



No. 5

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, October 29, 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, Furber, Iwanchuk and Wotherspoon.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel 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 significantly increase the provincial portion of education funding.
(Sessional Paper No. 12)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reverse its decision to means test seniors and ensure that all seniors continue to have access to affordable prescription drugs.

(Sessional Paper No. 13)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to add at least 2000 new child care spaces in Saskatchewan by 2011.
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to undertake a thorough consultation with a broad group of stakeholders, including the policing community, the corrections community, and community agencies and organizations that interface with gangs and understand the risks and challenges gangs offer our communities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

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. 48 – The Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2008

(Hon. Mr. Ganteferer)

Bill No. 49 – The Ambulance Amendment Act, 2008

(Hon. Mr. McMorris)

Bill No. 50 – The Missing Persons and Presumption of Death Act

(Hon. Mr. Morgan)

Bill No. 51 – The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2008

(Hon. Mr. Morgan)

MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY

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

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. Wotherspoon:

That the motion be amended by adding the following:

And, That this government no longer enjoys the confidence of the Assembly because their spending choices ignore their major responsibility to address the immediate needs of the Saskatchewan people such as high utility rates, high gas prices, high property taxes and lack of affordable housing and child care.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, 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

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 2 and are to be answered by day no. 7:

Mr. Harper, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) In 2007, how many driver's licenses were transferred from each province? (2) How many from out of country?

Mr. Quennell, to ask the Government the following Question No. 2:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) Has the government provided any financial payment to Mr. Richard Klassen and his family since November 2007? (2) If so, what were the amounts?

Mr. Quennell, to ask the Government the following Question No. 3:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) Has Kevin Wilson received any remuneration from executive government (including Ministers' offices) or Crown corporations since November 7, 2007? (2) If so, what remuneration was given? (3) What were the services he provided?

Mr. Van Mulligen, to ask the Government the following Question No. 4:

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?

Mr. Van Mulligen, to ask the Government the following Question No. 5:

To the Minister of Finance: How will the Government of Saskatchewan measure the increased participation of children ages 6 to 14 in sports, cultural and recreation activities as a result of the Active Saskatchewan Families Benefit?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 6:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many full-time and part-time jobs were there in the province in the year 2007? (2) How many were there as of September 31, 2008?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 7:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many hits did the saskjobs.ca website generate in each month of 2008 (to date) from computers within Saskatchewan? (2) Within Canada? (3) In total?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 8:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) Have there ever been payments made to dismissed members of the Labour Relations Board or Workers' Compensation Board in the last 20 years? (2) If so, what were the amounts? (3) To whom were the payments made?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 9:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) Have there ever been payments made to dismissed members of the Labour Relations Board or Workers' Compensation Board in the last year? (2) If so, what were the amounts? (3) To whom were the payments made?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 10:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What was the average time between a case being heard by the Labour Relations Board and a decision being made for the years 2001 to 2007 inclusive?

Mr. Trew, to ask the Government the following Question No. 11:

To the Minister of Crown corporations: (1) For the recent clean coal announcement, what is the total cost of the project? (2) What percentage of that is being sought from SaskPower? (3) From the Government of Canada? (4) From the Province of Saskatchewan? (5) From other sources?

Mr. Trew, to ask the Government the following Question No. 12:

To the Minister of Crown corporations: (1) How many out-of-province investments have been made by each Crown corporation? (2) What has been the 10-year total profit or loss of each of those investments?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 13:

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?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 14:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) Has Bob Pringle received any remuneration for his role as Chair of the CBO Summit? (2) If so, what remuneration was given?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 15:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many nurses recruited from the Philippines are working in the Saskatchewan health care system to date? (2) What has been the total cost per nurse to recruit and train them? (3) How many of these nurses are working in an unsupervised capacity (from a training perspective)?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 16:

To the Minister of Health: How many RN vacancies were there as of March 31, 2008 and each month thereafter to date?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 17:

To the Minister of Health: How many RPN vacancies were there as of March 31, 2008 and each month thereafter to date?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 18:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What is the process for filling the vacancy on the Saskatoon Regional Health Authority Board? (2) What names are being considered?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 19:

To the Minister of Health: What is the number of RNs employed by health regions per region as of September 30, 2008?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 20:

To the Minister of Health: How many seniors have been removed from the Senior's Prescription Drug Plan as a result of the means testing?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 21:

To the Minister of Health: How many Saskatchewan health cards were issued and are in service as of December 31, 2007?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 22:

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

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 23:

To the Minister of Agriculture: How much money has the province provided to the Saskatchewan Organic Directorate since its inception?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 24:

To the Minister of Education: How many schools have applied for dedicated funding as schools of opportunity as of September 30, 2008?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 25:

To the Minister of Education: How many schools have applied for dedicated funding as schools of necessity as of September 30, 2008?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 26:

To the Minister of Education: How many schools are being reviewed by school boards for possible closure or grade reduction in 2008/09?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 27:

To the Minister of Education: (1) How many schools are being reviewed by school boards for possible closure or grade discontinuance? (2) Please name each school and indicate if it is full closure or grade discontinuance (and the grades affected) for each school.

Mr. Iwanchuk, to ask the Government the following Question No. 28:

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?

Mr. Iwanchuk, to ask the Government the following Question No. 29:

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

Mr. Iwanchuk, to ask the Government the following Question No. 30:

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

Mr. Iwanchuk, to ask the Government the following Question No. 31:

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?

Mr. Iwanchuk, to ask the Government the following Question No. 32:

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?

Mr. Iwanchuk, to ask the Government the following Question No. 33:

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

Mr. Iwanchuk, to ask the Government the following Question No. 34:

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?

Mr. Iwanchuk, to ask the Government the following Question No. 35:

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?

Mr. Iwanchuk, to ask the Government the following Question No. 36:

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?

Mr. Iwanchuk, to ask the Government the following Question No. 37:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many special adjudicators and support staff do you anticipate hiring to staff the Office of the Special Adjudicator, as required by *Bill No. 66 – The Occupational Health and Safety (Harassment Prevention) Amendment Act, 2007*?

Mr. Iwanchuk, to ask the Government the following Question No. 38:

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?

Mr. Iwanchuk, to ask the Government the following Question No. 39:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many employees have been hired to staff the Harassment Prevention Unit?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 40:

To the Premier: (1) How many consulting or personal service contracts over \$10,000 has the government entered into since Nov. 11, 2007? (2) Who is each contract with? (3) How much is the total remuneration in each contract?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 41:

To the Premier: (1) What is the total number of employees in Executive Council? (2) How many are male? (3) How many are female?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 42:

To the Premier: What is the mean and median of the employees' salaries in Executive Council?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 43:

To the Premier: What is the mean and median of the male employees' salaries in Executive Council?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 44:

To the Premier: (1) What is the mean and median of the female employees' salaries in Executive Council?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 45:

To the Premier: (1) What is the total number of employees in ministerial offices (combining all offices together for calculation purposes)? (2) How many employees are male and how many are female (combining all offices together for calculation purposes)?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 46:

To the Premier: What is the mean and median of the employees' salaries in ministerial offices (combining all offices together for calculation purposes)?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 47:

To the Premier: What is the mean and median of the male employees' salaries in ministerial offices (combining all offices together for calculation purposes)?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 48:

To the Premier: What is the mean and median of the female employees' salaries in ministerial offices (combining all offices together for calculation purposes)?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 49:

To the Premier: Including Executive Council and all Ministers' offices together in one calculation, what is the mean and median of the female employees' salaries in executive government of the Legislature?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 50:

To the Premier: Including Executive Council and all Ministers' offices together in one calculation, what is the mean and median of the male employees' salaries in executive government of the Legislature?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 51:

To the Premier: Including Executive Council and all Ministers' offices together in one calculation, what is the mean and median of the overall employees' salaries in executive government of the Legislature?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 52:

To the Premier: (1) Including Executive Council and all Ministers' offices together in one calculation, how many employees are male in the executive government of the Legislature? (2) How many are female?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 53:

To the Premier: What MOUs has each Ministry entered in since Nov. 7, 2007?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 54:

To the Premier: (1) Has Angus Reid been contracted by the government (including Executive Council, ministries or Crown corporations) since November 7th, 2007? (2) If so, what were the terms of that contract? (3) How much were they paid?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 55:

To the Premier: (1) Has Ron Larson completed his inventory or database of agencies, boards and commissions? (2) If so, when was this work completed? (3) How much was Mr. Larson paid?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 56:

To the Premier: (1) Has Doug Emsley received any remuneration from executive government (including Ministers' offices) or Crown corporations since November 7th, 2007? (2) If so, what remuneration was given?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 57:

To the Premier: (1) What services has Doug Emsley provided for the government to date? (2) How many hours has he worked?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 58:

To the Premier: (1) How many people employed in Executive Council and Ministers' offices were living outside Saskatchewan when they were hired? (2) What is the total cost of relocating these people to the province?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 59:

To the Premier: (1) What type of contract for services has Doug Emsley been engaged in? (2) What is the cost and terms of what contract?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 60:

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

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 61:

To the Premier: What was the total severance paid to each of the civil servants that have been dismissed by the government since November 31, 2007?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 62:

To the Premier: (1) For the 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?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 63:

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 Deputy Ministers under the previous administration? (3) If this figure has changed, how was this arrived at?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 64:

To the Premier: (1) Which new Deputy Ministers relocated from another location? (2) Will their moving expenses be covered? (3) What is the total cost for this?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 65:

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

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 66:

To the Government: For each Minister, what is the reporting structure for the staff in your office?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 67:

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?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 68:

To the Government: (1) For each Minister, who is the Freedom of Information officer for your ministry? (2) What is his/her contact information, including fax number?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 69:

To the Premier: What is the total monthly expenditure on salaries and benefits in the Executive Council for each month?

Ms. Morin, to ask the Government the following Question No. 70:

To the Minister of Government Services: Kelly Gallagher is the Chief of Staff to the Minister of Government Services, who is also the Minister Responsible for the ITO. In the answers to last session's questions, Kelly Gallagher is listed as having a salary of \$10,000 from the Ministry of Government Services and a salary of \$2000 from the Information Technology Office. Does this mean that Kelly Gallagher's salary is \$12,000 or is ITO paying for one-fifth of the total salary for Kelly Gallagher?

Ms. Morin, to ask the Government the following Question No. 71:

To the Minister of Government Services: (1) How many unions does the government of Saskatchewan currently collectively bargain with? (2) How many employees are represented by each of those unions for bargaining purposes? (3) When is each contract up for negotiation?

Mr. Furber, to ask the Government the following Question No. 72:

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?

Mr. Nilson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 73:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: (1) How many companies that applied for the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit were denied in 2006/07? (2) 2007/08? (3) 2008/09?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 3 and are to be answered by day no. 8:

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 74:

To the Premier: On October 23, 2008, the Premier made the following statement in the House: "I know we haven't had an obviously a perfect record in ten months. We've made some mistakes..." (Saskatchewan *Hansard*, Page 1344) What mistakes was the Premier referring to?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 75:

To the Premier: (1) What is the average rental cost in Prince Albert? (2) Please provide the source you are citing for this information.

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 76:

To the Premier: (1) What is the average rental cost in Moose Jaw? (2) Please provide the source you are citing for this information.

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 77:

To the Premier: (1) What is the average rental cost in Regina? (2) Please provide the source you are citing for this information.

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 78:

To the Premier: (1) What is the average rental cost in Saskatoon? (2) Please provide the source you are citing for this information.

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 79:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Of the nurses who were hired based on the government's trip to the Philippines last year, how many required additional training to be eligible to work in Saskatchewan? (2) What was the total cost of that training?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 80:

To the Minister of Health: Of the nurses who were hired based on the government's trip to the Philippines last year, how many have passed their tests to be eligible to work in Saskatchewan?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 81:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many nurses were employed on a full-time basis and on a part-time basis in the Pioneer Village facility in Regina in the calendar year 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2008?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 82:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many beds were available in the Pioneer Village facility in Regina in the calendar year 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2008?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 83:

To the Minister of Health: Based on the government's trip to the Philippines last year, how many nurses from the Philippines have signed contracts with health districts?

Mr. Van Mulligen, to ask the Government the following Question No. 84:

To the Minister of Finance: How many citizens in Saskatchewan earn too much money to qualify for the Saskatchewan Low Income Tax Credit but do not earn enough to pay provincial income tax?

Mr. Van Mulligen, to ask the Government the following Question No. 85:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) How much was spent on the Saskatchewan Senior Supplement in 2006/07? (2) In 2007/08?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 4 and are to be answered by day no. 9:

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 86:

To the Minister of Education: (1) What was the total funding for community schools in the fiscal year 2007/08? (2) What is the total funding for community schools expected to be in 2008/09?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 5 and are to be answered by day no. 10:

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 87:

To the Minister of Social Services: What were the guidelines or conditions in terms of registrations for the CBO summit?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 88:

To the Minister of Social Services: In terms of the CBOs who registered for the CBO summits this fall, what are the contact names of the organizations?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 89:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many CBOs registered for the CBO summits this fall? (2) What were the names of the organizations that registered? (3) Which ones registered at the door? (4) Which ones registered online? (5) Did any organization attend that did not register? (6) Did any organization register that did not attend? (7) If so, which ones?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 90:

To the Minister of Social Services: In June 2008, the Minister stated that she would hire a senior ministry official to oversee Child and Family Services and review the system in light of the Children's Advocate's concerns. (1) When was the person hired? (2) What is the mandate and timeline for this work?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 91:

To the Minister of Health: Based on the government's trip to the Philippines last year, how many nurses from the Philippines have signed contracts with health districts?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 92:

To the Premier: (1) How many employees in the civil service have moved to "unclassified"? (2) What is the definition of "unclassified"?