional interests led to his involvement with a number of cattle, farming and veterinary medical associations. Dr. McIsaac was appointed to the Canadian Dairy Commission and served as chair of the National Farm Products Marketing Council.

A debate arising, the Assembly recessed from 3:42 p.m. until 3:52 p.m. as a result of a power outage in the Chamber.

The debate being resumed on the motion and the question being put, it was agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the Resolutions just passed, together with a transcript of oral tributes to the memory of the deceased, be communicated to the bereaved families on behalf of this Assembly by Mr. Speaker.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 12 – The Planning and Development Act, 2006

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: That Bill No. 12 – The Planning and Development Act, 2006 – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That Bill No. 12 – The Planning and Development Act, 2006 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure.

Bill No. 39 – The Tobacco Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Addley: That Bill No. 39 – The Tobacco Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Addley:

Ordered, That Bill No. 39 – The Tobacco Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Bill No. 5 – The Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 2006

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 5 – The Oil and Gas Conservation 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. Cline:

Ordered, That Bill No. 5 – The Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 2006 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

Bill No. 32 – The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2006

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Thomson: That Bill No. 32 – The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) 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. Thomson:

Ordered, That Bill No. 32 – The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2006 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

Bill No. 22 – The Legal Profession Amendment Act, 2006

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 22 – The Legal Profession Amendment Act, 2006 – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

Ordered, That Bill No. 22 – The Legal Profession Amendment Act, 2006 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure.

Bill No. 20 – The Gunshot and Stab Wounds Mandatory Reporting Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 20 – The Gunshot and Stab Wounds Mandatory Reporting Act – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

Ordered, That Bill No. 20 – The Gunshot and Stab Wounds Mandatory Reporting Act – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure.

Bill No. 6 – The Youth Drug Detoxification and Stabilization Amendment Act, 2006

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Addley: That Bill No. 6 – The Youth Drug Detoxification and Stabilization 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. Addley:

Ordered, That Bill No. 6 – The Youth Drug Detoxification and Stabilization Amendment Act, 2006 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:50 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Association:

College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Saskatchewan

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 29)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Ms. Eagles asked the Government the following Question No. 222, which was answered by the Hon.

Mr. Forbes:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: (1) For the following land description NW Quarter 18-2-8 W2M, when was the fence completed? (2) Was the project tendered? (3) If so, who won the contract? (4) What was the cost of materials and labour? (5) Was labour and materials paid for separately?

Answer:

Saskatchewan Water Corporation has no operations in or on the NW Quarter 18-2-3 W2M, and this land is not the responsibility of Saskatchewan Water Corporation. Saskatchewan Water Corporation was not responsible for any construction projects on the NW Quarter 18-2-3 W2M, and no fence on that land was tendered or paid for by Saskatchewan Water Corporation.

Mr. Morgan asked the Government the following Question No. 223, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: Which persons or companies received contracts from Executive Council to provide advertising or marketing research services for year 2006?

Answer:

In 2006, Wawryk Associates was awarded the Premier's Summer Bus Tour project account in accordance with the Communications Services Procurement Policy. Sigma Analytics was awarded the marketing research contract following an open competition in accordance with the Communications Services Procurement Policy. This contract ended on June 11, 2006. Points West was awarded the marketing research contract beginning June 12, 2006, following an open competition in accordance with the Communications Services Procurement Policy. The Department of Executive Council also posted Agency of Record Competitions in both the Regina Leader Post and Saskatoon Star Phoenix, posted Gazette Notices with the Office of the Queen's Printer, posted Premier's Messages in various provincial publications, and contracted with Minds Eye Entertainment for production of the annual Christmas Message from the Premier, Leader of the Official Opposition and the Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Morgan, asked the Government the following Question No. 224, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: Which persons or companies received contracts from Executive Council to provide advertising or marketing research services for year 2005?

Answer:

In 2005, Wawryk Associates was awarded the Premier's Summer Bus Tour project account in accordance with the Communications Services Procurement Policy. Sigma Analytics was awarded the marketing research contract following an open competition in accordance with the Communications Services Procurement Policy. The Department of Executive Council also posted Agency of Record Competitions in both the Regina Leader Post and Saskatoon Star Phoenix, posted Gazette Notices with the Office of the Queen's Printer, posted Premier's Messages in various provincial publications and contracted with Caffeine Commercial Productions for production of the annual Christmas Message from the Premier, Leader of the Official Opposition and the Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Morgan, asked the Government the following Question No. 225, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: Which persons or companies received contracts from Executive Council to provide advertising or marketing research services for year 2004?

Answer:

In 2004, Tap Communications was awarded the Premier's Summer Bus Tour project account in accordance with the Communications Services Procurement Policy. Sigma Analytics was awarded the marketing research contract following an open competition in accordance with the Communications Services Procurement Policy. The Department also posted Agency of Record Competitions in both the Regina Leader Post and Saskatoon Star Phoenix, posted Gazette Notices with the Office of the Queen's Printer, posted Premier's Messages in various provincial publications and contracted with Partners in Motion for production of the annual Christmas Message from the Premier, Leader of the Official Opposition and the Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Morgan, asked the Government the following Question No. 226, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: What is the criteria used by Executive Council when choosing a tender for advertising and/or marketing research services?

Answer:

When the services of an advertising agency are tendered, a Request for Proposal is issued to qualified suppliers. Responses are received and the following criteria are used to evaluate the responses: quality of the proposal provided by the agency, the agency's industry experience related to the needs of the client, agency service delivery standards, the quality of the agency's presentation and compatibility of the agency with the client. When market research services are tendered, a Request for Proposal is issued to qualified suppliers. Responses are received and the following criteria are used to evaluate the responses: quality of the proposal provided by the supplier, the supplier's industry experience related to the needs of the client, supplier delivery of service standards, cost and the quality of the supplier's presentation.

Mr. Morgan, asked the Government the following Question No. 227, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: What was the total number of dollars Executive Council spent on advertising and marketing research services for the year 2006?

Answer:

\$21,621.98 up to October 31, 2006.

Mr. Morgan, asked the Government the following Question No. 228, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: What was the total number of dollars Executive Council spent on advertising and marketing research services for the year 2005?

Answer:

\$77,257.92

Mr. Morgan, asked the Government the following Question No. 229, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: What was the total number of dollars Executive Council spent on advertising and marketing research services for the year 2004?

Answer:

\$36,553.88

Ms. Harpauer, asked the Government the following Question No. 230, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) In the Kindersley area, is SaskPower conducting conversions of oil wells from natural gas to electricity? (2) If so, is there an associated fee? (3) What is that fee?

Answer:

- (1) Yes - At the customers request.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Costs vary depending on the construction criteria, size and location of the job.

Ms. Draude, asked the Government the following Question No. 231, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: How many firms submitted a proposal the last time the department's advertising contract was tendered?

Answer:

Three.

Ms. Draude, asked the Government the following Question No. 232, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: What was the total number of dollars received by each advertising or marketing research firm contracted for services for the fiscal year 2006/07?

Answer:

Brown Communications received \$23,350.12 as of October 31, 2006.

Ms. Draude asked the Government the following Question No. 233, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: What was the total number of dollars received by each advertising or marketing research firm contracted for services for the fiscal year 2005/06?

Answer:

Brown Communications received \$1,324,944.90; Phoenix Advertising Group received \$2,130.90; Canadian Archaeological Association received \$250.00 and Sigma Analytics received \$7,168.02.

Ms. Draude, asked the Government the following Question No. 234, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: What was the total number of dollars received by each advertising or marketing research firm contracted for services for the fiscal year 2004/05?

Answer:

Brown Communications received \$1,464,201.50; Tap Communications received \$627.27; Phoenix received \$8,545.48 and Fast Consulting received \$38,973.75.

Ms. Draude, asked the Government the following Question No. 235, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: What was the total number of dollars received by each advertising or marketing research firm contracted for services for the fiscal year 2003/04?

Answer:

Brown Communications received \$75,805.74; Next Communications received \$3,265.17; Saskatchewan Writer's Guild Inc. received \$100.00 and Saskatchewan Weekly Newspaper Association received \$50.00.

Ms. Draude, asked the Government the following Question No. 236, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: What was the total number of dollars received by each advertising or marketing research firm contracted for services for the fiscal year 2002/03?

Answer:

Brown Communications received \$10,644.67; Creative Fire received \$8,646.85; Tourism Regina received \$1,480.00; Various agencies received \$3,050.30 and Omnibus received \$680.00.

Ms. Draude, asked the Government the following Question No. 237, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: What was the total number of dollars received by each advertising or marketing research firm contracted for services for the fiscal year 2001/02?

Answer:

Creative Fire received \$25,665 and Wawryck and Associates received \$3,940.

Ms. Draude, asked the Government the following Question No. 238, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: Which persons or companies received contracts from the Department to provide advertising or marketing research services for the fiscal year 2006/07?

Answer:

Advertising services were provided by Brown Communications as the agency of record for Culture, Youth and Recreation in accordance with the Communication Services Procurement Policy.

Ms. Draude, asked the Government the following Question No. 239, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: Which persons or companies received contracts from the Department to provide advertising or marketing research services for the fiscal year 2005/06?

Answer:

Advertising services were provided by Brown Communications the agency of record for Culture, Youth and Recreation in accordance with the Communication Services Procurement Policy. Career ads were provided by Phoenix Advertising Group, the agency of record for the Public Service Commission in accordance with the Communication Services Procurement Policy. A career ad was also placed with the Canadian Archaeological Association. Marketing services were received from Sigma Analytics for Culture, Youth and Recreation's portion of a poll.

Ms. Draude, asked the Government the following Question No. 240, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: Which persons or companies received contracts from the Department to provide advertising or marketing research services for the fiscal year 2004/05?

Answer:

Advertising services were provided by Brown Communications, the agency of record for Culture, Youth and Recreation in accordance with the Communication Services Procurement Policy. Career Ad placement was provided by Phoenix Advertising Group who is the agency of record for the Public Service Commission in accordance with the Communication Services Procurement Policy. A joint ad between the Royal Saskatchewan Museum and Government House was provided by Tap Communications who was the agency of record for Government Relations in accordance with the Communication Services Procurement Policy. Fast Consulting was awarded a research project in accordance with the Communication Services Procurement Policy.

Ms. Draude, asked the Government the following Question No. 241, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: Which persons or companies received contracts from the Department to provide advertising or marketing research services for the fiscal year 2003/04?

Answer:

In 2003/04 Brown Communications was awarded the contract as agency of record for Culture, Youth and Recreation in accordance with Communications Services Procurement Policy. Career Ads were placed through Next Communications, who was awarded the contract as the agency of record for the Public Service Commission in accordance with the Communications Services Procurement Policy. In addition, a youth promotional ad was placed through the Saskatchewan Writers Guild Inc. and a youth portal launch ad was placed through the Saskatchewan Weekly Newspapers Association.

Ms. Draude, asked the Government the following Question No. 242, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: Which persons or companies received contracts from the Department to provide advertising or marketing research services for the fiscal year 2002/03?

Answer:

In the 2002/03 fiscal year Brown Communications, Creative Fire and Tourism Regina received contracts from the Department to provide advertising or market research services. Career posting was also done by various agencies. As well, a fee was paid to Omnibus for Culture, Youth and Recreation portion of the polling.

Ms. Draude, asked the Government the following Question No. 243, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: Which persons or companies received contracts from the Department to provide advertising or marketing research services for the fiscal year 2001/02?

Answer:

Wawryk Associates was the agency of record for Culture, Youth and Recreation until July 2001 in accordance with the Communications Procedure Policy. Creative Fire was the agency of record for Culture, Youth and Recreation from July 2001 until March 31, 2002 in accordance with the Communications Procedure Policy.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 244, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Cypress Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 7 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Cypress Health Region for the year 2002/03.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 245, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Cypress Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 11 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Cypress Health Region for the year 2003/04.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 246, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Cypress Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 11 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Cypress Health Region for the year 2004/05.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 247, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Cypress Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 4 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Cypress Health Region for the year 2005/06.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 248, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Five Hills Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 4 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Five Hills Health Region for the year 2002/03.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 249, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Five Hills Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, no people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Five Hills Health Region for the year 2003/04.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 250, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Five Hills Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 8 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Five Hills Health Region for the year 2004/05.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 251, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Five Hills Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 12 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Five Hills Health Region for the year 2005/06.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 252, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Sun Country Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 2 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Sun Country Health Region for the year 2002/03.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 253, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Sun Country Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 9 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Sun Country Health Region for the year 2003/04.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 254, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Sun Country Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 14 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Sun Country Health Region for the year 2004/05.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 255, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Sun Country Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 19 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Sun Country Health Region for the year 2005/06.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 256, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Sunrise Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 21 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Sunrise Health Region for the year 2002/03.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 257, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Sunrise Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 2 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Sunrise Health Region for the year 2003/04.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 258, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Sunrise Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 18 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Sunrise Health Region for the year 2004/05.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 259, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Sunrise Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 19 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Sunrise Health Region for the year 2005/06.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 260, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 9 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region for the year 2002/03.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 261, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 14 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region for the year 2003/04.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 262, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 17 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region for the year 2004/05.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 263, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 19 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region for the year 2005/06.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 264, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Heartland Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 14 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Heartland Health Region for the year 2002/03.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 265, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Heartland Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 13 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Heartland Health Region for the year 2003/04.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 266, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Heartland Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 1 person occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Heartland Health Region for the year 2004/05.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 267, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Heartland Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 1 person occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Heartland Health Region for the year 2005/06.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 268, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Saskatoon Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 31 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Saskatoon Health Region for the year 2002/03.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 269, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Saskatoon Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 37 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Saskatoon Health Region for the year 2003/04.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 270, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Saskatoon Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 33 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Saskatoon Health Region for the year 2004/05.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 271, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Saskatoon Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 30 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Saskatoon Health Region for the year 2005/06.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 272, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Kelsey Trail Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 1 person occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Kelsey Trail Health Region for the year 2002/03.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 273, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Kelsey Trail Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, no people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Kelsey Trail Health Region for the year 2003/04.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 274, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Kelsey Trail Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 18 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Kelsey Trail Health Region for the year 2004/05.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 275, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Kelsey Trail Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 21 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Kelsey Trail Health Region for the year 2005/06.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 276, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Prince Albert Parkland Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, no people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Prince Albert Parkland Health Region for the year 2002/03.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 277, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Prince Albert Parkland Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, no people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Prince Albert Parkland Health Region for the year 2003/04.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 278, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Prince Albert Parkland Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 12 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Prince Albert Parkland Health Region for the year 2004/05.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 279, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Prince Albert Parkland Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 16 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Prince Albert Parkland Health Region for the year 2005/06.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 280, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Prairie North Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 32 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Prairie North Health Region for the year 2002/03.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 281, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Prairie North Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 50 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Prairie North Health Region for the year 2003/04.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 282, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Prairie North Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 43 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Prairie North Health Region for the year 2004/05.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 283, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Prairie North Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 24 people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Prairie North Health Region for the year 2005/06.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 284, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, no people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region for the year 2002/03.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 285, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, no people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region for the year 2003/04.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 286, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, no people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region for the year 2004/05.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 287, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, no people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region for the year 2005/06.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 288, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Keewatin Yatthe Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, no people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Keewatin Yatthe Health Region for the year 2002/03.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 289, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Keewatin Yatthe Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, no people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Keewatin Yatthe Health Region for the year 2003/04.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 290, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Keewatin Yatthe Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, 1 person occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Keewatin Yatthe Health Region for the year 2004/05.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 291, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Keewatin Yatthe Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Answer:

According to information reported by regional health authorities, no people occupied a bed in a health centre, hospital or integrated health facility while waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in Keewatin Yatthe Health Region for the year 2005/06.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 292, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: When did the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency submit a proposal to Saskatchewan Health for a provincial colorectal screening program?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Cancer Agency has not submitted a proposal to Saskatchewan Health for a provincial colorectal cancer screening program.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 293, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: Has the government funded a study to determine the benefits of a provincial colorectal screening program?

Answer:

Saskatchewan participated in Health Canada's National Committee on Colorectal Cancer. This committee's recommendations continue to inform the work of the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control (CSCC). Saskatchewan participates in the CSCC, along with other provincial governments, provincial cancer agencies, Health Canada, and non-governmental agencies such as the Canadian Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute of Canada.

The CSCC's Primary Prevention Action Group has been established to provide cancer expertise and management advice regarding building cancer screening capacity and capability in Canada. Detailed information about the CSCC is available at: http://209.217.127.72/home_csc.html.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 294, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: When does the government intend to implement the recommendations for the Canadian Cancer Society on a provincial colorectal screening program?

Answer:

Saskatchewan is participating in the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control's efforts to develop a national approach to colorectal screening.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 295, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: When did the Canadian Cancer Society ask the government to consider a colorectal screening program?

Answer:

In a media release dated November 21, 2006, the Canadian Cancer Society stated that they support the implementation of a colorectal cancer screening program in Saskatchewan.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 296, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: Who are the members of the expert panel that is examining how a colorectal cancer screening program would work?

Answer:

Membership information for Health Canada's National Committee on Colorectal Cancer is available at: http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/publicat/ncccs-ndcc/ccsrec_e.html. Membership information for the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control's Primary Prevention Action Group is available at: http://209.217.127.72/csc/priorities_pppage.html.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 297, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What is the mandate of the expert panel that is examining how a colorectal cancer screening program would work?

Answer:

Terms of reference for Health Canada's National Committee on Colorectal Cancer are available at: http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/publicat/ncccs-cndcc/ccsrec_e.html. Terms of reference for the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control's Primary Prevention Action Group is available at: http://209.217.127.72/csc/priorities_pppage.html.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 298, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: How many times has the expert panel that is examining how a colorectal cancer screening program would work met?

Answer:

Information about the meetings of Health Canada's National Committee on Colorectal Cancer is available at: http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/publicat/ncccs-cndcc/ccsrec_e.html. Information about the meetings of the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control's Primary Prevention Action Group is available at: http://209.217.127.72/csc/priorities_pppage.html.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 299, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: Can you please provide a copy of the minutes from all meetings held by the expert panel that is examining how a colorectal cancer screening program would work?

Answer:

Information about the meetings of Health Canada's National Committee on Colorectal Cancer is available at: http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/publicat/ncccs-cndcc/ccsrec_e.html. Information about the meetings of the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control's Primary Prevention Action Group is available at: http://209.217.127.72/csc/priorities_pppage.html.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 300, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: When is the expert panel that is examining how a colorectal cancer screening program would work expected to release its findings?

Answer:

Health Canada's National Committee on Colorectal Cancer released its technical report in May 2002. Saskatchewan is working to implement the recommendations of this national committee by participating in the Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control, and by monitoring the progress toward colorectal screening programs in Ontario and Alberta.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 301, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: How many people are currently on the waiting list for long-term care in the Cypress Health Region?

Answer:

According to regional health authority officials as of the week of September 11, 2006 (most recent information available), there were 32 persons on the waiting list for long-term care in the Cypress Health Region.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 302, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: How many people are currently on the waiting list for long-term care in the Five Hills Health Region?

Answer:

According to regional health authority officials as of the week of September 11, 2006 (most recent information available) there were 15 persons on the waiting list for long-term care in the Five Hills Health Region.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 303, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: How many people are currently on the waiting list for long-term care in the Sun Country Health Region?

Answer:

According to regional health authority officials as of the week of September 11, 2006 (most recent information available) there were 40 persons on the waiting list for long-term care in the Sun Country Health Region.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 304, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: How many people are currently on the waiting list for long-term care in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region?

Answer:

According to regional health authority officials as of the week of September 11, 2006 (most recent information available) there were 105 persons on the waiting list for long-term care in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 305, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: How many people are currently on the waiting list for long-term care in the Sunrise Health Region?

Answer:

According to regional health authority officials as of the week of September 11, 2006 (most recent information available) there were 46 persons on the waiting list for long-term care in the Sunrise Health Region.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 306, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: How many people are currently on the waiting list for long-term care in the Saskatoon Health Region?

Answer:

According to regional health authority officials as of the week of September 11, 2006 (most recent information available) there were 113 persons on the waiting list for long-term care in the Saskatoon Health Region.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 307, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: How many people are currently on the waiting list for long-term care in the Prairie North Health Region?

Answer:

According to regional health authority officials as of the week of September 11, 2006 (most recent information available) there were 74 persons on the waiting list for long-term care in the Prairie North Health Region.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 308, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: How many people are currently on the waiting list for a long-term care in the Prince Albert Parkland Health Region?

Answer:

According to regional health authority officials as of the week of September 11, 2006 (most recent information available) there were 39 persons on the waiting list for long-term care in the Prince Albert Parkland Health Region.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 309, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: How many people are currently on the waiting list for long-term care in the Kelsey Trail Health Region?

Answer:

According to regional health authority officials as of the week of September 11, 2006 (most recent information available) there were 55 persons on the waiting list for long-term care in the Kelsey Trail Health Region.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 310, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: How many people are currently on the waiting list for long-term care in the Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region?

Answer:

According to regional health authority officials as of the week of September 11, 2006 (most recent information available) there were 31 persons on the waiting list for long-term care in the Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 311, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: How many people are currently on the waiting list for long-term care in the Keewatin Yatthe Health Region?

Answer:

According to regional health authority officials as of the week of September 11, 2006 (most recent information available) there were 7 persons on the waiting list for long-term care in the Keewatin Yatthe Health Region.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 312, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the number of long-term care beds in the Keewatin Yatthe Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Answer:

The number of long-term care beds in the Keewatin Yatthe Health Region for the year 2002/03 was 22.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 313, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the number of long-term care beds in the Keewatin Yatthe Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Answer:

The number of long-term care beds in the Keewatin Yatthe Health Region for the year 2003/04 was 25.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 314, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the number of long-term care beds in the Keewatin Yatthe Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Answer:

The number of long-term care beds in the Keewatin Yatthe Health Region for the year 2004/05 was 21.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 315, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the number of long-term care beds in the Keewatin Yatthe Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Answer:

The number of long-term care beds in the Keewatin Yatthe Health Region for the year 2005/06 was 21.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 316, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the number of long-term care beds in the Sun Country Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Answer:

The number of long-term care beds in the Sun Country Health Region for the year 2002/03 was 786.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 317, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the number of long-term care beds in the Sun Country Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Answer:

The number of long-term care beds in the Sun Country Health Region for the year 2003/04 was 759.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 318, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the number of long-term care beds in the Sun Country Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Answer:

The number of long-term care beds in the Sun Country Health Region for the year 2004/05 was 725.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 319, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the number of long-term care beds in the Sun Country Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Answer:

The number of long-term care beds in the Sun Country Health Region for the year 2005/06 was 724.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 320, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the number of long-term care beds in the Kelsey Trail Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Answer:

The number of long-term care beds in the Kelsey Trail Health Region for the year 2002/03 was 496.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 321, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the number of long-term care beds in the Kelsey Trail Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Answer:

The number of long-term care beds in the Kelsey Trail Health Region for the year 2003/04 was 482.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 322, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the number of long-term care beds in the Kelsey Trail Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Answer:

The number of long-term care beds in the Kelsey Trail Health Region for the year 2004/05 was 482.

Mr. McMorris, asked the Government the following Question No. 323, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the number of long-term care beds in the Kelsey Trail Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Answer:

The number of long-term care beds in the Kelsey Trail Health Region for the year 2005/06 was 482.

Mr. Cheveldayoff, asked the Government the following Question No. 324, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Thomson:

To the Minister of Finance: How much would it cost the Saskatchewan government to allow income splitting for all Saskatchewan couples for the purposes of calculating provincial income tax?

Answer:

Saskatchewan Finance generally relies on the federal government to conduct financial and distributional analysis for changes that affect the common definition of taxable income. As a result, the Department is unable to provide an estimate of the possible costs of such initiatives. In addition, Saskatchewan Finance has not been advised of any analysis conducted by the federal government on broadening the new income splitting provision to other income sources, either for seniors or more generally for all taxpayers.

Mr. Cheveldayoff, asked the Government the following Question No. 325, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Thomson:

To the Minister of Finance: How much would it cost the Saskatchewan government to allow seniors couples to split all of their taxable income in the calculation of Saskatchewan income tax?

Answer:

Saskatchewan Finance generally relies on the federal government to conduct financial and distributional analysis for changes that affect the common definition of taxable income. As a result, the Department is unable to provide an estimate of the possible costs of such initiatives. Saskatchewan Finance has not been advised of any analysis conducted by the federal government on broadening the new income splitting provision to other income sources, either for seniors or more generally for all taxpayers.

Mr. Cheveldayoff, asked the Government the following Question No. 326, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Thomson:

To the Minister of Finance: How much would it cost the Saskatchewan government to allow seniors couples to split pension income in the calculation of Saskatchewan income tax?

Answer:

The federal government estimates that its new income splitting initiative for seniors will provide about \$650 million in tax savings in 2007, with about \$15 million of this provided to Saskatchewan seniors. Using this federal information as a basis, it is estimated that this initiative will result in a provincial income tax reduction of about \$10 million per year.

Mr. Cheveldayoff, asked the Government the following Question No. 327, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Thomson:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) Does the provincial government intend to allow seniors couples to split pension income for the purposes of calculating their provincial income tax? (2) If not, what problems will this cause in terms of tax filing for Saskatchewan seniors, as Saskatchewan income tax is currently based on the federal rules for calculating taxable income?

Answer:

- (1) While the federal government has not yet introduced the legislation necessary to allow for pension income splitting between Canadian resident spouses, it appears that this change will alter the common national definition of taxable income.
- (2) Under the terms of the federal-provincial income tax collection agreement, Saskatchewan (and all other participating provinces) has agreed to adopt the national taxable income base for provincial income tax purposes. The federal measure will therefore automatically be incorporated into the determination of provincial income taxes for all participating provinces including Saskatchewan.

Mr. Cheveldayoff, asked the Government the following Question No. 328, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Thomson:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) Does the federal government's decision to allow seniors couples to split pension income for the purposes of calculating federal income tax affect provincial income taxes in any way? (2) If so, how?

Answer:

- (1) It is our understanding that the federal measure to allow for pension income splitting between Canadian resident spouses alters the common national definition of taxable income. Under the terms of the federal-provincial income tax collection agreement, Saskatchewan (and all other participating provinces) has agreed to adopt the national taxable income base for provincial income tax purposes. The federal measure will therefore automatically be incorporated into the determination of provincial income taxes for all participating provinces.
- (2) Federal estimates indicate that this initiative will provide about \$650 million in tax savings in 2007, with about \$15 million of this provided to Saskatchewan seniors. Saskatchewan Finance estimates that this initiative, because it adjusts the taxable income base, will automatically result in a provincial income tax reduction of about \$10 million per year.

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Mr. Weekes to move the following motion:

That this Assembly condemn the NDP government for failing to properly plan for the province's transportation needs and for letting the road system fall into disrepair, compromising business opportunities and the safety of travelers.

NOTICE OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

On Thursday:

Mr. Prebble to move the following motion:

That this Assembly encourage the government to continue to advance Saskatchewan as a leader in environmental protection and creating a green economy.

NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

On Thursday:

No. 1 (Government)

Mr. Prebble to move the following motion:

That this Assembly encourage the government to continue to advance Saskatchewan as a leader in environmental protection and creating a green economy.

No. 2 (Opposition)

Adjourned debate on the proposed **Motion No. 1** of Mr. Elhard:

That this Assembly no longer has confidence in the Premier and his government.

(Mr. McMorris)
To be voted

NOTICE REGARDING PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Rules 88 and 91 of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, that the time for filing Petitions for Private Bills with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly will expire on the twentieth sitting day, and that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills to the Legislative Assembly at its present Session will expire on the twenty-fifth sitting day of the said Session.

GWENN RONYK
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
