



No. 41

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, May 12, 2008

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Higgins, Broten and Iwanchuk.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide funding for the expansion and renovation of the Moose Jaw Union Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

The following Bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed, on Division:

Bill No. 2 – The Enterprise Saskatchewan Act

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 650 to 659, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 660, the answer was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk to Return No. 52 pursuant to Rule 20(6).

(Sessional Paper No. 216)

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:19 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Don Toth
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. McCall asked the Government the following Question No. 650, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: How many Aboriginal people have received on-the-job training as a result of the Aboriginal Employment Development Program?

Answer:

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Mr. McCall asked the Government the following Question No. 651, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: How many Aboriginal people have found employment as a result of the Aboriginal Employment Development Program?

Answer:

3,700 cumulative hires as of March 2007.

Mr. McCall asked the Government the following Question No. 652, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: How many individuals have received diplomas or certificates from the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of technology in each year since its inception in 2000?

Answer:

This is a question that is best answered by Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.

Mr. McCall asked the Government the following Question No. 653, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: (1) Does the government currently have programs in place to help address issues of poverty in First Nations communities? (2) If so, which programs?

Answer:

(1) Yes.

(2) While First Nations on reserve are primarily the responsibility of the federal government, the government of Saskatchewan works to address poverty issues for all residents in the province.

The following are a few examples:

- Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour invests in on-reserve training to ensure individuals have the opportunity to get jobs in our growing labour market;
- Social Services is committed to finding long-term food security solutions by cooperating with many sectors and community partners so that accessible, affordable and adequately nutritious food is available for all citizens, such as Food Secure Saskatchewan which has partners on and off-reserve;
- First Nations and Métis Relations (FNMR) has partnerships with a number of First Nations through its Aboriginal Employment Development Program to link First Nations people with Saskatchewan Employers;
- FNMR also manages the FSIN-Saskatchewan Bilateral Protocol, which gives First Nations leaders and Provincial leaders an avenue to discuss on and off-reserve issues such as poverty;
- Millions of dollars annually in provincial gaming revenues go to the First Nations Trust and Community Development Corporations which support many economic and social development projects in First Nations communities; and,
- FNMR's First Nations and Métis Economic Development Program provides grants to on and off-reserve economic development projects which create jobs for First Nations people.

Mr. McCall asked the Government the following Question No. 654, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: (1) What percentage of Saskatchewan's work force is Aboriginal? (2) What source are you citing for this statistic?

Answer:

- (1) A total of 9.8% of Saskatchewan's work force is Aboriginal.
- (2) Statistics Canada's 2006 Census report on Labour Force Activity for the Aboriginal Identity Population.

Mr. McCall asked the Government the following Question No. 655, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: In 2006, how many Aboriginal people received education and training through the province's various Aboriginal education and training programs?

Answer:

This is a question that is best answered by Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.

Mr. McCall asked the Government the following Question No. 656, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: In 2007, how many Aboriginal people received education and training through the province's various Aboriginal education and training programs?

Answer:

This is a question that is best answered by Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.

Mr. McCall asked the Government the following Question No. 657, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: What specific programs did the province have in place to support Aboriginal education and training as of November 7, 2007?

Answer:

This is a question that is best answered by Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.

Mr. McCall asked the Government the following Question No. 658, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: As of November 2007, how many individuals have graduated from the Kawacatoose Licensed Practical Nursing Program?

Answer:

None. 14 will graduate in May 2008. This is the first graduating class of Licensed Practical Nurses.

Mr. McCall asked the Government the following Question No. 659, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: What was the financial impact on the Saskatoon Health Region, programs delivered by or through the College of Medicine, and university doctors as a result of the 2007 university strike?

Answer:

The Saskatoon Health Region billed the University of Saskatchewan a total \$39,873.25 for assistance provided by staff during the 2007 university strike. This amount will be reimbursed and represents the only direct costs incurred by the Saskatoon Health Region. The College of Medicine indicates that their physicians lost between \$200,000 and \$500,000 in billings due to cancelled clinics etc as a result of the CUPE strike.