



No. 18

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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Monday, November 23, 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: Harper, Higgins, Forbes, Vermette, Broten, Morin, Iwanchuk and Taylor.

**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 expand affordable housing options for Saskatchewan's senior citizens.

(Sessional Paper No. 58)

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)

### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 500 the answer was tabled and, by reason of length, converted by the Clerk to Return No. 46 pursuant to Rule 20(6).

(Sessional Paper No. 61)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 501 to 531, they were answered. (See Appendix)

### SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE

#### **Bill No. 112 – The Justices of the Peace Amendment Act, 2009** **Projet de loi n° 112 – Loi de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1988 sur les juges de paix**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 112 – The Justices of the Peace Amendment Act, 2009 – be now read a second time.

L'hon. Mr. Morgan propose: Que le projet de loi n° 112 – Loi de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1988 sur les juges de paix – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Ms. Higgins, adjourned.

Il s'élève un débat et sur motion de Mme Higgins, le débat est ajourné.

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

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 113 – The Justices of the Peace Consequential Amendments Act, 2009 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Ms. Higgins, adjourned.

**Bill No. 114 – The Small Claims Amendment Act, 2009**  
**Projet de loi n° 114 – Loi de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur les petites créances**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 114 – The Small Claims Amendment Act, 2009 – be now read a second time.

L'hon. Mr. Morgan propose: Que le projet de loi n° 114 – Loi de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur les petites créances – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Ms. Higgins, adjourned.

Il s'élève un débat et sur motion de Mme Higgins, le débat est ajourné.

**Bill No. 115 – The Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2)**  
**Projet de loi n° 115 – Loi n° 2 de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 115 – The Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

L'hon. Mr. Morgan propose: Que le projet de loi n° 115 – Loi n° 2 de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Ms. Higgins, adjourned.

Il s'élève un débat et sur motion de Mme Higgins, le débat est ajourné.

**ADJOURNED DEBATES**

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Draude: That Bill No. 116 – The Traffic Safety (Drivers' Licences and Hand-held Electronic Communications Equipment) Amendment Act, 2009 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Harper, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:59 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

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

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 501, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:**

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?

Answer:

(1) 23

(2)

Liz Quarshie	Deputy Minister
Donna Johnson	Acting Assistant Deputy Minister
Lin Gallagher	Assistant Deputy Minister
Mark Wittrup	Assistant Deputy Minister
Heidi Klein	Environmental Assessment Commissioner
Kevin McCullum	Chief Engineer
Gary Bustin	Acting Director
Kristen Fry	Acting Director
Todd Olexson	Acting Director
Malcolm Ross	Acting Director
Ray Arscott	Director
Rick Ashton	Director
Kim Clark	Director
Kim Connors	Director
Ron Erickson	Director
Stuart Golly	Director
Kim Graybiel	Director
Tom Harrison	Director
David Harvey	Director
Greg Leake	Director
Jennifer McKillop	Director
Kevin Murphy	Director
Denis Renaud	Director

(3) No.

(4) N/A

(5) No.

(6) N/A

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 502, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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

Answer:

At December 31, 2008, SHEPP's assets were valued at \$2.5 billion.

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 503, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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?

Answer:

As per Written Question No. answer 418.

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 504, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) 4
- (2) 2

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 505, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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)?

Answer:

- (1) Wait time data is unavailable for 2003.
- (2) Same as above.

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 506, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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)?

Answer:

RHA	Number of People on Wait List October or November, 2004	Average Wait Time in Weeks
Athabasca	0	0
Cypress	12	15
Five Hills	5	< 2
Heartland	0	0.9
Keewatin Yatthe	2	*
Kelsey Trail	42	12.5
Mamawetan Churchill River	26	up to 52
Prairie North	68	3.5
Prince Albert Parkland	35	7.5
Regina Qu'Appelle	91	2.5 urgent / 19.5 non-urgent
Saskatoon	72	4.5
Sun Country	5	< 3
Sunrise	27	3
Provincial Total	385	

*\*No data reported by Regional Health Authority*

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 507, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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)?

Answer:

RHA	Number of People on Wait List in September, 2006	Average Wait Time in Weeks
Athabasca	1	*
Cypress	32	4.2
Five Hills	15	*
Heartland	0	0
Keewatin Yatthe	7	17.4
Kelsey Trail	55	16
Mamawetan Churchill River	31	*
Prairie North	74	12.6
Prince Albert Parkland	39	6.6
Regina Qu'Appelle	105	7.4
Saskatoon	113	9.2
Sun Country	40	*
Sunrise	46	3.8
Provincial Total	558	

*\*No data reported by Regional Health Authority*

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 508, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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)?

Answer:

RHA	Number of People on Wait List at September 10, 2007	Average Wait Time in Days (March 01, 2007 to August 31, 2007)
Athabasca	*	*
Cypress	*	*
Five Hills	30	26.24
Heartland	0	0.00
Keewatin Yatthe	*	*
Kelsey Trail	22	46.00
Mamawetan Churchill River	25	272.33
Prairie North	30	68.96
Prince Albert Parkland	31	25.50
Regina Qu'Appelle	121	28.66
Saskatoon	111	30.07
Sun Country	*	*
Sunrise	49	30.25
Provincial Total	419	

*\*No data reported by Regional Health Authority*

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 509, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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)?

Answer:

RHA	Number of People on Wait List at September 08, 2008	Average Wait Time in Days (April 01, 2008 to September 30, 2008)
Athabasca	*	*
Cypress	12	11.46
Five Hills	20	11.73
Heartland	0	0
Keewatin Yatthe	*	*
Kelsey Trail	18	23.14
Mamawetan Churchill River	25	132.50
Prairie North	50	41.50
Prince Albert Parkland	42	31.23
Regina Qu'Appelle	194	29.85
Saskatoon	147	39.87
Sun Country	1	43.84
Sunrise	30	24.40
Provincial Total	539	

*\*No data reported by Regional Health Authority*

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 510, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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

Answer:

At June 30, 2009, SHEPP's assets were valued at \$2.618 billion.

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 511, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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?

Answer:

(1) \$43,469,313

(2) **Projects under construction:**

Cypress Regional Hospital	400,000
Humboldt Hospital	10,001,171
Norsask Laundry	2,500,000
Outlook and District Health Center	176,326
Pasqua Hospital – Regina	3,200,000
Preeceville and District Health Center	589,033
Prince Albert Victoria Hospital	300,000
RAWLCO Maternal & Newborn Care Center	10,258,779
Saskatoon Mental Health	5,167,623
Saskatoon Oliver Lodge	2,403,808

Saskatoon Pediatric	775,000
Southeast Integrated Care – Moosomin	385,286
<b>Infrastructure Improvements:</b>	
Assiniboia Union Hospital Integrated Facility	62,362
Bengough Health Center	24,975
Big River Health Center	1,800
Biggar Diamond Lodge	6,340
Biggar Hospital	55,409
Central Butte Regency Hospital	10,654
Central Parkland Lodge – Lanigan	168,259
Coronach Health Center	39,352
Craik Health Center	500
Davidson Health Center	25,389
Dinsmore Health Center	59,569
Elrose Health Center	80,825
Estevan Regional Nursing Home	36,972
Eston Health Center	140,364
Foyer St. Joseph – Ponteix	13,633
Galloway Health Center – Oxbow	38,933
Golden Prairie Home – Indian Head	33,167
Grasslands Health Center – Rockglen	77,110
Hafford Special Care Home	21,577
Kamsack Nursing Home	22,966
Kelvington Hospital	59,976
Kindersley Health Center	21,830
Kindersley Heritage Manor	86,878
Kinistino Jubilee Lodge	735,690
Kyle Health Center	10,670
La Ronge Health Center	38,538
Lakeview Pioneer Lodge – Wakaw	52,485
Lanigan Hospital	219,955
Leader Community Service Bldg	32,348
Maple Creek Hospital	151,057
Mont St Joseph's Home – Prince Albert	100,000
Moose Jaw Union Hospital	220,435
Moose Mountain Lodge – Carlyle	21,000
Nipawin Hospital	24,826
Pasqua Hospital – Regina	2,495,836
Pinehouse Health Center	52,456
Pioneer Lodge/Village – Moose Jaw	162,215
Pioneer Village – Regina	205,000
Preeceville Hospital	182,373
Public Health Yorkton	953
Red Deer Nursing Home – Porcupine Plain	4,587
Regina General Hospital	182,631
Regina Lutheran Home	310,827
Rosetown Hospital	6,970
Rosetown Wheatbelt Lodge	3,640
Ross Payant Nursing Home – Assiniboia	138,334
Royal University Hospital – Saskatoon	187,722
Sandy Bay Health Center	30,799
Saskatoon City Hospital	19,740



Spiritwood Health Complex	221,639
St. Paul's Hospital – Saskatoon	39,300
Swift Current Care Centre	28,154
Vic Psychiatric Villas – Prince Albert	136,866
Victoria Hospital – Prince Albert	33,154
Warman Special Care Home	32,503
Wawota Deerview Lodge	102,198
Weyburn Community Health Center	3,293
Willowdale Lodge – Kipling	18,360
Yorkton Regional Health Center	106,030

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 512, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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

Answer:

\$575,000

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 513, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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

Answer:

1,044,776

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 514, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) The Prairie North Health Region is monitoring the need to expand the unit in North Battleford as it plans to reconfigure the services within the Battlefords hospital.
- (2) A hemodialysis satellite is not being planned for Broadview. Consideration of new dialysis satellites will be made considering home hemodialysis utilization and the potential for using it or a similar service at specific sites.
- (3) The Prairie North Health Region is monitoring the potential of service in Meadow Lake. Home hemodialysis utilization will be examined along with the potential for using it or a similar service at specific sites.
- (4) A hemodialysis satellite is not being planned for La Ronge. Consideration of new dialysis satellites will be made considering home hemodialysis utilization and the potential for using it or a similar service at specific sites.
- (5) A hemodialysis satellite is not currently being planned for the All Nations Healing Hospital. Consideration of new dialysis satellites will be made considering home hemodialysis utilization and the potential for using it or a similar service at specific sites.

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 515, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) N/A - All dust free coverings include asphalt.
- (2) Same as above.

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 516, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) Cee Gee Southern Inc.
- (2) \$4,731,250
- (3) No.

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 517, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) 2008 - 396 km.
- (2) 2009 - 340 km to date.
- (3) 2008 - \$ 73.5 M  
2009 - \$ 89.5 M

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 518, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) 163 km.
- (2) 80 km.
- (3) 53 km of roadbed in 2008 and 2009.  
190 km of pavement top in 2008 and 2009.

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 519, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

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

Answer:

- (1) 1624 km.
- (2) 1247 km.

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 520, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) 8 contracts.
- (2) 3 contracts.

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 521, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

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

Answer:

- (1) 100 km.
- (2) 59 km.

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 522, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

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?

Answer:

Fuel mix is identical in all coaches; any difference in mileage is due to size of the coach. Large coaches (47/55 passenger) average 2.94km/l (8.31mpg). Smaller coaches (20/22 passenger) average 3.38 km/l (9.56 mpg).

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 523, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) 1,771,882
- (2) 1,717,401
- (3) 1,744,196

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 524, which was answered by the Premier:**

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

Answer:

- (1) Legislative Secretaries do not have staff assigned to them.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 525, which was answered by the Premier:**

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?

Answer:

The Summer meeting of the Council of the Federation is supported by a Secretariat funded by all provincial and territorial governments. Security services for the Summer meeting of the Council of the Federation were paid for by the Secretariat.

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 526, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) Federated Co-Operatives Limited.
- (2) Same as above.
- (3) Same as above.

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 527, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

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

Answer:

- (1) 270,002
- (2) 272,826
- (3) 277,015

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 528, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) 1,195,000
- (2) 1,180,000
- (3) 1,210,000

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 529, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) 36,144
- (2) 35,446
- (3) 36,536

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 530, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) 50,799
- (2) 51,706
- (3) 52,309

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 531, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) 200
- (2) 193
- (3) 301
- (4) 78

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**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?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 18 and are to be answered by day no. 23:**

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 545:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many recipients of the Saskatchewan Seniors Income Plan had their benefits partially reduced in each month in 2007? (3) 2008? (4) Up to October, 2009?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 546:

To the Minister of Social Services: Did recipients of the Saskatchewan Seniors Income Plan (SIP), who had their benefits partially reduced, receive written notice of their partially reduced benefit levels in 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 547:

To the Minister of Social Services: The Federal Budget 2009 is investing \$400 million over two years for the construction of social housing units for low-income seniors. (1) How much money did, or will, Saskatchewan receive under this initiative? (2) How is it being allocated? (3) What specific projects are being supported by this initiative? (4) When will the projects start? (5) When will they be completed? (6) How many units are involved in each project?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 548:

To the Minister of Social Services: The Federal Budget 2009 provided a one-time federal investment of \$1 billion over two years for renovations and energy retrofits for up to 200,000 social housing units on a 50/50 cost-shared basis with provinces. (1) How much money did, or will, Saskatchewan receive under this initiative? (2) How is it being allocated? (3) What specific projects are being supported by this initiative? (4) When will the projects start? (5) When will they be completed? (6) How many units are involved in each project?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 549:

To the Minister of Social Services: What is the dollar amount of support individuals could receive for each of the following programs on January 1, 1990: (1) Saskatchewan Assistance Program? (2) Child Care Subsidy? (3) Discount Bus Program? (4) Saskatchewan Rental Supplement Program? (5) Transitional Employment Allowance? (6) Saskatchewan Employment Supplement?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 550:

To the Minister of Social Services: The Federal Budget 2009 is investing \$75 million over two years for the construction of social housing for person with disabilities. (1) How much money did (or will) Saskatchewan receive under this initiative? (2) How is it being allocated? (3) Which specific projects are supported by this initiative? (4) When will the projects start? (5) When will they be completed? (6) How many units are involved in each project?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 551:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What is the date of each increase for the Saskatchewan Assistance Program since 1990? (2) What was the amount of each increase?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 552:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What is the date of each increase for the Child Care Subsidy since 1990? (2) What was the amount of each increase?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 553:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What is the date of each increase for the Discount Bus Program since 1990? (2) What was the amount of each increase?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 554:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What is the date of each increase for the Saskatchewan Rental Supplement Program since 1990? (2) What was the amount of each increase?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 555:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What is the date of each increase for the Transitional Employment Allowance since 1990? (2) What was the amount of each increase?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 556:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What is the date of each increase for the Saskatchewan Employment Supplement since 1990? (2) What was the amount of each increase?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 557:

To Minister Responsible for Crown Investments Corporation: (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 partners committed to this fund as of October 31, 2009? (4) On what dates and in what amounts were monies from the partners deposited with the fund?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 558:

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

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 559:

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

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 560:

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

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 561:

To Minister Responsible for Crown Investments Corporation: (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 on 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?