



No. 16

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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Wednesday, November 18, 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)

#### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

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

Bill No. 117 – The Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Heritage Act

(Hon. Ms. Heppner)

Bill No. 118 – The Milk Control Repeal Act

(Hon. Mr. Bjornerud)

#### **WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 407 to 461, 463 to 467, 469 to 480, 482 to 493 and 495 to 498, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 462, 468, 481 and 494 the answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 41 to 44 pursuant to Rule 20(6).

(Sessional Paper Nos. 53 to 56)

#### **GOVERNMENT MOTION**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of 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.

The debate continuing, it was moved by Mr. Yates, in amendment thereto:

That the motion be amended by adding the following after the words "December of 2009":

“; and,

That this Assembly will support the government’s plan as follows:

That the government’s Bill No. 95 - An Act respecting the Management and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases and Adaptation to Climate Change from the previous legislative session be reintroduced; and,

That the targets that the government campaigned on in the election, from the platform document *Securing the Future: New Ideas for Saskatchewan*, that is a 32% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from current levels by 2020 and an 80% reduction from current levels by 2050 be added as legislated targets into the legislation; and,

That this legislation should be passed by December 3, 2009, giving the minister clear authority and an actual plan to present at Copenhagen.”

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

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The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Thursday 10:00 a.m.

***Hon. Don Toth***  
***Speaker***

**RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED**

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the following Professional Associations and amendments thereto, under provisions of the respective Acts:

Saskatchewan Assessment Appraisers' Association

College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 15)

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 407, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) September 15, 2009.
- (2) The Efficiency Secretariat is an amalgamation of the former P3 Secretariat and Finance's Performance Management Branch. Total funding for 2009/10 is \$1,054,000 [\$650,000 from the P3 Secretariat (administration of this funding was transferred to the Minister of Finance on September 15, 2009, for the purpose of the Efficiency Secretariat) and \$404,000 from the Performance Management Branch]; no new resources were used to create the Efficiency Secretariat.
- (3) Establish program assessment as a core management function focused on ensuring the most efficient and effective use of taxpayers' dollars. The Secretariat will support ministries in conducting assessments and lead assessments that span multiple ministries. The Secretariat will also continue to coordinate the development and implementation of enhanced planning and reporting practices across government (former Performance Management Branch responsibilities).
- (4) Seven people in total.
- (5) Office space occupied by Efficiency Secretariat staff includes 6 offices and one administrative workspace at the Ministry of Finance.
- (6) The Associate Deputy Minister of the Efficiency Secretariat reports to the Deputy Minister of Finance.
- (7) Since the establishment of the Efficiency Secretariat, it has not submitted any Cabinet Decision Items.
- (8) No formal reports to date.

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 408, 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 demand side management (dsm), conservation or electrical efficiency between November 7, 2007 and September 30, 2009?

Answer:

Approximately \$740,000 over this period.

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 409, 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 wind power and its specific transmission and distribution implications between November 7, 2007 and September 30, 2009?

Answer:

\$281,000

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 410, 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 hydro power and its specific transmission and distribution implications between November 7, 2007 and September 30, 2009?

Answer:

\$412,000

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 411, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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

Answer:

178 patients.

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 412, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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

Answer:

(1) Six.

(2) Saskatoon Health Region, five; All Nations Healing Hospital in Fort Qu'Appelle, one.

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 413, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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?

Answer:

No individuals are diagnosed with HIV in the mobile health bus.

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 414, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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

Answer:

33 individuals.

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 415, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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)?

Answer:

On November 12, 2009, 136 long-term care residents occupied beds in acute care units in the province.

Regional Health Authority	Regional Health Authority Total
Athabasca	0
Cypress	4
Five Hills	6
Heartland	0
Keewatin Yatthe	0
Kelsey Trail	3
Mamawetan Churchill River	1
Prairie North	14
Prince Albert Parkland	13
Regina Qu'Appelle	12
Saskatoon	74
Sun Country *	4
Sunrise	5
Provincial Total	136

\* For Sun Country, data is based on October 6, 2009, rather than November 12, 2009.

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 416, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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)?

Answer:

The most complete data was compiled on March 31, 2009.

Regional Health Authority	Number of People on Wait-list who are not in an Institutional Supportive Care Bed at March 31, 2009	Average Wait Time in Days (October 1, 2008, to March 31, 2009)
Athabasca	5	More than 365 days
Cypress	14	27.58
Five Hills	29	22.89
Heartland	0	0
Keewatin Yatthe	*	*
Kelsey Trail	18	20.39
Mamawetan Churchill River	28	345
Prairie North	37	84.4
Prince Albert Parkland	56	54.56
Regina Qu'Appelle	232	36.15
Saskatoon	110	46.40
Sun Country	26	13.20
Sunrise	58	18.38
Provincial Total	613	

\*No data reported by Regional Health Authority.

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 417, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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)?

Answer:

Regional Health Authority	Number of People on Wait list February or March 2005	Average Wait Time in Weeks
Athabasca	0	0
Cypress	27	10.5
Five Hills	8	2
Heartland	0	0.9
Keewatin Yatthe	3	17
Kelsey Trail	39	6
Mamawetan Churchill River	26	Up to 52 weeks
Prairie North	48	5.5
Prince Albert Parkland	30	6
Regina Qu'Appelle	86	2.5 urgent 19.5 non-urgent
Saskatoon	81	3
Sun Country	10	3
Sunrise	44	5.5
Total	402	



**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 418, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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?

Answer:

Rates for six-month period of *possible* hospital acquired MSRA:

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| (1) Saskatoon City Hospital           | 0.4/1,000 pt days                                 |
| April 1-September 30, 2009            |   |
| Saskatoon Royal University Hospital   | 0.5/1,000 pt days                                 |
| April 1-September 30, 2009            |   |
| Saskatoon St. Paul's Hospital         | 1.1/1,000 pt days                                 |
| April 1-September 30, 2009            |   |
| (2) Regina General & Pasqua Hospitals | 0.1/1,000 pt days                                 |
| January 1-August 31, 2009             |   |
| (3) Battleford Union Hospital         | 0.2/1,000 pt days                                 |
| April 1-September 30, 2009            |   |
| (4) Prince Albert Victoria Hospital   | 0.5/1,000 pt days                                 |
| October 2008-March 2009               |   |
| (5) Cypress Regional Hospital         | 0.02/1,000 pt days                                |
| April 1-September 30, 2009            |   |
| (6) Yorkton Regional Health Centre    | 2.04/1,000 pt days                                |
| April 1-September 30, 2009            | Additional data captured led to higher value      |
| (7) La Ronge Hospital                 | Not Rated due to limited acute services provided. |

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 419, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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

Answer:

Laboratory confirmed MRSA is a reportable disease in Saskatchewan. All laboratory confirmed cases of MRSA are entered into the Integrated Public Health Information System (IPHIS), which is maintained by the Ministry of Health. MRSA surveillance is performed at a local public health level and by the Saskatchewan Disease Control Laboratory.

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 420, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) As of November 12, 2009, there were 28 people on the wait-list for long-term care beds in La Ronge.
- (2) The average wait is 345 days to be admitted.

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 421, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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?

Answer:

	Apr 1/06 – Mar 31/07	Apr 1/07 – Mar 31/08	Apr 1/08 – Mar 31/09	Apr 1/09 – to date
PET scans	96	147	170	133

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 422, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) As of March 31, 2009: 138,042 individuals were covered.
- (2) The average benefit provided to the 138,042 seniors was \$1,103.

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 423, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) Three.
- (2) One.
- (3) Maidstone Integrated Health Facility, Outlook and District Health Center, Southeast Integrated Care Center and Preeceville & District Health Center.
- (4) Maidstone, Outlook, Moosomin and Preeceville.

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 424, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) 29
- (2) 14 in Regina and 15 in Saskatoon.

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 425, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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

Answer:

130 patients.

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 426, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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?

Answer:

3,631 seniors.

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 427, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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

Answer:

The salary range for midwives in Saskatchewan is \$35.43/hr to \$45.59/hr.

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 428, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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?

Answer:

(1) Saskatoon and Fort Qu'Appelle.

(2) The ministry does not set the criteria for home births. That is a function of the Saskatchewan College of Midwives (SCM).

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 429, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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?

Answer:

(1) Three.

(2) Regina, two; Saskatoon, one.

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 430, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:**

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?

Answer:

(1) No.

(2) Unknown.

(3) Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia and Manitoba.

(4) Yes.

(5) Yes.

(6) Unknown.

(7) Unknown.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 431, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

This question is not the responsibility of the Minister of Enterprise. It should be redirected to the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 432, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

This question is not the responsibility of the Minister of Enterprise. It should be redirected to the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 433, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

This question is not the responsibility of the Minister of Enterprise. It should be redirected to the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 434, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

This question is not the responsibility of the Minister of Enterprise. It should be redirected to the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 435, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

This question is not the responsibility of the Minister of Enterprise. It should be redirected to the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 436, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) January 1, 2009.
- (2) \$650,000 for 2009/10 which was subsequently transferred to the Ministry of Finance on September 15, 2009, for the purposes of the Efficiency Secretariat.
- (3) To explore the potential of P3s to maximize value for taxpayers.
- (4) September 15, 2009.
- (5) One full-time, two secondments, two short-term contracts.
- (6) Two offices and one administrative workspace.
- (7) The Associate Deputy Minister of the P3 Secretariat reported to the Deputy Minister of Government Services.
- (8) One.
- (9) One.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 437, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) November 21, 2008.
- (2) Five.
- (3) One.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 438, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

As of April 1, 2009, Enterprise Saskatchewan ceased all funding relationships with REDAs. As such, REDAs are not required to report their plans to Enterprise Saskatchewan.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 439, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

As of April 1, 2009, Enterprise Saskatchewan ceased all funding relationships with the REDAs. As such, REDAs are not required to report their plans to Enterprise Saskatchewan.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 440, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) November 17, 2008.
- (2) Four.
- (3) Two.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 441, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) November 12, 2008
- (2) Five.
- (3) Eight.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 442, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) November 3, 2008.
- (2) Six.
- (3) Zero.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 443, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) December 8, 2008.
- (2) Four.
- (3) Two.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 444, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) August 30 and 31, 2007, was the first meeting of the Circle of Economic Partners Advisory Committee.
- (2) Two.
- (3) None.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 445, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) December 5, 2008.
- (2) Five.
- (3) Zero.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 446, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) November 26, 2008.
- (2) Six.
- (3) Three.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 447, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) October 22, 2008.
- (2) Four.
- (3) One.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 448, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) November. 24, 2008.
- (2) Four.
- (3) Zero.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 449, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) November 18, 2008.
- (2) Five.
- (3) Four.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 450, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) November 13, 2008.
- (2) Five.
- (3) Two.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 451, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) December 8, 2008.
- (2) Five.
- (3) One.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 452, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) November 17, 2008.
- (2) Five.
- (3) Three.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 453, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) December 1, 2008.



- (2) Four.
- (3) Two.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 454, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) November 4, 2008.
- (2) Four.
- (3) Zero.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 455, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) November 5, 2008.
- (2) Seven.
- (3) Two.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 456, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) November 3, 2008.
- (2) Four.
- (3) Zero.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 457, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) November 19, 2008.
- (2) Five.
- (3) One.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 458, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) September 17, 2008.
- (2) Eight.
- (3) Eight.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 459, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) October 28, 2008.
- (2) Four.
- (3) One.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 460, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

The Enterprise Region program was developed to respond to needs identified by the REDA Working Group to provide a new regional structure with sufficient resources based on commuted patterns and relevant natural boundaries to deliver consistent direction to focus on building high performance regions. There was no expectation on behalf of government that the REDAs dissolve, but there was clear communication from the agency to the REDAs that the provincial funding for the REDA Program would expire on March 31, 2009.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 461, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

The Enterprise Saskatchewan (ES) Board has been tasked with making recommendations that reduce barriers to investment and business development and increase economic growth. The Board considers recommendations from the Sector Teams and Strategic Issues Councils, who have on-the-ground knowledge of ways to increase investment, and have advanced many of these recommendations to government. In their deliberation of issues, Board members may consider the merits of opinions of various organizations interested in economic growth, like the Fraser Institute, Canada West Foundation, and others. The Board will not be specifically following up or placing more weight on the Fraser Institute's recommendations than it does other authorities.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 463, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) No.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A
- (4) When the review is completed.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 464, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) Two.
- (2) The Board had a follow-up meeting with the Honourable Rob Norris, Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour (AEEL).
- (3) The Board will be kept apprised of the progress on graduate retention, and will determine if a further recommendation is necessary.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 465, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) No. The Honourable Brad Wall, Premier of Saskatchewan, has responded to the ES Board by saying that the provincial government is not pursuing sales tax harmonization as per his commitment during the 2007 election campaign.
- (2) No. Provincial government officials have been instructed that the province will not be pursuing sales tax harmonization.
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 466, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) No. This government is committed to the public ownership of the Crowns.
- (2) The provincial government is not pursuing sales tax harmonization.
- (3) There is no intention on following up on the Fraser Institute's recommendations or further changes to the Trade Union Act. A Minimum Wage Board has been established to review the minimum wage as required by *The Labour Standards Act*. The public was invited to submit their opinions about the minimum wage by October 30, 2009. The Board will be reviewing comments and making a recommendation to government.
- (4) The provincial government is not pursuing the signing of the Trade, Investment, and Labour Mobility Agreement.

**Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 467, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

Questions (1) and (2):

**Advisory Council Meeting Dates and Costs:**

**Regulatory Modernization Council**

17 September 08	\$2,266.18
16 October 08(conference call)	\$165.00
26 November 08 (conference call)	\$220.00
30 January 09	\$1,381.64
06 March 09 (conference call)	\$110.00
22 May 09	\$1,652.31
25 June 09	\$151.20
23 October 09	\$116.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,063.04</b>

**Youth Economic Engagement Council**

27 April 09	\$2,821.23
15 July 09	\$2,165.99
16 September 09	\$1,563.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,550.51</b>

**Entrepreneurship Council**

26 November 08	\$1,054.15
28 January 09	\$602.93
06 February 09	\$1,030.85
20 March 09	\$426.47
19 June 09	\$319.36
June 19 <sup>th</sup> Consulting – Jill Sauter	\$990.00
21 August 09	\$312.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,735.96</b>

(3) Only one facilitator was hired – for the Entrepreneurship Council Meeting.

(4) Jill Sauter.

(5) \$990.

(6) June 19, 2009.

**Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 469, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:**

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?

Answer:

11

**Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 470, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:**

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?

Answer:

The ministry does not collect ethnocultural information on this subject.

**Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 471, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:**

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?

Answer:

418

**Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 472, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:**

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?

Answer:

85

**Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 473, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:**

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?

Answer:  
211

**Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 474, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:**

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?

Answer:  
186

**Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 475, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:**

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?

Answer:  
16

**Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 476, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:**

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?

Answer:  
541

**Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 477, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:**

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?

Answer:  
72

**Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 478, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:**

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?

Answer:  
69

**Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 479, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:**

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?

Answer:

The Labour Market Development Agreement (LMDA) provides for employment, training and career development to Employment Insurance (EI) eligible clients. Rather than establish a separate set of programs and services for EI eligible clients only, the province amalgamated opportunities for EI clients into its array of employment, training and career development programs. EI clients access programs and services throughout the year and at year end reconciliation is completed for the LMDA. A complete list of organizations funded under the LMDA would therefore be available in May 2010.

**Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 480, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:**

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?

Answer:

The Labour Market Development Agreement (LMDA) was amended in May 2009 to provide additional "time limited" funding to the existing agreement. This funding allocation is part of the federal government's budget 2009 announcement of measures to address the economic downturn through targeted two-year funding.

**Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 482, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:**

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

Answer:

112

**Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 483, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:**

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?

Answer:

Still being negotiated.

**Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 484, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:**

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?

Answer:

2,402

**Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 485, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:**

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?

Answer:

None within AEEL.

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 486, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:**

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?

Answer:

49 days.

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 487, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:**

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

Answer:

233

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 488, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:**

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

Answer:

105 open complaint files.

**Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 489, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:**

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?

Answer:

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

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 490, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:**

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?

Answer:

The timelines run from when a complaint is made to the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission (SHRC) to the date the matter is settled, dismissed by SHRC or referred by SHRC to the Human Rights Tribunal for a hearing.



- 2001/02 14.11 months
- 2002/03 12.93 months
- 2003/04 16.62 months
- 2004/05 20.92 months
- 2005/06 20.15 months
- 2006/07 19.13 months
- 2007/08 15.01 months
- 2008/09 18.46 months
- 2009/10 YTD 14.15 months

**Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 491, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:**

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)?

Answer:

(1)

2007		2008		2009	
January	95	January	76	January	60
February	81	February	107	February	158
March	76	March	74	March	80
April	67	April	54	April	84
May	71	May	60	May	53
June	52	June	63	June	102
July	2,022	July	2,015	July	3,212
August	51	August	39	August	63
September	49	September	44	September	81
October	68	October	61	October	88
November	57	November	75		
December	46	December	58		

(2) Recipients of the Seniors Income Plan may lose benefits or receive different benefit levels for one of the following reasons:

- recipient has not completed their income tax return;
- deceased;
- monthly audit by Service Canada has identified that income has increased beyond threshold levels;
- moved out of province;
- Guaranteed Income Supplement application suspended; and/or
- marital status has changed.

(3) Yes.

**Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 492, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:**

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?

Answer:

(1)

January 2007	99
February 2007	107
March 2007	91
April 2007	86
May 2007	96
June 2007	98
July 2007	973
August 2007	114
September 2007	92
October 2007	90
November 2007	103
December 2007	67

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January 2008	87
February 2008	95
March 2008	77
April 2008	96
May 2008	85
June 2008	95
July 2008	789
August 2008	74
September 2008	97
October 2008	100
November 2008	96
December 2008	66

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January 2009	8,920
February 2009	171
March 2009	113
April 2009	111
May 2009	109
June 2009	146
July 2009	1,214
August 2009	122
September 2009	156
October 2009	148

**Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 493, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:**

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)?

Answer:

The Ministry of Social Services provides written notification to Seniors Income Plan recipients whose benefits have been cancelled or their benefit amount has been changed when the reason is due to a change in income, late filing of income tax return, or a move out of province.

**Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 495, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Social Services received one letter.
- (2) The Ministry of Social Services received one letter and one email.

**Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 496, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:**

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?

Answer:

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

**Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 497, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) One.
- (2) None.
- (3) Saskatchewan Housing Corporation purchased units from Battle Valley Enterprises Inc. for rental through the Battleford Housing Authority.
- (4) \$1.44 million.
- (5) 8 units (2 four-plexes).

**Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 498, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) None.
- (2) One.
- (3) Edwards Society Inc.
- (4) \$10,000.
- (5) Feasibility study on the construction of a 20 unit affordable supportive/transitional independent housing facility for individuals with mental health problems.

## **NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

**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?