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VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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Wednesday, December 19, 2007

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

A petition of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan was presented and laid upon the Table by Mr. Furber.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel informed the Assembly that on December 18, 2007, a certain petition regarding failed government investments was presented. Pursuant to Rule 16(4), the petition was found to be irregular and therefore was not read and received.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act

(Hon. Mr. Norris)

Bill No. 6 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2007

(Hon. Mr. Norris)

SPEAKER TABLES REPORT

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Legislative Library for the year ended March 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 38)

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

(Appropriateness of Statement by Member)

Yesterday, the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Taylor) raised a point of order regarding the appropriateness of the Member's Statement given by the Minister responsible for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (Mr. D'Autremont).

I have had the opportunity to review *Hansard* and to consider the comments made by the House Leaders of both the Government (Mr. Gantefoer) and of the Official Opposition.

The Assembly will be aware that the Rules provide for two distinct periods during Routine Proceedings for statements by Members. The first period affords private Members an opportunity to make a statement on any subject of interest or concern to them. Often these statements highlight an event or an accomplishment by a group or individual in their constituency.

A second period of time affords Ministers the opportunity to advise the Assembly of matters relating to government policy, ministerial action or to announce a new direction or programme. Ministers are not permitted to use this period to comment on matters that have previously been announced or to make congratulatory messages. Ministers are also precluded by Rule 18(5) from using the time during "Statements by Members" to make a statement on matters relating to their area of ministerial responsibility.

In reviewing the statement made by the Minister, I find that it is in the nature of a congratulatory message on the accomplishment of the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority in being named the 2007 Business of the Year by *Saskatchewan Business* magazine. The statement does not announce a new policy, direction or programme by either the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority – the portfolio for which the Minister is responsible, or by the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority – an entity falling under the jurisdiction of the SLGA. Accordingly, the statement could not appropriately be made as a Ministerial Statement. The correct time to make this statement was during "Statements by Members".

In arriving at this decision, I recognize the view that the Minister's statement could leave the impression that he was addressing a matter that falls within his ministerial jurisdiction. In reviewing the record, the Minister was not technically out of order. However, in order to avoid confusion, Ministers may want to make a clear distinction that their statement is not related to their ministerial responsibilities.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 1 to 30, 37 to 40, 43 to 70, 72 to 73, 80 to 86, 88 to 150, 155, 164, and 167 to 190, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 31 to 36, 41 to 42, 71, 74 to 79, 87, 151 to 154, 156 to 163, and 165 to 166, the answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 1 to 30 pursuant to Rule 20(6).

(Sessional Paper Nos. 39 to 68)

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. Eagles, seconded by Mr. Ottenbreit:

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE GORDON L. BARNHART
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session,

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Calvert, seconded by Mr. Van Mulligen:

That the motion be amended by adding the following:

“That this government no longer enjoys the confidence of the Assembly because it has a hidden agenda that picks winners and losers, because it puts the interests of the federal government ahead of Saskatchewan citizens, and because it is already making excuses to abandon election commitments.”

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment and the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 19

Calvert	Harper	Junor	Trew	Van Mulligen
Atkinson	Nilson	Yates	Higgins	Belanger
Furber	Iwanchuk	Forbes	Taylor	Beatty
Quennell	Broten	McCall	Wotherspoon	

NAYS – 36

Stewart	Elhard	Bjornerud	Draude	Krawetz
Boyd	Eagles	McMorris	D'Autremont	Hickie
Cheveldayoff	Heppner	Tell	Gantefoer	Harpauer
Norris	Morgan	Hutchinson	Huyghebaert	Brkich
Hart	Kirsch	Schreimer	Allchurch	Weekes
Chisholm	Wilson	Duncan	Michelson	LeClerc
Ottenbreit	Ross	Reiter	Bradshaw	Harrison
McMillan				

The debate continuing on the motion, the Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 6(6).

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Don Toth
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Associations:

- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Saskatchewan
- The Chiropractors' Association of Saskatchewan
- College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan
- Saskatchewan Dietitians Association
- Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan
- Association of Saskatchewan Forestry Professionals
- Funeral and Cremation Services Council
- Saskatchewan Land Surveyors' Association
- Law Society of Saskatchewan
- Saskatchewan Society of Medical Laboratory Technologists
- College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Saskatchewan
- Saskatchewan College of Midwives
- Saskatchewan Society of Occupational Therapists
- Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists
- Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan
- Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials
- Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers
- Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation
- Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association

(Sessional Paper No. 37)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 1, which was answered by the Hon.

Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many monthly bus passes has the Ministry of Social Services subsidized since Jan. 1, 2007 in Saskatoon and in Saskatchewan? (2) What have been the costs incurred to do this in total and for the city of Saskatoon?

Answer:

(1) For the period January 1, 2007 to November 30, 2007:

Saskatchewan: 57,900 (estimated)

Saskatoon: 27,462

(2) Social Services has incurred the following cost:

Saskatchewan: \$1,105,000 (estimated)

Saskatoon: 494,316

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 2, which was answered by the Hon.

Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many monthly bus passes has the Ministry of Social Services subsidized for those specifically on Social Assistance (SAP) since Jan. 1, 2007 in Saskatoon and in Saskatchewan? (2) What have been the costs incurred to do this in total and for the city of Saskatoon?

Answer:

(1) Each municipality is required to submit an annual reconciliation of the number of passes sold. The municipality does not submit a record of passes sold by program type.

(2) The ministry reconciles payments to the municipality based on the total number of passes sold for all programs.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 3, which was answered by the Hon.

Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many monthly bus passes has the Ministry of Social Services subsidized for those specifically on transitional employment allowance (TEA) since Jan. 1, 2007 in Saskatoon and in Saskatchewan? (2) What have been the costs incurred to do this in total and for the city of Saskatoon?

Answer:

(1) Each municipality is required to submit an annual reconciliation of the number of passes sold. The municipality does not submit a record of passes sold by program type.

(2) The ministry reconciles payments to the municipality based on the total number of passes sold for all programs.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 4, which was answered by the Hon.

Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many monthly bus passes has the Ministry of Social Services subsidized for those specifically on provincial training allowance (PTA) since Jan. 1, 2007 in Saskatoon and in Saskatchewan? (2) What have been the costs incurred to do this in total and for the city of Saskatoon?

Answer:

(1) Each municipality is required to submit an annual reconciliation of the number of passes sold. The municipality does not submit a record of passes sold by program type.

(2) The ministry reconciles payments to the municipality based on the total number of passes sold for all programs.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 5, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many monthly bus passes has the Ministry of Social Services subsidized for those specifically receiving employment supplement since Jan. 1, 2007 in Saskatoon and in Saskatchewan? (2) What have been the costs incurred to do this in total and for the city of Saskatoon?

Answer:

- (1) Each municipality is required to submit an annual reconciliation of the number of passes sold. The municipality does not submit a record of passes sold by program type.
- (2) The ministry reconciles payments to the municipality based on the total number of passes sold for all programs.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 6, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: What are the dates planned for the CBO Summit?

Answer:

The dates for the CBO Summit have not been finalized.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 7, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: What is the budget for the CBO Summit?

Answer:

The budget has not been finalized.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 8, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: What CBOs will be invited to the CBO summit?

Answer:

The list of invitees has not been finalized.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 9, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: Will advocacy groups be invited to the CBO summit?

Answer:

The list of invitees has not been finalized.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 10, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) Will CBOs that support those with disabilities be invited? (2) If so, which ones?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The list of invitees has not been finalized.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 11, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) Will Community Economic Development CBOs be invited? (2) If so, which ones?

Answer:

- (1) The list of invitees has not been finalized.
- (2) To be determined.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 12, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: When does the caregiver's allowance announced in your campaign go into effect?

Answer:

This does not fall under the Ministry of Social Services.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 13, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many vacancies are at the Office of Disability Issues?

Answer:

There are no vacancies.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 14, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: How many people had Saskatchewan driver's licenses as of March 31, 2006?

Answer:

There were 678,900 Saskatchewan licences as of March 31, 2006.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 15, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: How many people had Saskatchewan driver's licenses as of March 31, 2007?

Answer:

There were 681,793 Saskatchewan licences as of March 31, 2007.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 16, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: How many people had Saskatchewan driver's licenses as of November 21, 2007?

Answer:

There were 689,026 Saskatchewan licences as of November 21, 2007.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 17, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: How many drivers' licenses has SGI issued to people moving to Saskatchewan from out of province between April 1, 2007 to November 21, 2007?

Answer:

SGI has issued an estimated 13,251 driver's licences.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 18, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: (1) How many drivers' licenses were transferred from each province? (2) From out of country?

Answer:

(1) For the period April 1, 2007 to November 21, 2007, the number of licences transferred from each is estimated to be:

Alberta	6,994
British Columbia	1,990
Manitoba	1,145
N.W. Territories	118

New Brunswick	87
Newfoundland	94
Nova Scotia	210
Nunavut	118
Ontario	1,363
P.E.I.	28
Quebec	218
Yukon	50

- (2) For the period April 1, 2007 to November 21, 2007, the number of licences transferred from out of country is estimated to be 836.

Mr. Van Mulligen asked the Government the following Question No. 19, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

To the Minister of Finance: Who has the government consulted with subsequent to November 7, 2007 on the elimination of the PST on the purchase of used light vehicles?

Answer:

Saskatchewan Automobile Dealers Association and some individual dealers were consulted.

Mr. Van Mulligen asked the Government the following Question No. 20, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

To the Minister of Finance: How will the Government of Saskatchewan measure the increased participation of children age six to 14 in sports, cultural and recreation activities as a result of the Active Saskatchewan Families Benefit?

Answer:

When the Active Saskatchewan Families Benefit is implemented, further information will be available.

Mr. Van Mulligen asked the Government the following Question No. 21, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

To the Minister of Finance: How much will it cost the Ministry of Finance to administer rebates to individuals applying for their PST exemption on used cars?

Answer:

Due to the relatively short time period involved, refunds of PST overpayments on eligible used vehicles are being administered by reallocating existing Ministry of Finance resources.

Mr. Van Mulligen asked the Government the following Question No. 22, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

To the Minister of Finance: What will be the annual cost to the provincial treasury in uncollected PST on new vehicle purchases where the purchaser provides a trade-in on which the PST has not been paid for the fiscal years 2007/08, 2008/09 and 2009/10?

Answer:

In order for a vehicle to be traded in as part of a light vehicle purchase, it is considered to be previously tax paid. The government has already said that reducing the incidence of applying the PST to just once on each light vehicle will result in a provincial revenue reduction of about \$45 million annually. Included in the 2007/08 mid-year report was a provision of \$20 million for the 2007/08 impact of this initiative.

Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 23, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: How many schools have applied for dedicated funding as schools of opportunity?

Answer:

No schools have applied for dedicated funding as schools of opportunity.

Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 24, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: How many schools have applied for dedicated funding as schools of necessity?

Answer:

No schools have applied for dedicated funding as schools of necessity.

Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 25, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: What are the criteria that schools have to meet to be considered a school of opportunity?

Answer:

A process will be put in place to consult with education partners in the development of these criteria. The consultation process will begin early in the new year.

Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 26, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: What are the criteria that schools have to meet to be considered a school of necessity?

Answer:

A process will be put in place to consult with education partners in the development of these criteria. The consultation process will begin early in the new year.

Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 27, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: How many schools are being reviewed by school boards for possible closure or grade reduction in 2007/08?

Answer:

By August 2007, 23 schools were closed and 6 schools experienced grade reductions. To date, 19 schools are under review for school closure/grade reduction potentially for fall 2008.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 28, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: (1) How many staff members will be assigned to each Legislative Secretary? (2) Will they be housed in Ministries or in Minister's offices? (3) What are their salaries? (4) What are their roles and responsibilities?

Answer:

- (1) None. Depending on the particular Legislative Secretary and the assignment, there may be some ministry staff and resources allocated but this has not been finalized.
- (2) Legislative Secretaries will work out of their respective government caucus offices.
- (3) There is no additional compensation allocated at this time.
- (4) Their roles are specific in nature and targeted around a specific assignment, which is outlined in their respective titles.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 29, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: What is the cost of converting the Department of Agriculture (and every other Department) to the Ministry of Agriculture (and every other Ministry)?

Answer:

The only costs associated with converting departments to ministries are outlined in the answers to questions 31-36 and 42.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 30, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, what is the estimated cost of unused “department” stationary, including letterhead and envelopes, that will not be used as a result of the change?

Answer:

No cost. The changes will be made as stock is replenished on a go forward basis.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 37, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: Will the Wheat Sheaf logo be used in conjunction with the new Ministry name?

Answer:

Yes.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 38, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: What is the cost of replacing the Wheat Sheaf with the Coat of Arms on all print materials and Ministry’s website?

Answer:

The Coat of Arms is only being replaced on new materials that need to be printed.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 39, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: (1) Was research conducted prior to changing the names from “department” to “ministry”? (2) At what cost? (3) What did it say?

Answer:

(1) Yes.

(2) No cost.

(3) The use of the term “department” reflects an older bureaucratic organizational structure. The term “ministry” reflects a more team-based approach to public sector management and is used by provinces such as British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 40, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: (1) Was research conducted prior to dropping the Wheat Sheaf as a logo? (2) At what cost? (3) What did it say?

Answer:

The Wheat Sheaf is not being dropped as a logo.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 43, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: (1) Have you had to bring in additional support staff to assist with the transition? (2) How many? (3) At what cost?

Answer:

(1) Yes.

(2) Two.

(3) To date, the approximate cost is \$7,250.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 44, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: What is the timeline for completing the transition?

Answer:

Unknown at this time.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 45, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: (1) Did you seek legal opinion prior to severing any of the following: Deb MacDonald, Barbara MacLean, Bill Craik, Lily Stonehouse, John Wright, Richard Gladue, Bonnie Durnford or Harvey Brooks? (2) If so, how much did that cost?

Answer:

- (1) Yes. The Civil Law Division of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice provided legal advice to government.
- (2) N/A.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 46, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: What criteria were followed in determining which Deputy Ministers to sever?

Answer:

Deputy Ministers serve at the pleasure of the Lieutenant Governor in Council. No Deputy Ministers were terminated with cause.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 47, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: (1) What was the total severance paid to each of the following: Deb MacDonald, Barbara MacLean, Bill Craik, Lily Stonehouse, John Wright, Richard Gladue, Bonnie Durnford and Harvey Brooks? (2) Is the severance a lump sum severance or mitigated payment? (3) If a combination of both, what percentage is lump sum and what percentage is mitigated?

Answer:

- (1) Severance details have not been finalized. *The Crown Employment Contracts Act* provides these individuals with certain entitlements which are part of the process which has not been concluded.
- (2) N/A.
- (3) N/A.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 48, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: (1) How was the compensation figure determined for each of the following: Deb MacDonald, Barbara MacLean, Bill Craik, Lily Stonehouse, John Wright, Richard Gladue, Bonnie Durnford and Harvey Brooks? (2) What is the time frame that the compensation will cover?

Answer:

- (1) Severance details have not been finalized.
- (2) N/A.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 49, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: Were any of the following people given an option to stay in government in another capacity: Deb MacDonald, Barbara MacLean, Bill Craik, Lily Stonehouse, John Wright, Richard Gladue, Bonnie Durnford and Harvey Brooks?

Answer:

- (1) The leadership team was assessed and as the result of re-organizations and consolidations, together with the need to renew the executive leadership team, it was determined that there were no opportunities for these particular individuals. Each was thanked for their service. In the case of Mr. Wright, he was on a secondment from Saskatchewan Power that had ended, been extended and was to end in the summer of 2008. There were no opportunities in Saskatchewan Power or the Crown sector to accommodate a transfer.
- (2) Severance details have not been finalized.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No.50, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: (1) How much outstanding vacation leave did each of the following have: Deb MacDonald, Barbara MacLean, Bill Craik, Lily Stonehouse, John Wright, Richard Gladue, Bonnie Durnford and Harvey Brooks? (2) What is the cost to pay this out?

Answer:

This is personal information governed by the privacy provisions of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 51, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: (1) How much outstanding sick leave did each of the following have: Deb MacDonald, Barbara MacLean, Bill Craik, Lily Stonehouse, John Wright, Richard Gladue, Bonnie Durnford and Harvey Brooks? (2) What is the cost to pay this out?

Answer:

This is personal information governed by the privacy provisions of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. There is no provision, nor is it the practice of the Government of Saskatchewan to pay out unused sick leave days.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 52, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: (1) When will you determine whether any other senior executives will be dismissed? (2) Who is making this determination? (3) What criteria are being used? (4) Which Ministries will be affected?

Answer:

The transition process is not complete, and therefore, this is unknown at this time.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 53, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: What is the total budget set aside to cover the cost of severing public servants between November 21, 2007 and March 31, 2008?

Answer:

The transition process is not complete, and therefore, this is unknown at this time.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 54, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: What was the total compensation paid to Deputy Ministers from April 1, 2007 to November 21, 2007?

Answer:

The total compensation paid to Deputy Ministers from April 1, 2007 to November 21, 2007 was \$3,238,420.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 55, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: What is the projected total compensation paid to Deputy Ministers from November 21, 2007 to March 31, 2008?

Answer:

This has not yet been fully determined.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 56, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: (1) For fiscal year 2008/09, what is the projected total compensation that will be paid to Deputy Ministers? (2) What is their annual salary increase projected to be?

Answer:

The 2008/09 budget is currently under development. This information is prepared during the budget process and at this time is not available.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 57, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: (1) Has the pay range changed for new Deputy Ministers compared to those who served in the previous administration? (2) If yes, how were the new figures determined? (3) If yes, will those who worked for the former administration be compensated at the new rate?

Answer:

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

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 58, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: (1) What amount of vacation leave is being provided to each of the new Deputy Ministers? (2) How much vacation leave was provided to each of the Deputies under the previous administration? (3) If this figure has changed, how was this arrived at?

Answer:

- (1) Under the new administration, Deputy Ministers receive up to 30 days vacation leave.
- (2) Under the previous administration, Deputy Ministers received up to 30 days vacation leave.
- (3) N/A.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 59, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: At the Deputy Ministers level, how much vacation liability is the government currently carrying?

Answer:

This information is not currently available. Vacation liability is determined at each fiscal year end.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 60, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: (1) What criteria were used in hiring new Deputy Ministers? (2) Who established the criteria?

Answer:

- (1) Criteria were based on the needs of the ministry and included appropriate levels of education, experience, skills, abilities and knowledge.
- (2) The criteria were established as part of the transition process.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 61, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: (1) Which of the new Deputy Ministers is moving to Regina from another location? (2) Will their moving expenses be covered?

Answer:

- (1) At this time, we are able to confirm that three Deputy Ministers will be moving to Regina from another location being, Elizabeth Quarshie, Deputy Minister of Environment, Gren Smith-Windsor, Associate Deputy Minister and Acting Deputy Minister of Health, and Rick Mantey, Deputy Provincial Secretary and Deputy Cabinet Secretary and Clerk of the Executive Council.
- (2) Their moving expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with the Public Service Commission's Relocation Policy.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 62, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: For each Deputy Minister receiving moving expenses, what is each individual receiving in moving expenses?

Answer:

Deputy Minister moving expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with the Public Service Commission's Relocation Policy.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 63, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: (1) Can moving expenses be clawed back if the Deputy Minister does not remain for an agreed to length of time? (2) If not, why not? (3) If yes, what is the length of time the Deputy Minister must remain on the job to be fully compensated for moving expenses? (4) How was this number arrived at?

Answer:

Deputy Minister moving expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with the Public Service Commission's Relocation Policy.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 64, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: (1) What is the benefits package for each Deputy Minister? (2) How does this compare to the Deputy Ministers hired under the previous administration?

Answer:

- (1) The benefits package for each Deputy Minister is specified in their employment contract which is filed with the Clerk of the Executive Council. The standard Deputy Minister contract was used for each new appointment. These documents are made public.
- (2) The Deputy Ministers hired under the previous administration signed standard Deputy Minister contracts.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 65, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: (1) What baseline core competencies does each Deputy Minister require to work for the provincial administration? (2) How were these core competencies determined? (3) Who was consulted to determine the core competencies? (4) At what cost?

Answer:

- (1) Core competencies vary by ministry. For each ministry, an appropriate combination of education, experience, skills, abilities and knowledge is required.
- (2) Core competencies were determined through a matching of the needs of the ministry with criteria related to education, skills, abilities, experience, knowledge and a number of other factors.

- (3) Core competencies were determined as part of the transition process.
- (4) There was no cost attributable to this part of the transition process.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 66, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: (1) What criteria were used in determining the level of compensation for political staff? (2) Were outside experts employed to assist in establishing the salary range? (3) If yes, at what cost? (4) If no, who made the salary determination?

Answer:

- (1) This administration used the same levels of compensation for political staff as was used by the past administration except in the case of the Chief of Staff position. A higher level of compensation was used to reflect the additional skills, abilities, education and experience needed in this role.
- (2) No.
- (3) N/A.
- (4) Salary was determined as part of the transition process.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 67, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: How many people will work in each of the Minister's offices?

Answer:

The number will vary based on the size and complexity of each ministry.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 68, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: Who will hire these staff in Minister's offices – the Minister or the Chief of Staff?

Answer:

The Chief of Staff is responsible for hiring in consultation with his/her Minister.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 69, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: (1) How many cell phones will be provided to each Minister's office? (2) How many Blackberries will be provided to each Minister's office? (3) How many employees will have business cards? (4) How many will be ordered for each employee?

Answer:

- (1) Cell phones are and will be assigned based on business need.
- (2) Blackberries are and will be assigned based on business need.
- (3) Business cards will be ordered based on business need.
- (4) It is procurement policy that at a minimum, 100 business cards are ordered.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 70, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: (1) What is the projected total cost to operate Minister's offices, including salaries, between April 1, 2007 and November 20, 2007, inclusive? (2) What is the projected cost to operate Minister's offices between November 21, 2007 and March 21, 2008, inclusive? (3) What is the projected annual cost to operate each Minister's office?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question because of the difficulty in separating the costs for some of the Minister's Offices from the total expenditures in each ministry, and also because the cost for each Minister's office up until November 20, 2007 includes only a portion of the severance payments for Ministerial Assistants dismissed by the previous government, as some have not yet settled their claims.

- (2) Unknown at this time.
- (3) The budget is under development. Therefore, this information is not currently available.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 72, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: What is the total monthly expenditure on salaries and benefits in the Executive Council for December of 2007?

Answer:

As the December 2007 pay period is not complete, this information is not available.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 73, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: What is the total monthly expenditure on salaries and benefits in the Executive Council for December of 2006?

Answer:

The total monthly expenditure on salaries and benefits for employees in Executive Council for the period December 2006 was \$562,437.

Mr. Quennell asked the Government the following Question No. 80, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

To the Minister of Enterprise and Innovation: What costs have been associated with the design-build of Enterprise Saskatchewan?

Answer:

None to date.

Mr. Quennell asked the Government the following Question No. 81, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

To the Minister of Enterprise and Innovation: What consultations have taken place with stakeholders in the design-build process of Enterprise Saskatchewan?

Answer:

Extensive consultations will be starting after tabling and first reading of the Bill.

Mr. Quennell asked the Government the following Question No. 82, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

To the Minister of Enterprise and Innovation: (1) Has the Ministry received any requests for membership in Enterprise Saskatchewan that were refused? (2) If so, why was each refused?

Answer:

None to date.

Mr. Quennell asked the Government the following Question No. 83, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

To the Minister of Enterprise and Innovation: How many people were employed by the Department of Industry and Resources as of November 1, 2007?

Answer:

330.9 FTEs.

Mr. Quennell asked the Government the following Question No. 84, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

To the Minister of Enterprise and Innovation: How many of the employees of the Department of Industry and Resources as of November 1, 2007 are now employed by the Ministry of Energy and Resources?

Answer:

284.9 FTEs.

Mr. Quennell asked the Government the following Question No. 85, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

To the Minister of Enterprise and Innovation: How many of the employees of the Department of Industry and Resources as of November 1, 2007 are now employed by the Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation?

Answer:

46.0 FTEs.

Mr. Quennell asked the Government the following Question No. 86, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

To the Minister of Enterprise and Innovation: How many of the employees of the Department of Industry and Resources as of November 1, 2007 are now employed by any Ministry or agency of the Government of Saskatchewan, other than the Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation or the Ministry of Energy and Resources?

Answer:

None.

Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 88, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What consultations, discussion, or meetings took place with members of the Canadian Wheat Board, Friends of the Canadian Wheat Board, or other farm groups in the month of November, 2007?

Answer:

The Minister of Agriculture consulted, held discussions with or met with the following organizations in the month of November, 2007:

Canadian Cattlemen's Association

SaskPork

Saskatchewan Cattle Feeders' Association

Saskatchewan Stock Growers' Association

Western Canadian Wheat Growers' Association

Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 89, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What legal opinion was sought prior to terminating the province's financial support for the Friends of the Canadian Wheat Board legal case against the federal government over its handling of changes to the Board's single desk marketing authority?

Answer:

The ministry was not committed to provide financial support for the Friends of the Canadian Wheat Board. Thus, no legal opinion was necessary.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 90, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many Saskatchewan Health cards were issued and in service as of November 7, 2007?

Answer:

The number of people who, on November 7, 2007 held a valid Saskatchewan health services card were eligible to receive insured health services from Saskatchewan Health is 1,023,912.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 91, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: What are the expected administrative costs associated with means testing the government's drug plan for seniors?

Answer:

A response at this time as to costs would be speculative. The ministry is currently considering a variety of possible implementation options.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 92, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many children were born in Saskatchewan between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006?

Answer:

The Vital Statistics registry records a total of 12,509 births in Saskatchewan between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006. Of this total, 12,427 were live births and 82 were stillbirths. The figures include births to Saskatchewan residents who were in the province at the time of giving birth, as well as residents of other provinces (or countries) who were in Saskatchewan at the time of giving birth.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 93, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many people died in Saskatchewan between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006?

Answer:

The Vital Statistics registry records a total of 9,100 deaths in Saskatchewan between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006. This figure includes deaths to Saskatchewan residents who were in the province at the time of their death, as well as residents of other provinces (or countries) who were in Saskatchewan at the time of their death.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 94, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many children have been born in Saskatchewan between January 1, 2007 and November 20, 2007?

Answer:

On December 12, 2007, the Vital Statistics registry showed a total of 11,807 births in Saskatchewan between January 1, 2007 and November 20, 2007. Of this total, 11,729 were live births and 78 were stillbirths. These figures include births to Saskatchewan residents who were in the province at the time of giving birth, as well as residents of other provinces (or countries) who were in Saskatchewan at the time of giving birth.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 95, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many people died in Saskatchewan between January 1, 2007 and November 20, 2007?

Answer:

On December 12, 2007, the Vital Statistics registry showed a total of 7,837 deaths in Saskatchewan between January 1, 2007 and November 20, 2007. This figure includes deaths to Saskatchewan residents who were in the province at the time of their death, as well as residents of other provinces (or countries) who were in Saskatchewan at the time of their death.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 96, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What is the population as of November 20, 2007? (2) What is your source for this figure?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Finance advises that the most recent Statistics Canada estimate for the population of Saskatchewan was dated July 1, 2007. The number was 996,869. This number was determined as a result of the Estimates of Total Population, Canada, Provinces and Territories Survey completed by Statistics Canada. It is important to remember that the results of this survey are an estimate only. It is not a result of a direct population count such as the census. The quarterly Estimates Survey takes into account births, deaths, and other demographic changes such as migration every quarter.
- (2) CANSIM 051-0005 database (Statistics Canada, accessed December 13, 2007)

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 97, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: When the July 1, 2007 population figures were released for Saskatchewan, Census Canada agreed at the time of the report that Saskatchewan's population had already surpassed one million people. (1) Was Saskatchewan's population above one million people on October 10, 2007? (2) What is your source for this figure?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Finance advises that Statistics Canada has estimated that the population of Saskatchewan as of July 1, 2007 was 996,869. This is the latest official estimate for the population of the province. This number was determined as a result of the Estimates of Total Population, Canada, Provinces and Territories Survey completed by Statistics Canada. It is important to remember that the results of this survey are an estimate only. It is not a result of a direct population count such as the census. The quarterly Estimates Survey takes into account births, deaths, and other demographic changes such as migration every quarter.
- (2) CANSIM 051-0005 database (Statistics Canada, accessed December 13, 2007)

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 98, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What is the estimated date that Saskatchewan's population surpassed one million people? (2) What is your source for this figure?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Finance advises that the most recent Statistics Canada estimate for the population of Saskatchewan was dated July 1, 2007. The number was 996,869. This number was determined as a result of the Estimates of Total Population, Canada, Provinces and Territories Survey completed by Statistics Canada. It is important to remember that the results of this survey are an estimate only. It is not a result of a direct population count such as the census. The quarterly Estimates Survey takes into account births, deaths, and other demographic changes such as migration every quarter.
- (2) CANSIM 051-0005 database (Statistics Canada, accessed December 13, 2007)

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 99, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Was the one millionth person born in Saskatchewan or moved here? (2) What is your source for this figure?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Finance advises that the most recent Statistics Canada estimate for the population of Saskatchewan was dated July 1, 2007. The number was 996,869. This number was determined as a result of the Estimates of Total Population, Canada, Provinces and Territories Survey completed by Statistics Canada. It is important to remember that the results of this survey are an estimate only. It is not a result of a direct population count such as the census. The quarterly Estimates Survey takes into account births, deaths, and other demographic changes such as migration every quarter. There is no central population register that indicates the exact time and/or method of arrival (birth, inter-provincial migration, etc.) for the population of the province. Therefore, should the population grow to a million, it would be impossible to determine the precise moment when the millionth person appeared.
- (2) CANSIM 051-0005 database (Statistics Canada, accessed December 13, 2007)

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 100, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What percentage of Saskatchewan's population is aboriginal? (2) What percentage represents immigrants? (3) What is your source for this figure?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Finance advises that the 2001 Census of Population remains the most accurate nation-wide statement of Aboriginal population until the release of the relevant 2006 Census numbers on Aboriginal population on January 15, 2008. In the 2001 census 130,185 Saskatchewan residents had identified themselves as being of Aboriginal origin. This was 13.52% of the entire 2001 Census population of Saskatchewan, which was 963,155.
- (2) The 2006 Census of Population has indicated that there were 48,160 immigrants in Saskatchewan in 2006 compared with 47,820 as indicated in the 2001 Census (a marginal increase of 340 persons). There were 4,610 non-permanent residents (which include persons who held work or study permits, refugee claimants as well as family members living with them in Canada) in Saskatchewan in 2006 compared with 3,110 in 2001. Immigrants and non-permanent residents accounted for 5.5 percent of the Saskatchewan population in 2006. This is well below the national average of 20.7 percent.
- (3) Census of Population, Statistics Canada

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 101, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What was the size of each of Saskatchewan's four major cities as of March 31, 2006? (2) As of March 31, 2007? (3) What are the population projections for March 31, 2008?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Finance advises that the 2001 Census of Population numbers would have been the most current available statements of population for Saskatchewan cities as of March 31, 2006. The 2006 Census of Population numbers were made publicly available on March 13, 2007. Therefore, the latter would have been current as of March 31, 2007.

The numbers for the four largest cities are as follows:

Saskatoon	2001	196,861
	2006	202,340
Regina	2001	178,225
	2006	179,246
Prince Albert	2001	34,291
	2006	34,138
Moose Jaw	2001	32,131
	2006	32,132

- (2) See above.

(3) There are no projections for city populations for March 31, 2008.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 102, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What percentage of people in Saskatchewan live in rural communities? (2) In small cities? (3) On reserves?

Answer:

- (1) The 2006 Census of Population indicates that 359,275 residents of Saskatchewan live in rural areas (36.7% of the total Census population of 978,933) while there are 619,658 individuals in urban areas (63.3% of the total).
- (2) Small cities are all of those other than the four largest. There are 10 (ten) cities that fall into this category, including the parts of Lloydminster and Flin Flon that are within Saskatchewan territory. There are 85,390 residents living in these small cities and they make up 8.7% of the total provincial 2006 Census population of 978,933.
- (3) The 2006 Census population of enumerated reserves was 48,141, or 4.9% of the total population of Saskatchewan.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 103, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What is the average age of rural residents? (2) What is the average age of urban residents? (3) What is the average age of aboriginal residents?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Finance advises that according to the 2006 Census of Population, the median age of Saskatchewan residents is 38.7 years.
- (2) The median age of City of Regina residents is 37.3 years, and for the City of Saskatoon is 35.9 years.
- (3) There are no data available for average age or median age for urban and rural areas as a whole or for the Aboriginal population.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 104, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many seniors live in Saskatchewan? (2) How many people below 35?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Finance advises that Statistics Canada has estimated that the Saskatchewan population aged 65 and over as of July 1, 2007, was 148,314 or 14.9 per cent of total population.
- (2) The provincial population under the age of 35 on the same date was estimated to be 466,492 or 46.8 per cent of total population. This number was determined as a result of the Estimates of Population by Age and Sex for Canada, Provinces and Territories Survey completed by Statistics Canada. It is important to remember that the results of this survey are an estimate only. They are not the result of a direct population count such as the census. The quarterly Estimates Survey takes into account births, deaths, and other demographic changes such as migration every quarter.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 105, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: How many policing positions were added in Saskatchewan between 1998/99 and 2007/08, including Project Hope units, Child Sexual Exploitation units, Missing Persons units, ICE units, Gang Suppression units, municipal police forces, and RCMP unit funding?

Answer:

The Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing provided funding for 233 policing positions in Saskatchewan between 1998/99 and 2007/08, including Project Hope units, Child Sexual Exploitation units, Missing Persons units, ICE units, Gang Suppression units, municipal police services, and RCMP unit funding. However, not all of those policing positions have been filled by police officers and some of the positions were not “new” positions. In 2002-2003, much of the funding that was provided to the RCMP for the 61 positions that were funded was used to “back-fill” pre-existing RCMP vacancies.

According to the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics (CCJS), there were 1,896 police officers in Saskatchewan as of June 15, 1998. As of May 15, 2007, CCJS reports that there were 2,046 police officers in Saskatchewan, a net gain of 150 police officers between 1998 and 2007.

According to the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics (CCJS), there were 1,930 police officers in Saskatchewan as of June 15, 1999. As of May 15, 2007, CCJS reports that there were 2,046 such police officers in Saskatchewan, a net gain of 116 police officers between 1999 and 2007.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 106, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers worked in the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) unit of Saskatchewan Justice in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Zero police officers worked in the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) unit of Saskatchewan Justice in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 107, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many investigators worked in the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) unit of Saskatchewan Justice in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Eight investigators worked in the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) unit of Saskatchewan Justice in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 108, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers work in the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) unit of Saskatchewan Justice as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Zero police officers worked in the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) unit of Saskatchewan Justice as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 109, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers worked for Saskatchewan municipal police forces in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 865 police officers worked for Saskatchewan municipal police forces in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the applicable municipal police services.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 110, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers worked for Saskatchewan municipal police forces in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 917 police officers worked for Saskatchewan municipal police forces in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the applicable municipal police services.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 111, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers worked for Saskatchewan municipal police forces as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 941 police officers worked for Saskatchewan municipal police forces as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the applicable municipal police services.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 112, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many RCMP officers worked in Saskatchewan in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 1,188 RCMP officers worked in Saskatchewan in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 113, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many RCMP officers worked in Saskatchewan in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 1,229 RCMP officers worked in Saskatchewan in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 114, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many RCMP officers worked in Saskatchewan as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 1,215 RCMP officers worked in Saskatchewan as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 115, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to gang suppression activities in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 14 police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to gang suppression activities in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 116, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to gang suppression activities in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 14 police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to gang suppression activities in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 117, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to gang suppression activities as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 14 police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to gang suppression activities as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 118, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to gang suppression duties in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 14 police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to gang suppression duties in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 119, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to gang suppression duties in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 14 police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to gang suppression duties in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 120, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to gang suppression duties as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 14 police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to gang suppression duties as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 121, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to child sexual exploitation duties in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 14 police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to child sexual exploitation duties in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the applicable municipal police services and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 122, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to child sexual exploitation duties in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 14 police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to child sexual exploitation duties in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the applicable municipal police services and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No.123, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to child sexual exploitation duties as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 18 police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to child sexual exploitation duties as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the applicable municipal police services and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 124, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to child sexual exploitation duties in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 14 police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to child sexual exploitation duties in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the applicable municipal police services and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 125, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to child sexual exploitation duties in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 14 police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to child sexual exploitation duties in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the applicable municipal police services and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 126, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to child sexual exploitation duties as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 18 police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to child sexual exploitation duties as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the applicable municipal police services and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 127, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to internet child exploitation duties in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Zero police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to internet child exploitation duties in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from all the municipal police services and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 128, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to internet child exploitation duties in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Zero police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to internet child exploitation duties in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from all the municipal police services and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 129, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to internet child exploitation duties as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Two police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to internet child exploitation duties as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 130, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to internet child exploitation duties in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Zero police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to internet child exploitation duties in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from all the municipal police services and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 131, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to internet child exploitation duties in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Zero police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to internet child exploitation duties in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from all the municipal police services and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 132, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to internet child exploitation duties as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Two police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to internet child exploitation duties as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 133, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to drug education duties or other responsibilities connected with Project Hope in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Two police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to drug education duties or other responsibilities connected with Project Hope in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 134, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to drug education duties or other responsibilities connected with Project Hope in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Six police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to drug education duties or other responsibilities connected with Project Hope in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 135, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to drug education duties or other responsibilities connected with Project Hope as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Six police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to drug education duties or other responsibilities connected with Project Hope as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 136, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to drug education duties or other responsibilities connected with Project Hope in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Two police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to drug education duties or other responsibilities connected with Project Hope in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 137, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to drug education duties or other responsibilities connected with Project Hope in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Six police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to drug education duties or other responsibilities connected with Project Hope in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 138, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to drug education duties or other responsibilities connected with Project Hope as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Six police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to drug education duties or other responsibilities connected with Project Hope as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 139, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to RCMP Tech Crimes duties in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Four police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to RCMP Tech Crimes duties in 2005/06.

- (2) The source for the number provided is from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, “F” Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 140, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to RCMP Tech Crimes duties in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Four police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to RCMP Tech Crimes duties in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 141, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to RCMP Tech Crimes duties as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Six police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to RCMP Tech Crimes duties as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 142, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to RCMP Tech Crimes duties in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Four police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to RCMP Tech Crimes duties in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 143, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to RCMP Tech Crimes duties in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Four police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to RCMP Tech Crimes duties in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 144, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to RCMP Tech Crimes duties as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Six police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to RCMP Tech Crimes duties as of December 1, 2007.

- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 145, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to missing persons duties in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Two police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to missing persons duties in 2005/06.
(2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 146, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to missing persons duties in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Eight police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to missing persons duties in 2006/07.
(2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 147, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to missing persons duties as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Eight police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to missing persons duties as of December 1, 2007.
(2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 148, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to missing persons duties in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Two police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to missing persons duties in 2005/06.
(2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 149, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to missing persons duties in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Eight police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to missing persons duties in 2006/07.
(2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 150, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to missing persons duties as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Eight police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to missing persons duties as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Furber asked the Government the following Question No. 155, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: By production, what were the key positions that were eligible for the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit in fiscal year 2006/07?

Answer:

There are two methods of determining which productions are associated with any particular fiscal year:

- The year in which the principal photography occurred (which would be the year in which a production registered for the tax credit program)
- The year in which the production filed their application for a tax credit (which is the year to which the cost of the tax credit applies)

The response to the question has used the second method as it provides the most complete data at this time.

Position	Potential Points
Writer	1
Director	1
Director of Photography	1
Gaffer	1
Key Grip	1
Production Designer	1
Property Master	1
Costume Designer	1
Production Coordinator	1
Locations Manager	1

To qualify for the key bonus, the production must obtain at least 6 of the above points.

Mr. Furber asked the Government the following Question No. 164, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: What was the projected spin-off benefit to the Saskatchewan economy for each production that received the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit between April 1, 2007 and November 20, 2007?

Answer:

There are two methods of determining which productions are associated with any particular fiscal year:

- The year in which the principal photography occurred (which would be the year in which a production registered for the tax credit program)
- The year in which the production filed their application for a tax credit (which is the year to which the cost of the tax credit applies)

The response to the question has used the second method as it provides the most complete data at this time. The economic model used by Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport to assess spin-off benefit to the provincial economy is valid only for complete aggregated data and is not valid for assessing the spin-off benefits of individual productions or partial production years. The data to calculate the projected economic spin-off benefit for 2007-08 film productions is not yet complete.

Mr. Furber asked the Government the following Question No. 167, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: How many Saskatchewan people will be employed on each specific production (by number of individuals as well as percentage of total employed) receiving the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit for the balance of the fiscal year, including November 21, 2007 to March 31, 2008?

Answer:

There are two methods of determining which productions are associated with any particular fiscal year:

- The year in which the principal photography occurred (which would be the year in which a production registered for the tax credit program)
- The year in which the production filed their application for a tax credit (which is the year to which the cost of the tax credit applies)

The response to the question has used the second method as it provides the most complete data at this time. Because none of the productions relating to this period have filed a final application for the tax credit, there is no data available with which to respond to the question.

Mr. Furber asked the Government the following Question No. 168, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: By production, what are the eligible key positions for the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit for the balance of the fiscal year, including November 21, 2007 to March 31, 2008?

Answer:

There are two methods of determining which productions are associated with any particular fiscal year:

- The year in which the principal photography occurred (which would be the year in which a production registered for the tax credit program)
- The year in which the production filed their application for a tax credit (which is the year to which the cost of the tax credit applies)

The response to the question has used the second method as it provides the most complete data at this time. Because none of the productions relating to this period have filed a final application for the tax credit, there is no data available with which to respond to the question.

Mr. Furber asked the Government the following Question No. 169, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: What is the anticipated spin-off benefit to the Saskatchewan economy for each production that received the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit produced in fiscal year 2007/08?

Answer:

There are two methods of determining which productions are associated with any particular fiscal year:

- The year in which the principal photography occurred (which would be the year in which a production registered for the tax credit program)
- The year in which the production filed their application for a tax credit (which is the year to which the cost of the tax credit applies)

The response to the question has used the second method as it provides the most complete data at this time. Because none of the productions relating to this period have filed a final application for the tax credit, there is no data available with which to respond to the question.

Mr. Furber asked the Government the following Question No. 170, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: How many companies that applied for the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit were denied in fiscal year 2006/07?

Answer:

No companies that applied for the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit were denied in the fiscal year 2006/07.

Mr. Furber asked the Government the following Question No. 171, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: What were the reasons production companies were denied the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit in fiscal year 2006/07?

Answer:

As no production companies were denied the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit in 2006/07, no reasons were provided.

Mr. Furber asked the Government the following Question No. 172, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: How many companies that applied for the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit were denied in fiscal year 2007/08 (include projections if possible)?

Answer:

No companies that applied for the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit were denied in the fiscal year 2007/08. The answer relates to only those companies that have applied for a tax credit in 2007/08. It is impossible to provide projections in that, until a company applies for a tax credit, no determination is made regarding the acceptance of the application.

Mr. Furber asked the Government the following Question No. 173, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: What were the reasons production companies were denied the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit in fiscal year 2007/08?

Answer:

As no production companies were denied the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit in 2007/08, no reasons were provided.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 174, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many hits did the saskjobs.ca website generate in each month of 2007 from computers within Saskatchewan? (2) Within Canada? (3) In total?

Answer:

Our statistics tool does not record hits, but visits.

(1) 57,557 visits.

(2) 69,571 visits (including Saskatchewan).

(3) 70,938 visits.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 175, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many people were eligible for the Graduate Tax Exemption in 2007?

Answer:

2006 and 2007 graduates meeting the eligibility criteria are eligible for the Graduate Tax Exemption in the 2007 taxation year. To date, the ministry estimates 10,000 graduates from 2006 are eligible based on the number of certificates issued under the 2006 Graduate Tax Credit.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 176, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: When will you be setting up the new Harassment Prevention Unit within the Occupational Health and Safety Division of Saskatchewan Labour to begin addressing *The Occupational Health and Safety (Harassment Prevention) Amendment Act, 2007*?

Answer:

The establishment of this unit formally commenced when the first dedicated position was advertised on September 7, 2007.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 177, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many employees do you anticipate hiring to staff the Harassment Prevention Unit?

Answer:

In July 2007, incremental resources were approved, including five full time officer positions for a harassment prevention unit.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 178, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What will be the annualized cost of hiring the complement of employees within the Harassment Prevention Unit?

Answer:

The current annualized cost of hiring the complement of employees within the Harassment Prevention Unit is \$129,709.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 179, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many positions within the Harassment Prevention Unit will be part-time? (2) How many will be full-time?

Answer:

- (1) Currently, none of the positions within the Harassment Prevention Unit are part-time.
- (2) Currently, 2 of the positions within the Harassment Prevention Unit are full-time.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 180, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many special adjudicators and how many support staff do you anticipate hiring to staff the Office of the Special Adjudicator as required by *The Occupational Health and Safety (Harassment Prevention) Amendment Act, 2007*?

Answer:

The number has not been determined yet.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 181, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many positions within the Office of the Special Adjudicator will be part-time? (2) How many will be full-time?

Answer:

The number has not been determined yet.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 182, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What will be the annualized cost of hiring special adjudicators and support staff within the Office of the Special Adjudicator?

Answer:

To be determined.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 183, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: On what date do you anticipate advertising and posting for the positions within the Harassment Prevention Unit?

Answer:

The first position for the unit – a supervisor – was advertised from September 7 to 20, 2007. The first Regina-based officer position was advertised from October 11 to 25, 2007. The first Saskatoon-based officer position was advertised from November 14 to 21, 2007.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 184, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: On what date do you anticipate filling the positions within the Harassment Prevention Unit?

Answer:

The supervisor commenced on October 29th, 2007. The Regina-based officer is commencing on January 7th, 2008

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 185, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: On what date do you anticipate advertising and posting for the positions within the Office of the Special Adjudicator?

Answer:

The specific date has not yet been determined.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 186, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: On what date do you anticipate filling the positions within the Office of the Special Adjudicator?

Answer:

The specific date has not yet been determined.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 187, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: When do you anticipate the Office of the Special Adjudicator will be fully operational?

Answer:

The specific date has not yet been determined.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 188, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: When do you anticipate the Harassment Prevention Unit will be fully operational?

Answer:

To be determined.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 189, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: Have you completed a timeline which you will follow to make the Office of the Special Adjudicator and the Harassment Prevention Unit fully operational?

Answer:

Yes.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 190, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: When will you advise in writing all stakeholders of the timeline you have prepared to make the Office of the Special Adjudicator and the Harassment Prevention Unit fully operational?

Answer:

Communication with stakeholders is scheduled for February and March 2008.