



No. 15

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

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: Forbes, Vermette, Broten, Morin, Iwanchuk, Taylor 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 financially assist Duck Lake residents with exorbitant water rates.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 5)

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)

GOVERNMENT MOTION

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

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.

A debate arising, the Assembly recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

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

The Assembly adjourned at 10:30 p.m. until Wednesday 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Don Toth
Speaker

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Ms. Ross to move the following motion:

That this Assembly commends the provincial healthcare officials and healthcare providers of Saskatchewan for the strategic delivery of the H1N1 vaccine.

NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

On Thursday:

No. 1 (Opposition)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 607 – The Public Safety, Security and Protection Act

(Mr. Yates)

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 14 and are to be answered by day no. 19:

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 532:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) For each quarter in the calendar years of 2008 and 2009 (including projections where actual numbers are not known) what has been the growth (including negative growth) of Saskatchewan's GDP? (2) What source are you citing for these statistics?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 533:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) How many investments in infrastructure did SaskPower make, and how much was spent in total on infrastructure by SaskPower in 2001? (2) 2002? (3) 2003? (4) 2004? (5) 2005? (6) 2006? (7) 2007?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 534:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) How many investments in infrastructure did SaskEnergy make, and how much was spent in total on infrastructure by SaskEnergy in 2001? (2) 2002? (3) 2003? (4) 2004? (5) 2005? (6) 2006? (7) 2007?

Mr. Quennell, to ask the Government the following Question No. 535:

To the Minister Responsible for the Information Technology Office: (1) How many emails were sent and received by government in 2007? (2) 2009? (3) How many of the emails were considered spam in 2007? (4) 2009?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 536:

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

Mr. Iwanchuk, to ask the Government the following Question No. 537:

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

Mr. Lingenfelter, to ask the Government the following Question No. 538:

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

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 539:

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

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 15 and are to be answered by day no. 20:

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 540:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) How many investments in infrastructure did SaskTel make, and how much was spent in total on infrastructure by SaskTel in 2001? (2) 2002? (3) 2003? (4) 2004? (5) 2005? (6) 2006? (7) 2007?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 541:

To the Government: (1) To each Minister, what are the effects of budgetary restraints in your ministry in the 2009/10 fiscal year, including, how many FTE positions are unfilled as a result of budget constraints? (2) How many hours of work have been reduced as a result of budget constraints? (3) How many early layoffs have there been as a result of budget constraints? (4) How many capital projects have been delayed as a result of budget constraints, and which ones? (5) Which programs have been cut as a result of budget constraints, and by how much? (6) Which grants have been cut as a result of budget constraints, and by how much? (7) How many retirements (that will not be replaced) have occurred?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 542:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) As a result of the new reorganization in the Ministry of Social Services as referred to in the *Children's Advocate Progress Report* released Thursday, November 12, 2009, what positions were lost in the ministry because of the reorganization? (2) What new positions were created in the ministry because of the reorganization? (3) What positions and services now exist in the Central region since the reorganization? (4) What position and services now exist in the Northern region? (5) What positions and services now exist in the Southern region? (6) What is the total cost to date for the reorganization? (7) When will the new organization plan be placed on the ministry website? (8) Are there new contact numbers and when will these be placed on the website?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 543:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) Is there an updated organizational chart based on page 27 of the 2008/09 Ministry of Social Services Annual report? (2) Please provide a copy.

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 544:

To the Minister of Social Services: Can you please describe the new reorganization of the Ministry of Social Services as referred to in the *Children's Advocate Progress Report* released Thursday, November 12, 2009?