



No. 13

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Thursday, November 12, 2009

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

SPEAKER TABLES REPORT

The Speaker laid before the Assembly a Special Report of the Children's Advocate Office entitled *Progress Report on Foster Home Overcrowding in Saskatchewan*, dated November 2009.

(Sessional Paper No. 50)

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Harper, Higgins, Forbes, Vermette, Broten, 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 ensure that CBO workers achieve wage equity.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 2)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to invest in the planning and construction of new long-term care beds in La Ronge

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 3)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately expand the Graduate Retention Program to include Masters and Ph.D. graduates.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to invest in an affordable housing program throughout the Battlefords.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of the citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to manage the provincial finances more responsibly and prudently.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of the citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to commit to maintaining quality health care services and job security for all public health care providers.

(Addendum to 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 commit to maintaining and repairing Highway 123

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 45)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

The Minister, in each case, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bills, recommends them to the consideration of the Assembly, the following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Le Ministre fait savoir à l'Assemblée que Son Honneur le Lieutenant-gouverneur, ayant été informé de l'objet des projets de loi, dans chaque cas, les recommande à la considération de l'Assemblée; les projets de loi suivants sont reçus, lus une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 108 – The Cities Amendment Act, 2009

(Hon. Mr. Harrison)

Bill No. 109 – The Municipalities Amendment Act, 2009

(Hon. Mr. Harrison)

Bill No. 110 – The Northern Municipalities Act, 2009

(Hon. Mr. Harrison)

Bill No. 112 – The Justices of the Peace Amendment Act, 2009

Projet de loi n° 112 – Loi de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1988 sur les juges de paix

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Morgan)

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

Les projets de loi suivants sont reçus, lus une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 111 – The Northern Municipalities Consequential Amendments Act, 2009

Projet de loi n° 111 – Loi de 2009 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Northern Municipalities Act, 2009

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Harrison)

Bill No. 113 – The Justices of the Peace Consequential Amendments Act, 2009

(Hon. Mr. Morgan)

Bill No. 114 – The Small Claims Amendment Act, 2009

Projet de loi n° 114 – Loi de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur les petites créances

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Morgan)

Bill No. 115 – The Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2)

Projet de loi n° 115 – Loi n° 2 de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Morgan)

Bill No. 116 – The Traffic Safety (Drivers' Licences and Hand-held Electronic Communications Equipment) Amendment Act, 2009

(Hon. Ms. Draude)

Bill No. 609 – The Whistleblower Protection Act

(Mr. Iwanchuk)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 281 and 283 to 309, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 282, the answer was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk to Return No. 34 pursuant to Rule 20(6).

(Sessional Paper No. 52)

SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

The Order of the Day being called for the following Motion for a Seventy-five Minute Debate, it was moved by Ms. Junor:

That the province of Saskatchewan shall establish a comprehensive, provincial Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) strategy that is based on proven, best practice, evidence based research treatments and programming and;

That all stakeholders, including individuals with ASD, be consulted on the components that will be included in the strategy including, but not limited to, treatment, research, surveillance, awareness campaigns, community initiatives, education, and respite care of families, and;

That this strategy shall include child, adolescent, and adult treatments and support, and;

That given the complexity of the disorder and its treatments the Individualized Funding concept be adapted for parents and guardians of autistic individuals.

A debate arising and the period of seventy-five minutes having expired, pursuant to Rule 24(4) the Speaker interrupted proceedings.

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 606 – The Protection of the Wild Ponies of the Bronson Forest Act

Moved by Mr. McMillan: That Bill No. 606 – The Protection of the Wild Ponies of the Bronson Forest Act – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, the Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 6(6).

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

Hon. Don Toth
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 281, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:

To the Minister of Government Services: (1) Has there been a review at the Central Vehicle Agency (CVA) of vehicle leasing to Community Based Organizations (CBOs)? (2) If yes, over what period of time was the review undertaken and when was the review completed? (3) What were the terms of reference of the review? (4) What were the conclusions of the review? (5) How and when were CBOs informed of the review? (6) Have policies affecting leasing vehicles to CBOs changed as a result of this review? (7) If policies have changed, how have they changed? (8) How and when were CBOs informed of the changes?

Answer:

- (1) No. CVA has not undertaken a review of leasing to CBOs.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A
- (5) N/A
- (6) N/A
- (7) N/A
- (8) N/A

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 283, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: For every time the Privacy Commissioner investigated breaches of the privacy of people, businesses or organizations by the ISC in 2008/09; what was the nature of each of those breaches?

Answer:

The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner did not undertake any privacy breach investigations involving ISC in 2008/09.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 284, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: (1) How many times did the Privacy Commissioner investigate breaches of the privacy of people, businesses or organizations by the ISC in 2006/07? (2) 2007/08? (3) 2008/09?

Answer:

The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner did not undertake any privacy breach investigations involving ISC in 2006/07, 2007/08 or 2008/09.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 285, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Technology Office: For every time the Privacy Commissioner investigated breaches of the privacy of people, businesses or organizations by the ITO in 2008/09; what was the nature of each of those breaches?

Answer:

The ITO had no breaches in 2008/09.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 286, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Technology Office: (1) How many times did the Privacy Commissioner investigate breaches of the privacy of people, businesses or organizations by the ITO in 2006/07? (2) 2007/08? (3) 2008/09?

Answer:

- (1) None.
- (2) None.
- (3) None.

Mr. Furber asked the Government the following Question No. 287, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: (1) What is the current projected, all-in-cost of a 1000 MW reactor? (2) What would the estimated decommissioning costs of such a reactor?

Answer:

- (1) Energy and Resources has not undertaken any studies regarding the projected all-in-cost of a 1,000 MW reactor.
- (2) Energy and Resources has not undertaken any studies regarding the estimated decommissioning costs of such a reactor.

Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 288, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) How much money has been spent on the "Ready for Growth" advertising campaign? (2) What methods of advertising (billboards, radio ads, etc.) were purchased? (3) What locations were those purchases made in?

Answer:

There has been no "Ready for Growth" advertising campaign.

Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 289, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) How much money has been budgeted on the "Ready for Growth" advertising campaign? (2) What methods of advertising (billboards, radio ads, etc.) have been budgeted for? (3) What locations will these purchases be made in?

Answer:

There has been no "Ready for Growth" advertising campaign.

Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 290, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much was spent by SaskPower on all independent or external contracts as it relates to any or all aspects of nuclear power and on the transmission and distribution needs resulting from nuclear power in 2008?

Answer:

SaskPower's Sustainable Supply Development (SSD) department is responsible for power supply planning activities within the corporation. The amount spent by the SSD group on external consulting contracts pertaining to the technology in question for the defined time period is approximately \$250,000.

Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 291, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How many FTEs and approximate total number of paid hours within SaskPower were utilized in 2008 for the study, evaluation and consideration of nuclear power and on the transmission and distribution needs resulting from nuclear power between January 1, 2009 and September 30, 2009?

Answer:

SaskPower's Sustainable Supply Development (SSD) department is responsible for power supply planning activities within the corporation. The scope of their work includes:

- undertaking an ongoing assessment of supply needs based on a comparison of the load forecast to available power supplies over the long term;
- monitoring new technology developments for all types of generation technologies;
- developing an inventory of supply options including that includes issuing competitive solicitations when a supply need is identified;
- analysing both internal and external supply options from a business, environmental and operational perspective;
- recommending supply acquisitions to the SaskPower Executive and Board;
- negotiating power purchase and other agreements for selected projects.

Because of the nature and complexity of supply planning work, SSD staff do not track their time on the basis of time spent on any particular generation technology. SaskPower's Network Development (ND) department is responsible for providing transmission planning services associated with the evaluation of alternative power supply options and technologies. Because of the nature and complexity of transmission planning work, ND staff do not necessarily track their time on the basis of time spent on any particular generation technology.

Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 292, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much was spent, between January 1, 2009 and September 30, 2009, by SaskPower on all independent or external contracts as it relates to any or all aspects of nuclear power and on the transmission and distribution needs resulting from nuclear power?

Answer:

SaskPower's Sustainable Supply Development (SSD) department is responsible for power supply planning activities within the corporation. The amount spent by the SSD group on external consulting contracts pertaining to the technology in question for the defined time period is approximately \$537,300.

Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 293, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: As it relates to the net metering program that can accumulate credits based on power generated to offset a power bill, what was the total dollar value of the accumulated credits, of all within the net metering program that was eliminated at year end, understanding that credits are not transferred to the next year?

Answer:

The elimination of accumulated credits under the Net Metering Program occurs at the end of the customer's annual billing cycle, not at year end. Customers are encouraged to size their generation system with the realization that accumulated credits will be eliminated at the end of their annual billing cycle. Customers are also given the ability to select their annual billing anniversary when they are brought on to the Net Metering Program. In 2008, no customers had unused credits at the end of their billing cycle. As such, SaskPower was not required to eliminate any credits in 2008.

Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 294, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: As it relates to the net metering program how many customers have subscribed as of September 30, 2009?

Answer:

SaskPower had 63 in-service customers in the Net Metering Program as of September 30, 2009.

Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 295, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: As it relates to the net metering program, based on those that have subscribed and are producing power by September 30, 2009 what is the proportion of sources generating power, for example, wind, solar, biomass, or any other sources?

Answer:

Based on SaskPower's customer services accounting records, there were 63 in-service net metering accounts existing as of September 30, 2009. Of these 63 accounts, 46 of them were wind, 4 were solar, and 13 were not identified. It is known that all of the unidentified accounts are either wind or solar. No customer has applied for a net metering agreement requesting to use a technology other than wind or solar generation.

Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 296, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: As it relates to the net metering program what was the total amount of power produced in 2008 by subscribers?

Answer:

Under the net metering program, the power that a customer generates serves the customer's electrical needs first. Any excess power is then sent into SaskPower's electric grid and is metered. As such, SaskPower's meters do not measure the total amount of power produced. SaskPower's meters only measure the amount of power that the customer generates that is in excess of their current needs.

Some of SaskPower's Net Metering customers have received partial reimbursement for their systems under the Saskatchewan Research Council's Net Metering Program. A requirement of this program is that the participant must install a meter to measure the total power produced by the system. Detailed information specific to the total amount of power produced in 2008 and 2009 was not available from the Saskatchewan Research Council at this time. However, it can be reported that Net Metering production data was being received from 41 Net Metering systems as of June 30, 2009. Based on preliminary data, the Saskatchewan Research Council has determined a projected annual production of 181,353 kWh/year for these 41 systems.

Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 297, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How many FTEs and approximate total number of paid hours within SaskPower were utilized in 2008 for the study, evaluation and consideration of nuclear power and on the transmission and distribution needs resulting from nuclear power in 2008?

Answer:

See response to Written Question No. 291.

Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 298, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much has SaskPower spent (financial and human resources), approximately, to consider, evaluate, or study natural gas power and its specific transmission and distribution implications between November 7, 2007 and September 30, 2009?

Answer:

See response to Written Question No. 291 for SaskPower's human resources spent on the technology in question for the defined time period. SaskPower's Sustainable Supply Development (SSD) department is responsible for power supply planning activities within the corporation. The amount spent by the SSD group on external consulting contracts pertaining to the technology in question for the defined time period is approximately \$425,000.

Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 299, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) As it relates to the net metering program what is the projected total amount of power produced by subscribers in 2008? (2) 2009?

Answer:

Under the net metering program, the power that a customer generates serves the customers electrical needs first. Any excess power is then sent into SaskPower's electric grid and is metered. As such, SaskPower's meters do not measure the total amount of power produced. SaskPower's meters only measure the amount of power that the customer generates that is in excess of their current needs.

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Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 300, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much did SaskPower 2009 spend, between January 1, 2009 and September 30, 2009, on programs for side management (dsm), conservation, or electrical efficiency?

Answer:

\$2.5 million.

Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 301, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much did SaskPower spend in 2008 on programs for side management (dsm), conservation, or electrical efficiency?

Answer:

\$3.7 million.

Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 302, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much has SaskPower spent (financial and human resources), approximately, to consider, evaluate, or study “clean coal” or coal power with reduced carbon emissions and its specific transmission and distribution implications between November 7, 2007 and September 30, 2009?

Answer:

Time Period	Amount Spent	No. of SaskPower Employees	Purpose	Comments
November 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008	\$1.8 Million	8	Developing and screening clean coal alternatives to the Shand 2 Oxyfuel project	These costs were incurred by SaskPower. Costs are only recorded on a monthly basis – for this reason costs are shown from November 1, 2007 vs. November 7, 2007
July 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009	\$18.9 million	18	Precommitment engineering for the BD ICCS Demo project	SaskPower was reimbursed for all of these costs by CIC

Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 303, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much has SaskPower spent (financial and human resources), approximately, to consider, evaluate, or study deep geothermal power and its specific transmission and distribution implications between November 7, 2007 and September 30, 2009?

Answer:

See response to Written Question No. 291 for SaskPower’s human resources spent on the technology in question for the defined time period. SaskPower’s Sustainable Supply Development (SSD) department is responsible for power supply planning activities within the corporation. The amount spent by the SSD group on external consulting contracts pertaining to the technology in question for the defined time period is \$0.

Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 304, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation How much has SaskPower spent (financial and human resources), approximately, to consider, evaluate, or study photovoltaic power and its specific transmission and distribution implications between November 7, 2007 and September 30, 2009?

Answer:

See response to Written Question No. 291 for SaskPower’s human resources spent on the technology in question for the defined time period. SaskPower’s Sustainable Supply Development (SSD) department is responsible for power supply planning activities within the corporation. The amount spent by the SSD group on external consulting contracts pertaining to the technology in question for the defined time period is approximately \$10,600.

Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 305, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much has SaskPower spent (financial and human resources), approximately, to consider, evaluate, or study cogeneration and its specific transmission and distribution implications between November 7, 2007 and September 30, 2009?

Answer:

See response to Written Question No. 291 for SaskPower's human resources spent on the technology in question for the defined time period. SaskPower's Sustainable Supply Development (SSD) department is responsible for power supply planning activities within the corporation. The amount spent by the SSD group on external consulting contracts pertaining to the technology in question for the defined time period is approximately \$10,000.

Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 306, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What was the debt to equity ratio for SaskPower for each year from 1978/79 to 2008/09?

Answer:

1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
80.7%	80.8%	84.3%	85.5%	89.0%	89.5%	87.5%	91.4%	88.0%	78.2%
1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
54.1%	60.4%	60.9%	67.9%	68.0%	67.7%	67.0%	63.3%	59.9%	59.2%
1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
54.8%	55.3%	56.6%	58.0%	56.5%	58.2%	60.9%	61.0%	59.7%	60.7%

Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 307, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much has SaskPower spent (financial and human resources), approximately, to consider, evaluate, or study nuclear power and its specific transmission and distribution implications between November 7, 2007 and September 30, 2009?

Answer:

See response to Written Question No. 291 for SaskPower's human resources spent on the technology in question for the defined time period. SaskPower's Sustainable Supply Development (SSD) department is responsible for power supply planning activities within the corporation. The amount spent by the SSD group on external consulting contracts pertaining to the technology in question for the defined time period is approximately \$743,300.

Ms. Draude asked the Government the following Question No. 308, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What is the average wait time (on hold) on the Saskatchewan Health line in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009 to date?

Answer:

- (1) 2007/08 - 1 minute and 34 seconds.
- (2) 2008/09 - 1 minute and 33 seconds.
- (3) 2009/10 to end of October - 1 minute and 55 seconds November 1 - 5, 2009 - 28 minutes and 10 seconds.

Ms. Morin asked the Government the following Question No. 309, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) For the upcoming trip to the climate change conference in Copenhagen, which Ministers are going? (2) How many staff will each Minister be taking? (3) How many department or crown officials will be going? (4) What is the total estimated cost of the trip be (including meals, accommodations, flights and any other expenses)? (5) Is any measure being taken by the Saskatchewan Government to offset the GHG emissions of the flights to reduce the carbon footprint of the trip? (6) If so, then what measures are being taken?

Answer:

- (1) Minister Nancy Heppner.
- (2) One staff member from the Minister's Office.
- (3) One ministry official.
- (4) Total projected expenses including meals, accommodation and travel are \$24,700.
- (5) No. However, the representatives attending the conference from the Government of Saskatchewan have each taken measures to offset their individual carbon footprint for the trip by purchasing offsets from Zerofootprint.
- (6) N/A.

NOTICE OF GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

On Tuesday:

Hon. Ms. Heppner, to move the following Motion:

That this Assembly support the government's plan addressing climate change; a plan balancing environmental protection with economic growth, thereby ensuring the well-being and future prosperity of Saskatchewan families; and,

That this Assembly support the Saskatchewan plan to direct offset payments into the Saskatchewan Technology Fund to fund research into the development of technology needed to help the world reduce and control carbon emission; and further,

That this Honourable Assembly encourage the government to actively promote the Saskatchewan plan at the United Nations COP 15 Conference in Copenhagen, in December of 2009.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 11 and are to be answered by day no. 16:

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 407:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) On what date was the Efficiency Secretariat established? (2) How much funding is allocated to the Efficiency Secretariat? (3) What was the mandate of the Efficiency Secretariat? (4) How many people work in the Efficiency Secretariat? (5) What office space is provided for the Efficiency Secretariat? (6) To whom does the director of the Efficiency Secretariat report? (7) How many recommendations has the Efficiency Secretariat made? (8) How many reports has the Efficiency Secretariat drafted?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 408:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much has SaskPower spent (financial and human resources), approximately, to consider, evaluate, or study demand side management (dsm), conservation or electrical efficiency between November 7, 2007 and September 30, 2009?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 409:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much has SaskPower spent (financial and human resources), approximately, to consider, evaluate, or study wind power and its specific transmission and distribution implications between November 7, 2007 and September 30, 2009?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 410:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much has SaskPower spent (financial and human resources), approximately, to consider, evaluate, or study hydro power and its specific transmission and distribution implications between November 7, 2007 and September 30, 2009?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 411:

To the Minister of Health: How many people are on the wait list to see an oncologist in Regina as of September 30, 2009?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 412:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many midwives are currently practicing in Saskatchewan? (2) Where are they employed?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 413:

To the Minister of Health: How many HIV cases have been diagnosed by the staff in the mobile bus in Saskatoon since it started operation?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 414:

To the Minister of Health: How many HIV cases have been treated in the mobile bus in Saskatoon since it started operation?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 415:

To the Minister of Health: How many long-term care beds are being occupied in hospital acute care units in each hospital in each of the 13 health regions (Athabasca, Keewatin Yatthe, Mamawetan Churchill River, Prairie North Health Region, Prince Albert Parkland, Kelsey Trail, Heartland, Saskatoon, Sunrise, Cypress, Five Hills, Regina Qu'Appelle and Sun Country)?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 416:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many people are on the wait list to get into long-term care facilities in 2009 to date? (2) What was the average wait time in 2009 to date for each of the 13 health regions (Athabasca, Keewatin Yatthe, Mamawetan Churchill River, Prairie North Health Region, Prince Albert Parkland, Kelsey Trail, Heartland, Saskatoon, Sunrise, Cypress, Five Hills, Regina Qu'Appelle and Sun Country)?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 417:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many people are on the wait list to get into long-term care facilities in 2005? (2) What was the average wait time in 2005 for each of the 13 health regions (Athabasca, Keewatin Yatthe, Mamawetan Churchill River, Prairie North Health Region, Prince Albert Parkland, Kelsey Trail, Heartland, Saskatoon, Sunrise, Cypress, Five Hills, Regina Qu'Appelle and Sun Country)?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 418:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What is the acquired rate of Methicillin Resistant Staph Aureus (MRSA) in Saskatoon? (2) Regina? (3) North Battleford? (4) Lac La Ronge? (5) Prince Albert? (6) Swift Current? (7) Yorkton?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 419:

To the Minister of Health: What type of devise or program is currently in place to track community MRSA rate?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 420:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many people are on the waiting list for long-term care beds in La Ronge? (2) What is the average wait before admitted to a bed?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 421:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many patients were sent out of province for PET scans in 2006? (2) 2007? (3) 2008? (4) 2009 to date?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 422:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many seniors are covered under the prescription drug plan? (2) What is the average cost to cover a senior under the plan?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 423:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many long-term care facilities have been renovated, upgraded or built in the province in 2008? (2) 2009? (3) What were the names of the facilities? (4) Where were they located?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 424:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many oncologists are there working in Saskatchewan as of September 30, 2009? (2) Where in Saskatchewan are the working oncologists located?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 425:

To the Minister of Health: How many people are on the wait list to see an oncologist in Saskatoon as of September 30, 2009?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 426:

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 since means testing began?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 427:

To the Minister of Health: What is the current wage offered to midwives in Saskatchewan?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 428:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Where in Saskatchewan are home births being allowed? (2) What criteria has the Ministry of Health put in place for home births?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 429:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many oncologist job vacancies are there in Saskatchewan as of September 30, 2009? (2) Where are these vacancies located?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 430:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) Is there a midwifery training program in place in Saskatchewan for Saskatchewan students to access? (2) How many Saskatchewan students are taking midwifery in some other jurisdictions? (3) What provinces offer midwifery training? (4) Are Saskatchewan students who are taking their midwifery course outside Saskatchewan able to take their practicum here in Saskatchewan? (5) Are there Saskatchewan bursaries or other incentives being offered to midwifery students? (6) How many graduates from out of province/country midwifery programs are practicing in Saskatchewan? (7) How many Saskatchewan students who graduate from an out of province/country midwifery course come back to Saskatchewan to practice midwifery?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 431:

To the Minister of Enterprise Saskatchewan: (1) With respect to the Apex Investment Fund, in addition to the Crown Investments corporation, who are the funding partners in this fund? (2) How much has each partner committed to the fund? (3) What is the basis of draw down of the respective commitments? (4) Is there a sunset date of the funding commitments? (5) Have the funding commitments changed since the inception of the Apex Investment Fund? (6) If so, when and how much for each partner?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 432:

To the Minister of Enterprise Saskatchewan: (1) What are the current goals and objectives guiding the management of the Apex Investments Fund? (2) Have the investment goals and objectives of the fund changed since its creation in 2007? (3) And if so, how?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 433:

To the Minister of Enterprise Saskatchewan: (1) With respect to the Apex Investment Fund, who serves as the fund's manager? (2) What management fees and other consideration does the fund manager received for its work? (3) How does the level of compensation provided to the Apex Investment Fund Manager compare to the level of compensation provided to Victoria Park Capital with respect to its former management of investments on behalf of Investment Saskatchewan?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 434:

To the Minister of Enterprise Saskatchewan: (1) With respect to the Apex Investment Fund, how much in total has CIC committed to this fund as of October 31, 2009? (2) On what dates and in what amounts were monies from CIC deposited with the fund? (3) How much in total have CIC's partner committed to this fund as of October 31, 2009? (4) On what dates and in what amounts were monies from the partners deposited with the fund?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 435:

To the Minister of Enterprise Saskatchewan: (1) With respect to the Apex Investment Fund, what returns on investment have been achieved by the fund since its creation? (2) Have any of the investments made by the fund been sold? (3) Have any of the investments made by the fund been written down or written off? (4) What is the current list of investments held by the fund? (5) Who are the other investors in the investee entities besides the fund?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 436:

To the Minister of Government Services: (1) On what date was the P3 Secretariat established? (2) How much funding is allocated to the P3 Secretariat? (3) What was the mandate of the P3 Secretariat? (4) On what date was the P3 Secretariat dissolved? (5) During the time of its operation how many people worked in the P3 Secretariat? (6) What office space was provided for the P3 Secretariat? (7) To whom did the director of the P3 Secretariat report? (8) How many recommendations did the P3 Secretariat make? (9) How many reports did the P3 Secretariat draft?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 437:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) On what date was the first meeting of the Bio-product and Bio-fuel Sector Team? (2) As of October 1, 2009 how many meetings of the Bio-product and Bio-fuel Sector Team have been held? (3) As of October 1, 2009 how many recommendations from the Bio-product and Bio-fuel Sector Team have been received by the Minister?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 438:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) As of October 1, 2009, what REDAs have indicated their desire to continue working independent from Enterprise regions? (2) Which REDAs have yet to provide the Ministry with any information on their future organizational and operating plans?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 439:

To the Minister of Enterprise: As of October 1, 2009, have all REDAs informed Enterprise Saskatchewan of their future plans for operating alone or within the new Enterprise Region structure?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 440:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) On what date was the first meeting of the Minerals Sector Team? (2) As of October 1, 2009 how many meetings of the Mineral Sector Team have been held? (3) As of October 1, 2009 how many recommendations from the Minerals Sector Team have been received by the Minister?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 441:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) On what date was the first meeting of the Energy Sector Team? (2) As of October 1, 2009 how many meetings of the Energy Sector Team have been held? (3) As of October 1, 2009 how many recommendations from the Energy Sector Team have been received by the Minister?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 442:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) On what date was the first meeting of the Arts and Culture Sector Team? (2) As of October 1, 2009 how many meetings of the Arts and Culture Sector Team have been held? (3) As of October 1, 2009 how many recommendations from the Arts and Culture Sector Team have been received by the Minister?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 443:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) On what date was the first meeting of the Tourism and Hospitality Sector Team? (2) As of October 1, 2009 how many meetings of the Tourism and Hospitality Sector Team have been held? (3) As of October 1, 2009 how many recommendations from the Tourism and Hospitality Sector Team have been received by the Minister?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 444:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) On what date was the first meeting of the Circle of Economic Partners Advisory Committee? (2) As of October 1, 2009 how many meetings of the Circle of Economic Partners Advisory Committee have been held? (3) As of October 1, 2009 how many recommendations from the Circle of Economic Partners Advisory Committee have been received by the Minister?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 445:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) On what date was the first meeting of the Commercialization and R & D Services Sector Team? (2) As of October 1, 2009 how many meetings of the Commercialization and R & D Services Sector Team have been held? (3) As of October 1, 2009 how many recommendations from the Commercialization and R & D Services Sector Team have been received by the Minister?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 446:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) On what date was the first meeting of the Entrepreneurship Council? (2) As of October 1, 2009 how many meetings of the Entrepreneurship Council have been held? (3) As of October 1, 2009 how many recommendations from the Entrepreneurship Council have been received by the Minister?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 447:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) On what date was the first meeting of the Co-ops Sector Team? (2) As of October 1, 2009 how many meetings of the Co-ops Sector Team have been held? (3) As of October 1, 2009 how many recommendations from the Co-ops Sector Team have been received by the Minister?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 448:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) On what date was the first meeting of the Agriculture Sector Team? (2) As of October 1, 2009 how many meetings of the Agriculture Sector Team have been held? (3) As of October 1, 2009 how many recommendations from the Agriculture Sector Team have been received by the Minister?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 449:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) On what date was the first meeting of the Agri-value Sector Team? (2) As of October 1, 2009 how many meetings of the Agri-value Sector Team have been held? (3) As of October 1, 2009 how many recommendations from the Agri-value Sector Team have been received by the Minister?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 450:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) On what date was the first meeting of the Manufacturing Sector Team? (2) As of October 1, 2009 how many meetings of the Manufacturing Sector Team have been held? (3) As of October 1, 2009 how many recommendations from the Manufacturing Sector Team have been received by the Minister?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 451:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) On what date was the first meeting of the Transportation and Logistics Sector Team? (2) As of October 1, 2009 how many meetings of the Transportation and Logistics Sector Team have been held? (3) As of October 1, 2009 how many recommendations from the Transportation and Logistics Sector Team have been received by the Minister?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 452:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) On what date was the first meeting of the Forestry Sector Team? (2) As of October 1, 2009 how many meetings of the Forestry Sector Team have been held? (3) As of October 1, 2009 how many recommendations from the Forestry Sector Team have been received by the Minister?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 453:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) On what date was the first meeting of the Life Sciences and Biotech Sector Team? (2) As of October 1, 2009 how many meetings of the Life Sciences and Biotech Sector Team have been held? (3) As of October 1, 2009 how many recommendations from the Life Sciences and Biotech Sector Team have been received by the Minister?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 454:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) On what date was the first meeting of the Alternative Energies and Environmental Industries Sector Team? (2) As of October 1, 2009 how many meetings of the Alternative Energies and Environmental Industries Sector Team have been held? (3) As of October 1, 2009 how many recommendations from the Alternative Energies and Environmental Industries Sector Team have been received by the Minister?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 455:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) On what date was the first meeting of the Information Technology Sector Team? (2) As of October 1, 2009 how many meetings of the Information Technology Sector Team have been held? (3) As of October 1, 2009 how many recommendations from the Information Technology Sector Team have been received by the Minister?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 456:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) On what date was the first meeting of the Construction and Land Development Sector Team? (2) As of October 1, 2009 how many meetings of the Construction and Land Development Sector Team have been held? (3) As of October 1, 2009 how many recommendations from the Construction and Land Development Sector Team have been received by the Minister?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 457:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) On what date was the first meeting of the Home Building Sector Team? (2) As of October 1, 2009 how many meetings of the Home Building Sector Team have been held? (3) As of October 1, 2009 how many recommendations from the Home Building Sector Team have been received by the Minister?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 458:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) On what date was the first meeting of the Regulatory Modernization Council? (2) As of October 1, 2009 how many meetings of the Regulatory Modernization Council have been held? (3) As of October 1, 2009 how many recommendations from the Regulatory Modernization Council have been received by the Minister?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 459:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) On what date was the first meeting of the Financial Services Sector Team? (2) As of October 1, 2009 how many meetings of the Financial Services Sector Team have been held? (3) As of October 1, 2009 how many recommendations from the Financial Services Sector Team have been received by the Minister?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 460:

To the Minister of Enterprise: In the creation of the Enterprise Regions, were the existing REDAs expected to dissolve and work within the new Enterprise Region structure?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 461:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) On February 19, 2009 the Fraser Institute released a report and recommendations stating that "Saskatchewan could bolster its recent economic success and usher in a new era of prosperity by implementing policies that encourage investment and business development". This is very much like what was mandated to the new Board of Enterprise Saskatchewan, is it the intention to follow-up in any way the recommendation of the Fraser Institute? (2) If so, how?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 462:

To the Minister of Enterprise: In the Enterprise Saskatchewan Board of Directors Progress Report released June 25, 2009, one recommendation called for the implementation of the Enterprise Region concept subject to further consultations with SUMA and SARM. Since then 13 enterprise regions have been established. (1) Do all regions have offices and staff in place? (2) Where are the offices? (3) Who are the senior staff members in each office?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 463:

To the Minister of Enterprise: In the Enterprise Saskatchewan Board of Directors Progress Report released June 25, 2009, one recommendation called on the provincial government to undertake an immediate review of the critical role that both our primary education system and rural provincial infrastructure in rural Saskatchewan play in our province's economic development. (1) Has this review been undertaken? (2) If so, who is doing this review? (3) How much money has been allocated to the review process? (4) When are the results of the review going to be made available to the Board of Enterprise Saskatchewan, the Minister, and the public?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 464:

To the Minister of Enterprise: In the Enterprise Saskatchewan Board of Directors Progress Report released June 25, 2009, one recommendation called on the province to include post-graduate students as being eligible for the graduate retention tax credit. (1) How many meetings have the members of the ES Board had to discuss this referral? (2) Who was consulted by the Board in reviewing matters relating to next steps? (3) When is a further recommendation on eligibility expected?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 465:

To the Minister of Enterprise: In the Enterprise Saskatchewan Board of Directors Progress Report released June 25, 2009, one recommendation called on the government to engage in sales tax harmonization discussions to determine if the federal government is willing to provide policy flexibility and financial assistance to make harmonization affordable. (1) Is it the intention of the Government of Saskatchewan to engage in discussions as recommended by the Board? (2) Have any representatives of the provincial government had any discussion with representatives of the federal government concerning sales tax harmonization? (3) If so, whom? (4) On what date?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 466:

To the Minister of Enterprise: On February 19, 2009 the Fraser Institute released a report and recommendations stating that "Saskatchewan could bolster its recent economic success and usher in a new era of prosperity by implementing policies that encourage investment and business development". This is very much like what was mandated to the new Board of Enterprise Saskatchewan. (1) One of those recommendations was to privatize Saskatchewan's Crown corporations (SaskTel, SaskPower, and SaskEnergy), is it the intention of the government to follow up in any way this recommendation of the Fraser Institute? (2) One of those recommendations was to harmonize the provincial sales tax with the federal goods and services tax, is it the intention of the government to follow up in any way this recommendation of the Fraser Institute? (3) One of those recommendations was to prohibit mandatory union membership and dues-payment clauses in collective bargaining agreements, removing successor rights, technological change laws and forced arbitration from labour relations laws, and freezing the minimum wage, is it the intention of the government to follow up in any way this recommendation of the Fraser Institute? (4) One of those recommendations was that Saskatchewan join Alberta and British Columbia in signing their Trade, Investment, and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA), is it the intention of the government to follow up in any way this recommendation of the Fraser Institute?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 467:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) How many meetings has each Strategic Issues Council of Enterprise Saskatchewan had? (2) For each meeting please provide the cost of the meeting including travel reimbursement? (3) For each meeting, was there a facilitator (or any other contractee) involved? (4) If so, who was the facilitator (or contractee) for the meeting? (5) How much was paid to the facilitator (or contractee)? (6) What was the date of the meeting?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 468:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) How many meetings has each Sector Team of Enterprise Saskatchewan had? (2) For each meeting, please provide the cost of the meeting including travel reimbursement? (3) For each meeting, was there a facilitator (or any other contractee) involved? (4) If so, who was the facilitator (or contractee) for the meeting? (5) How much was paid to the facilitator (or contractee)? (6) What was the date of the meeting?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 469:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many Saskatchewan residents received the Saskatchewan Scholarship of Honour for the academic year 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 470:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many Aboriginal people were on waiting lists for Adult Basic Education in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 471:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many employers have participated in the Student Employment Experience program so far in 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 472:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many applicants have been received under the Entrepreneurs category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program so far for 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 473:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many applications have been received under the Health Professions category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program so far for 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 474:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many applications have been received under the Hospitality Sector Project category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program so far for 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 475:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many applications have been received under the Farm Owners/Operators category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program so far for 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 476:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many individuals have participated in the Student Employment Experience program so far in 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 477:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many applications have been received under the Student category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program so far for 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 478:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many applications have been received under the Long Haul Truck Drivers category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program so far for 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 479:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: Which organizations are currently receiving funding through the Labour Market Development Agreement (LMDA) between Saskatchewan Advanced Education, Employment and Labour, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 480:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What changes were made to the Labour Market Development Agreement (LMDA) between Saskatchewan Advanced Education, Employment and Labour, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada in spring 2009?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 481:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: Which organizations are currently receiving funding through the Labour Market Agreement (LMA) between Saskatchewan Advanced Education, Employment and Labour, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 482:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many individuals participated in the Targeted Initiative for Older Workers in 2008/09?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 483:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many individuals participated in the Targeted Initiative for Older Workers so far in 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 484:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many individuals participated in programs funded through the Labour Market Agreement (LMA) between Saskatchewan Advanced Education, Employment and Labour, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada in 2008/09?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 485:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What projects have been deferred by the government's October 16, 2009 announcement that \$1.5 million in Community Development Trust money will be deferred?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 486:

To the Minister of Justice: What is the average length of time from when a complaint is initially made to the Saskatchewan Public Complaints Commission, and when the matter either becomes before a hearing or is otherwise resolved?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 487:

To the Minister of Justice: How many complaints are currently in front of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 488:

To the Minister of Justice: How many complaints are currently in front of the Saskatchewan Public Complaints Commission?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 489:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) For the period April 1, 2009 to October 1, 2009 how many projects were funded under the Encouraging Community Housing Options Program in Battleford? (2) North Battleford? (3) What were the names of the companies or organizations funded? (4) How much funding did each receive? (5) How many units were funded within each project?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 490:

To the Minister of Justice: For each year between 2001 and 2009, what was the average length of time from when a complaint is initially made to the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission, and when the matter either becomes before a hearing or is otherwise resolved?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 491:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many recipients of the Saskatchewan Seniors Income Plan lost benefits in each month of 2007, 2008 and up to October 2009? (2) For what reason(s) did recipients of the Saskatchewan Seniors Income Plan (SIP) lose benefits in each month of 2007, 2008 and up to October 2009? (3) Did recipients of the Saskatchewan Seniors Income Plan (SIP) receive written notice of their changed circumstance (loss of benefits and/or changed benefit levels)?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 492:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new recipients came into the Saskatchewan Seniors Income Plan (SIP) in each month of 2007? (2) 2008? (3) up to October, 2009?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 493:

To the Minister of Social Services: What is the Ministry's policy in regard to notifying recipients of the Saskatchewan Seniors Income Plan who have changed circumstances (i.e. changed benefit levels, qualification or disqualification)?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 494:

To the Minister of Social Services: On November 2, the Minister of Social Services said in her response to the Throne Speech "Currently we have over 500 units in construction, over 600 units in development and planning stages". (1) What are the names and addresses of these units? (2) In what budget year were funds set aside for these projects? (3) What type of housing (affordable, social, senior, student, etc.) are these units considered to be?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 495:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many letters or emails urging that the Minister and/or the Government of Saskatchewan aid in the ratification process by the federal government of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities did you receive in 2008? (2) 2009?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 496:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) For the period November 8, 2008 to March 31, 2009, how many projects were funded under the Rental Development Program in Battleford? (2) North Battleford? (3) What were the names of the companies or organizations funded? (4) How much funding did each receive? (5) How many units were funded within each project?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 497:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) For the period April 1, 2009 to October 1, 2009 how many projects were funded under the Rental Development Program in Battleford? (2) North Battleford? (3) What were the names of the companies or organizations funded? (4) How much funding did each receive? (5) How many units were funded within each project?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 498:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) For the period November 8, 2008 to March 31, 2009 how many projects were funded under the Encouraging Community Housing Options Program in Battleford? (2) North Battleford? (3) What were the names of the companies or organizations funded? (4) How much funding did each receive? (5) How many units were funded within each project?

The following Question was given notice on day no. 12 and is to be answered by day no. 17:

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 499:

To the Minister of Education: (1) Since January 1, 2008, which schools have been renovated or newly constructed? (2) For each school, was it newly constructed or renovated? (3) How much was spent on each school? (4) What was the date of the expenditures?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 13 and are to be answered by day no. 18:

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 500:

To the Minister of Education: What was the order of priority for the capital lists for schools as of January 1, 2009?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 501:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) How many individuals are there in your Ministry with the rank of Deputy Minister, Assistant Deputy Minister, or director? (2) For each individual, what is their name and title? (3) For each individual, are they currently living outside the province and having their transportation costs for commuting covered by the government in any way? (4) If so, how much is this cost to date? (5) For each individual, have they ever been living outside the province and having their transportation costs for commuting covered by the government in any way? (6) If so, how much did this cost in total?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 502:

To the Minister of Health: What was the value of investments held by the Saskatchewan Health Employees Pension (SHEP) as of January 1, 2009?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 503:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What is the rate of cases of methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) in Saskatoon City Hospital? (2) Royal University Hospital? (3) St. Paul's Hospital? (4) Regina General Hospital? (5) Regina Pasqua Hospital?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 504:

To the Minister of Health: How many applications for the expansion of the renal dialysis program are under consideration by: (1) regional health authorities? (2) the Ministry of Health?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 505:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many people were on the wait-list to get into long-term care facilities in 2003? (2) What was the average wait time in 2003 for each of the 13 Health Regions (Athabasca, Keewatin Yatthe, Mamawetan Churchill River, Prairie North Health Region, Prince Albert Parkland, Kelsey Trail, Heartland, Saskatoon, Sunrise, Cypress, Five Hills, Regina Qu'Appelle and Sun Country)?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 506:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many people were on the wait-list to get into long-term care facilities in 2004? (2) What was the average wait time in 2004 for each of the 13 Health Regions (Athabasca, Keewatin Yatthe, Mamawetan Churchill River, Prairie North Health Region, Prince Albert Parkland, Kelsey Trail, Heartland, Saskatoon, Sunrise, Cypress, Five Hills, Regina Qu'Appelle and Sun Country)?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 507:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many people were on the wait-list to get into long-term care facilities in 2006? (2) What was the average wait time in 2006 for each of the 13 Health Regions (Athabasca, Keewatin Yatthe, Mamawetan Churchill River, Prairie North Health Region, Prince Albert Parkland, Kelsey Trail, Heartland, Saskatoon, Sunrise, Cypress, Five Hills, Regina Qu'Appelle and Sun Country)?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 508:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many people were on the wait-list to get into long-term care facilities in 2007? (2) What was the average wait time in 2007 for each of the 13 Health Regions (Athabasca, Keewatin Yatthe, Mamawetan Churchill River, Prairie North Health Region, Prince Albert Parkland, Kelsey Trail, Heartland, Saskatoon, Sunrise, Cypress, Five Hills, Regina Qu'Appelle and Sun Country)?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 509:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many people were on the waitlist to get into long-term care facilities in 2008? (2) What was the average wait time in 2008 for each of the 13 Health Regions (Athabasca, Keewatin Yatthe, Mamawetan Churchill River, Prairie North Health Region, Prince Albert Parkland, Kelsey Trail, Heartland, Saskatoon, Sunrise, Cypress, Five Hills, Regina Qu'Appelle and Sun Country)?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 510:

To the Minister of Health: What was the value of investments held by the Saskatchewan Health Employees Pension (SHEP) as of July 1, 2009?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 511:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What money has been spent on health care facilities in 2009 to date? (2) For each expenditure please provide the name of the facility and the community it is located in?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 512:

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

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 513:

To the Minister of Health: How many Saskatchewan Health Cards were issued and in service as of December 31, 2008?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 514:

To the Minister of Health: What is the status of renal dialysis expansion consideration for: (1) Battlefords Union Hospital? (2) Broadview? (3) Meadow Lake? (4) La Ronge? (5) All Nations Healing Hospital at Fort Qu'Appelle?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 515:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) How many kilometres of Saskatchewan highways received a dust free covering other than asphalt in 2008/09? (2) 2007/08?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 516:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: For each earth-moving contract in 2008/09: (1) Who was the contract awarded to? (2) What was the dollar amount of the contract? (3) Was the contract completed in 2008/09?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 517:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) How many kilometres of highways were resurfaced with new surface covering pavement in 2008? (2) 2009 to date? (2) What was the cost?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 518:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) How many kilometres of highways were reconstructed 2008? (2) 2009 to date? (3) How many kilometers were reconstruction of road bed and how many were reconstruction of pavement top?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 519:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) How many kilometres of Saskatchewan highways received asphalt covering in 2008/09? (2) 2007/08?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 520:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: How many contracts to do work on Saskatchewan highways included earth-moving work in: (1) 2008/09? (2) 2007/08?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 521:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: How many kilometres of earth-moving work was contracted in: (1) 2008/09? (2) 2007/08?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 522:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Corporation: For each type of bus where it would be different (diesel, biofuel, gas, etc.) how many kilometres per litre does an STC bus average over a year of service?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 523:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Corporation: How many litres of fuel did STC purchase for its bus fleet in: (1) 2008? (2) 2007? (3) 2006?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 524:

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

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 525:

To the Premier: Saskatchewan recently hosted the Council of the Federation from August 5 to 7 in Regina: (1) Was security provided to anyone at this event? (2) If so, to whom was it provided? (3) Which company or companies received the contract for the security? (4) How much was each contract worth? (5) Was the contract tendered? (6) If so, where?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 526:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Corporation: What company supplies fuel to STC for use in the buses in: (1) 2008/09? (2) 2007/08? (3) 2006/07?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 527:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Corporation: How many passengers did STC carry in total in: (1) 2008? (2) 2007? (3) 2006?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 528:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Corporation: How many pieces of freight did STC carry in total in: (1) 2008? (2) 2007? (3) 2006?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 529:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Corporation: How many passengers purchased STC tickets at the Regina depot in: (1) 2008? (2) 2007? (3) 2006?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 530:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Corporation: How many passengers purchased STC tickets at the Saskatoon depot in: (1) 2008? (2) 2007? (3) 2006?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 531:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many cases were heard by the Labour Relations Board in: (1) 2006/07? (2) 2007/08? (3) 2008/09? (4) 2009/10 to date?