



No. 7

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, November 3, 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: Furber, Higgins, Wotherspoon and Iwanchuk.

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 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)

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.

(Addendum to 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 immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 26)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 1 to 7, 9 to 39, 54 to 60, 62 to 67, 69 to 73, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 53, 61 and 68, the answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 1 to 3 pursuant to Rule 20(6).

(Sessional Paper Nos. 28 to 30)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 8 and 40 to 52, pursuant to Rule 20(5)(a), the questions were converted and Orders for Returns were issued:

Mr. Broten, for Return No. 4 showing:

(1) Payments made to dismiss members of the Labour Relations Board or Workers' Compensation Board in the last 20 years. (2) The amounts. (3) To whom the payments were made.

Mr. Calvert, for Return No. 5 showing:

(1) The number of consulting or personal service contracts over \$10,000 the government has entered into since Nov. 11, 2007. (2) Whom is each contract with. (3) The total remuneration in each contract.

Mr. Calvert, for Return No. 6 showing:

(1) The total number of employees in Executive Council. (2) The number of male employees. (3) The number of female employees.

Mr. Calvert, for Return No. 7 showing:

The mean and median of the employees' salaries in Executive Council.

Mr. Calvert, for Return No. 8 showing:

The mean and median of the male employees' salaries in Executive Council.

Mr. Calvert, for Return No. 9 showing:

The mean and median of the female employees' salaries in Executive Council.

Mr. Calvert, for Return No. 10 showing:

(1) The total number of employees in ministerial offices (combining all offices together for calculation purposes). (2) The number of employees that are male and the number of employees that are female (combining all offices together for calculation purposes).

Mr. Calvert, for Return No. 11 showing:

The mean and median of the employees' salaries in ministerial offices (combining all offices together for calculation purposes).

Mr. Calvert, for Return No. 12 showing:

The mean and median of the male employees' salaries in ministerial offices (combining all offices together for calculation purposes).

Mr. Calvert, for Return No. 13 showing:

The mean and median of the female employees' salaries in ministerial offices (combining all offices together for calculation purposes).

Mr. Calvert, for Return No. 14 showing:

The mean and median of the female employees' salaries in executive government of the Legislature including Executive Council and all Ministers' offices together in one calculation.

Mr. Calvert, for Return No. 15 showing:

The mean and median of the male employees' salaries in executive government of the Legislature including Executive Council and all Ministers' offices together in one calculation.

Mr. Calvert, for Return No. 16 showing:

The mean and median of the overall employees' salaries in executive government of the Legislature including Executive Council and all Ministers' offices together in one calculation.

Mr. Calvert, for Return No. 17 showing:

(1) The number of male employees in executive government of the Legislature including Executive Council and all Ministers' offices together in one calculation. (2) The number of female?

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 Assembly recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The debate being resumed 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	Quennell
Broten	McCall	Wotherspoon	Vermette	

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

The debate continuing on the motion, it was on motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 9:55 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Don Toth
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 1, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

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

Answer:

(1) In 2007, the number of licences transferred from each province was:

Alberta	9,173
British Columbia	2,603
Manitoba	1,529
N.W. Territories/Nunavut	152
New Brunswick	136
Newfoundland	150
Nova Scotia	268
Ontario	1,827
P.E.I.	40
Quebec	289
Yukon	62

(2) 670 driver's licences were transferred from out of country in 2007.

Mr. Quennell asked the Government the following Question No. 2, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

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?

Answer:

(1) Yes.

(2) The Government of Saskatchewan has paid a total of \$300,000 to the members of the Klassen/Kvello family since November of 2007.

Mr. Quennell asked the Government the following Question No. 3, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

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?

Answer:

(1) Kevin Wilson has not received any remuneration from the Ministry of Justice since November 7, 2007.

(2) N/A

(3) N/A

Mr. Van Mulligen asked the Government the following Question No. 4, 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. 5, 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 ages 6 to 14 in sports, cultural and recreation activities as a result of the Active Saskatchewan Families Benefit?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Finance.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 6, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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?

Answer:

(1) 408,000 employed full-time and 93,700 employed part-time.

(2) 420,900 employed full-time and 89,600 employed part-time.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 7, 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 2008 (to date) from computers within Saskatchewan? (2) Within Canada? (3) In total?

Answer:

Month	Within SK	Within Canada	Total
January	296,250	336,488	350,686
February	275,580	315,111	329,554
March	298,125	341,288	352,845
April	326,124	371,674	382,519
May	298,916	342,472	358,662
June	267,764	330,411	347,686
July	269,206	309,823	322,148
August	262,170	300,630	311,554
September	294,437	351,034	363,925
October (as of Oct. 23)	222,186	287,628	303,860
Total	2,810,758	3,286,559	3,423,439

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 9, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) See table below.
- (3) See table below.

Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board		
Board Member	Reason	Total Paid
Solomon, John	Outstanding (vacation days, sick days, unused earned days off)	69,632.75
Labour Relations Board		
Board Member	Reason	Total Paid
Seibel, James	Salary*	70,000.00
Zborosky, Angela	Salary*	100,000.00
Zuck, Catherine	Salary*	100,000.00
*Salary in accordance with the terms of settlement		

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 10, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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?

Answer:

2000/01 Fiscal Year: 70 days
 2001/02 Fiscal Year: 66 days
 2002/03 Fiscal Year: 29 days
 2003/04 Fiscal Year: 39 days
 2004/05 Fiscal Year: 21 days
 2005/06 Fiscal Year: 91 days
 2006/07 Fiscal Year: 65 days
 2007/08 Fiscal Year: 107 days

Mr. Trew asked the Government the following Question No. 11, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

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?

Answer:

- (1) The working estimate for the total cost of the SaskPower Clean Coal Project, including power plant components, CO2 pipeline and Oil Field conversion is \$1.4 billion. This cost is based on 2007 construction costs and will be subject to refinement as the engineering and procurement advance to support a project decision in 2010.
- (2) SaskPower will seek oil sector partners to jointly develop this opportunity. Approximately 70% of the capital investment will be on the plant site, 30% will be private sector undertakings for transportation and oil field conversion. After consideration of the federal funding already in place, this would leave 50% of the investment by SaskPower – subject to reduction as SaskPower seeks other project partners. The ultimate investment allocation will be resolved over the next two years as SaskPower acquires partners, fully explores capital and revenue requirements and risk inventories.
- (3) To date, the Government of Canada has committed \$240 million in support of the project.
- (4) No provincial contribution in addition to potential SaskPower investment is contemplated at this time.
- (5) As discussed above, 30% of the project cost will be paid for through private sector investment.

Mr. Trew asked the Government the following Question No. 12, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

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?

Answer:

(1) 26 out of province investments have been made for Crown corporations.

Crown	# of Investments Out-of-Province
SaskEnergy	4
SaskPower	1
SGI CANADA	6
SaskTel - active	5
SaskTel - exited	10
Total	26

(2) Providing commercially sensitive information on active investments may harm the partner investees and/or value of the investment if disclosed publicly. Essentially the profit or loss to the individual Crown corporation is reflected in the total amount of capital returned which is provided below on a Crown portfolio basis for active investments. Capital returned pertaining to exited investments is not commercially sensitive and is therefore provided by investment; all exited investments were held by SaskTel.

Active Portfolios	Investment	Total Capital Invested (\$millions)	Total Capital Returned (\$millions)
SaskEnergy		63.7	0.8
SaskPower		23.9	13.7
SGI		61.7	12.8
SaskTel		154.8	5.5
	Total	304.1	32.8

Exited Investments	Total Capital Invested (\$millions)	Total Capital Returned (\$millions)
Alouette	8.4	14.5
Austar	39.2	45.2
Craig Wireless	10.0	0.0
IQ&A	2.0	0.3
Leicester Cable	36.5	137.3
NST	16.0	0.2
Persona	11.2	13.2
Retx	24.7	0.2
Soft Tracks	5.7	0.1
Streamlogics	7.4	1.8
Total	161.1	212.8

Mr. Taylor asked the Government the following Question No. 13, 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) Aboriginal people in Saskatchewan make up almost 10 percent (9.8 percent to be exact) of the labour force.
- (2) This statistic is derived from Statistics Canada's 2006 Census of Canada.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 14, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) \$30,000 plus incidental costs (\$2,054.29).

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

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)?

Answer:

- (1) 167 of the 400 Philippine nurses recruited to Saskatchewan have arrived. Of this 167, we estimate (based on regional information provided) that 106 of the newly recruited Philippine nurses are providing service in Saskatchewan's health care system with a graduate nurse licence (supervised.) The remainder are in various stages of orientation/mentorship and training and/or awaiting another intake into the Canadian Registered Nurses' Examination (CRNE), which they need to pass prior to being able to receive their full licence.
- (2) On average, the cost to recruit Philippine nurses (through recruiting agencies registered with the Philippine government) is approximately \$3,000 per nurse. In addition, employers are required to pay for flight and some initial settlement costs ranging from \$2500 - \$5,000 per nurse. All new nurses (including new Saskatchewan graduates) must be provided orientation training specific to their region and practice unit. The Ministry of Health provided additional, one-time funding of \$400,000 to the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region for an orientation/mentorship pilot focused on Philippine nurses and the development of orientation toolkit that other regions could utilize.
- (3) Out of the estimated 106 from (1) above, approximately 24 to date are practicing independently with full licensure. The remainder are in various stages of orientation/mentorship and training and/or awaiting another intake into the CRNE, which they need to pass prior to being able to receive their full licence.

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

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

Answer:

The Ministry is currently compiling and testing data from a new nursing resource data collection tool developed in partnership with SUN and the Regional Health Authorities to address nursing vacancy information on a consistent basis.

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

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

Answer:

The Ministry is currently compiling and testing data from a new nursing resource data collection tool developed in partnership with SUN and the Regional Health Authorities to address nursing vacancy information on a consistent basis.

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

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?

Answer:

- (1) Candidates complete a declaration of interest for appointment to a Regional Health Authority. The declarations are submitted to the Ministry of Health. Individuals with the commensurate skills and experience are appointed to the board.
- (2) Those individuals with the commensurate skills and experience.

Mr. Taylor asked the Government the following Question No. 19, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

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

Answer:

The number of RNs employed by health regions per region as of September 30, 2008 according to information from the Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations (SAHO) is:

Sun Country – 344 (FT=150, PT=127, Casual=67)
Five Hills – 377 (FT=140, PT=117, Casual=120)
Cypress – 282 (FT=127, PT=110, Casual=45)
Regina Qu'Appelle – 2,289 (FT=1,299, PT=534, Casual=456)
Sunrise – 448 (FT=228, PT=148, Casual=72)
Saskatoon – 2,964 (FT=1,381, PT=962, Casual=621)
Heartland – 268 (FT=77, PT=121, Casual=70)
Kelsey Trail – 250 (FT=104, PT=93 Casual=53)
Prince Albert Parkland – 484 (FT=230, PT=123, Casual=131)
Prairie North – 546 (FT=263, PT=174, Casual=109)
Mamawetan Churchill River – 50 (FT=22, PT=9, Casual=19)
Keewatin Yatthé – 58 (FT=26, PT=3, Casual=29)
GRAND TOTAL – 8,360 (FT=4,047, PT=2,521, Casual=1,792)

Mr. Taylor asked the Government the following Question No. 20, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

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

Answer:

Two thousand one hundred and seventy-two (2,172) seniors had incomes too high to qualify for the Seniors' Drug Plan.

Mr. Taylor asked the Government the following Question No. 21, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

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

Answer:

The number of persons that had health coverage on December 31, 2007 was 1,026,628.

Mr. Taylor asked the Government the following Question No. 22, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

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

Answer:

The administrative costs in 2007/08 were \$240,000. The forecasted administrative costs for 2008/09 are expected to be \$335,000.

Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 23, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

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

Answer:

\$523,500

Mr. Belanger 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 opportunity as of September 30, 2008?

Answer:

No schools have applied for dedicated funding as schools of opportunity as of September 30, 2008.

Mr. Belanger asked the Government the following Question No. 25, 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 as of September 30, 2008?

Answer:

Schools of necessity are not determined through application. Schools of necessity are schools with low enrolments, where it is not feasible to transport students from these schools to other like schools due to distance and capacity restraints. Funding is provided through the K-12 Operating Grant to acknowledge the higher costs associated with the operation of these schools. Grant recognition for the schools of necessity factor is calculated on a school by school basis. Total provincial funding recognition for schools of necessity in 2008/09 is \$4.9M representing 37 schools across 13 school divisions.

Mr. Belanger asked the Government the following Question No. 26, 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 2008/09?

Answer:

Six schools are being reviewed for possible closure or grade discontinuance in 2008/09.

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

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.

Answer:

(1) Six schools are being reviewed for possible closure or grade discontinuance in 2008/09.

(2)

2009 Motion to Review (Closures)

School Division	School	Grades Affected
Sun West SD	Landis School	K-12
Horizon SD	Wishart	K-9
Horizon SD	Nokomis	K-12
Chinook SD	Abbey School	K-12
Chinook SD	Morse School	K-12

2009 Motion to Review (Grade Discontinuance)

South	East	
Cornerstone	Lyndale School (Oungre)	9-12

Mr. Iwanchuk asked the Government the following Question No. 28, 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, a Special Adjudicator has been appointed and the Harassment Prevention Unit is fully operational.

Mr. Iwanchuk asked the Government the following Question No. 29, 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:

The Harassment Prevention Unit became fully operational on March 3, 2008.

Mr. Iwanchuk asked the Government the following Question No. 30, 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:

A Special Adjudicator has been appointed.

Mr. Iwanchuk asked the Government the following Question No. 31, 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:

A Special Adjudicator has been appointed and the Harassment Prevention Unit is fully staffed.

Mr. Iwanchuk asked the Government the following Question No. 32, 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:

A Special Adjudicator has been appointed.

Mr. Iwanchuk asked the Government the following Question No. 33, 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:

As of March 3, 2008, the Harassment Prevention Unit was fully staffed.

Mr. Iwanchuk asked the Government the following Question No. 34, 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:

As of March 3, 2008, the Harassment Prevention Unit was fully staffed.

Mr. Iwanchuk asked the Government the following Question No. 35, 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:

The Special Adjudicator is paid on a per diem basis.

Mr. Iwanchuk asked the Government the following Question No. 36, 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 Special Adjudicator acts on a per diem basis.

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

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*?

Answer:

The Special Adjudicator acts on a per diem basis.

Mr. Iwanchuk asked the Government the following Question No. 38, 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) No positions within the Harassment Prevention Unit are currently part-time.
- (2) The Harassment Prevention Unit is currently staffed with three full-time officers.

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

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

Answer:

The Harassment Prevention Unit is staffed with three full-time officers.

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

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?

Answer:

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

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

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?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) February 2008.
- (3) \$25,355

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

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?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) \$76,897

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

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

Answer:

- (1) Under the leadership of the Deputy Premier who headed up transition, Mr. Emsley took charge of all the operations of the transition process.
- (2) Estimated hours of work from November 21, 2007 to March 31, 2008 is 1,358 hours.

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

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?

Answer:

- (1) 12
- (2) \$193,284.94. Moving expenses were reimbursed in accordance with the Public Service Commission's Relocation Policy.

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

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?

Answer:

- (1) A consulting contract.
- (2) The cost was \$76,897. The contract has been made public and can be viewed in the Cabinet Secretariat, Room 145, Legislative Building.

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

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?

Answer:

- (1) None.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A

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

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?

Answer:

- (1) \$3,698,906
- (2) Deputy Ministers received a 4% economic salary increase on April 1, 2008.

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

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?

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. 64, which was answered by the Premier:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Elizabeth Quarshie, Environment
Rick Mantey, Deputy Provincial Secretary
Allan Hansen, Social Services

- (2) Their moving expenses are reimbursed in accordance with the Public Service Commission's Relocation Policy.
- (3) Their moving expenses are reimbursed in accordance with the Public Service Commission's Relocation Policy. Refer to Question No. 65.

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

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

Answer:

Their moving expenses are reimbursed in accordance with the Public Service Commission's Relocation Policy. The following has been paid:

Elizabeth Quarshie, Environment - \$13,465.17;
Rick Mantey, Provincial Secretary/Executive Council - \$8,925.00;
Allan Hansen, Social Services - \$4,513.25.

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

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

Answer:

The ministerial assistants report to the Chief of Staff who reports to the Minister.

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

To the Premier: (1) How many cell phones will be provided to each Ministers' office? (2) How many BlackBerries will be provided to each Ministers' 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 are and 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. 69, which was answered by the Premier:

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

Answer:

The total monthly expenditure on salaries and benefits in the Executive Council is \$439,930.

Ms. Morin asked the Government the following Question No. 70, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:

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?

Answer:

At the time of the written response, the ITO paid one-fifth of the total salary of \$10,000 for Kelly Gallagher in accordance with the Letter of Agreement for sharing of ministerial expenses.

Ms. Morin asked the Government the following Question No. 71, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:

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?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Government Services is not responsible for this area.
- (2) The Ministry of Government Services is not responsible for this area.
- (3) The Ministry of Government Services is not responsible for this area.

Mr. Furber asked the Government the following Question No. 72, 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:

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

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 73, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:

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?

Answer:

- (1) No formal rejection of applications for the Film Employment Tax Credit were recorded for the year 2006/07.
- (2) No formal rejection of applications for the Film Employment Tax Credit were recorded for the year 2007/08.
- (3) No formal rejection of applications for the Film Employment Tax Credit were recorded for the year 2008/09.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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"?