



No. 57

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, May 7, 2007

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: Cheveldayoff, Huyghebaert, Allchurch, Kerpan, Kirsch, Brkich, Morgan, Merriman, Duncan, Chisholm and Weekes.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel 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 ensure that Francis and Sedley schools remain open.

(Sessional Paper No. 213)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that the Wilkie Health Centre and Special Care Home maintain their current level of services.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 30)

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 ensure that lab services are continued at the Lafleche and district health centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 79)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure the Imperial, Govan, Nokomis and Drake schools remain open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 102)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to improve timely access to medical treatment.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 188)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that basic education classes continue to be offered at the Estevan campus of the Southeast Regional College.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 210)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 1307 to 1316, they were answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 68 – The Status of the Artist Act, 2007

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Hagel: That Bill No. 68 – The Status of the Artist Act, 2007 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Ms. Draude, adjourned.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 31 – The Regional Health Services Amendment Act, 2006 (No. 2)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Taylor: That Bill No. 31 – The Regional Health Services Amendment Act, 2006 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

Ordered, That Bill No. 31 – The Regional Health Services Amendment Act, 2006 (No. 2) – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Bill No. 59 – The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Amendment Act, 2007

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel: That Bill No. 59 – The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Amendment Act, 2007 – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That Bill No. 59 – The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Amendment Act, 2007 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:00 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. McMorris asked the Government the following Question No. 1307, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total payroll for the Minister's office in the fiscal year 2006/07?

Answer:

\$283,607

Mr. McMorris asked the Government the following Question No. 1308, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: How much money was paid out in severance, and to whom, in the fiscal year 2006/07?

Answer:

\$68,306:

- P. Ann Guinchard - \$16,426
- Phillip L. Moleski - \$51,880

Mr. McMorris asked the Government the following Question No. 1309, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total amount of money spent on ministerial travel in the fiscal year 2006/07?

Answer:

\$52,548

Mr. McMorris asked the Government the following Question No. 1310, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total amount of money spent on staff travelling with the Minister in the fiscal year 2006/07?

Answer:

The Government's financial system tracks travel expenditures by individual claimant and cannot cross-reference expenditures based on two or more claimants traveling to similar locations.

Mr. McMorris asked the Government the following Question No. 1311, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: How much money did the department spend on advertising and communications in the fiscal year 2006/07?

Answer:

\$1,214,174

Mr. McMorris asked the Government the following Question No. 1312, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How much money was spent on each specific advertising campaign the department undertook in the fiscal year 2006/07? (2) Which agencies received the contracts?

Answer:

(1) The advertising campaigns undertaken in 2006/07 are as follows:

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| • Project Hope | \$298,800 |
| • Problem Gambling | \$230,738 |
| • Bursary Ads | \$20,610 |
| • Health Careers in Saskatchewan | \$14,212 |
| • HealthLine Online | \$136,221 |
| • Tobacco Ads | \$40,789 |

• Department Career Advertising	\$29,792
• Senior's Chat	\$6,540
• Senior's Gold Plan	\$5,708
• Declaration of Interest Ad	\$2,259
• In Province/Out of Province Recruitment	\$428,505

(2) Phoenix Group was awarded the contracts of the above campaigns in accordance with Communications Services Procurement Policy.

Mr. McMorris asked the Government the following Question No. 1313, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many people were sent out of province for medical treatment in the fiscal year 2006/07? (2) Of these, how many were for orthopaedic surgery, cancer treatment, sight restoration, cardiac care, or diagnostics? (3) How many would fall under categories other than these?

Answer:

- (1) The Department of Health has not completed its compilation of the 2006/07 fiscal year statistical data and therefore the information is not currently available.
- (2) Same as above.
- (3) Same as above.

Mr. McMorris asked the Government the following Question No. 1314, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What is the breakdown by profession of the 600 new health care professionals that the recruitment agency, department, and regional health authorities plan on recruiting?

Answer:

400 nurses and 200 other health employees.

Mr. McMorris asked the Government the following Question No. 1315, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: How many new health care workers in each profession have been recruited to date and are currently working in the province since the recruitment agency was established in the fall of 2006?

Answer:

The Department of Health has kept statistics on the number of health care workers who have received a recruitment grant, to date. As a result this number does not account for all health workforce employees or professionals who have been recruited since the fall of 2006.

Mr. McMorris asked the Government the following Question No. 1316, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Which regional health authorities have engaged Deloitte Inc. to complete operational and service delivery reviews? (2) What are the timelines for completion? (3) Will the results be made public?

Answer:

- (1) Sun Country Health Region.
- (2) The Department is not aware of the timeline for this review; Sun Country Health Region would make this determination.
- (3) Sun Country Health Region would make this determination.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 57 and are to be answered by day no. 62:

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1480:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: What was the number of applicants for the Crop Insurance Program for the year 2005?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1481:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: What was the number of applicants for the Crop Insurance Program for the year 2006?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1482:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: What is the number of applicants for the Crop Insurance Program for the year 2007 to date?

Ms. Heppner, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1483:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How many \$45.00 rebates for EnergyStar qualified programmable thermostats were given out during the duration of the rebate program (September 1, 2005 to March 31, 2007)?

Ms. Heppner, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1484:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How many wall-mounted household thermostats that contain mercury were turned into SaskPower's Mercury Thermostat Recovery Program during the time SaskPower was offering \$45.00 rebates for EnergyStar qualified programmable thermostats (September 1, 2005 to March 31, 2007)?