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# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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Wednesday, April 14, 2010

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, Trew, Higgins, Junor, Atkinson, Forbes, Vermette, Broten, Furber, Morin, Yates, Quennell, Iwanchuk, Wotherspoon and Chartier.

### 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 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 commit to providing repairs to Highway 310.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 44)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to implement the Saskatchewan Scholarship Fund.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 103)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to implement a long-term tuition management strategy.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 104)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to negotiate a fair and just collective agreement with health care providers (CUPE).

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 107)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to direct marriage commissioners to uphold the law and the equality rights of all Saskatchewan couples.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 110)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reinstate the Domestic Abuse Outreach program as a provincial government service.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 119)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide funding for educational assistants for special needs students.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 241)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to make changes to the Film Employment Tax Credit and to reverse its decision to shut down Saskatchewan Communications Network (SCN).

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 243)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to improve fiscal management.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 244)

**STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER**  
(Unparliamentary Language)

Yesterday the Government House Leader (Mr. D'Autremont) raised a point of order regarding questions raised by the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Yates) during Question Period. The Government House Leader contends that the questions impugned the motives of government members by accusing them of fixing the 2007 election. In response to the point of order, the Opposition House Leader said the point of order was based on quotes he made from a legal judgment.

Upon review of the questions asked by the Opposition House Leader there were three questions on page 4763 of *Hansard* where he asks if certain members conspired to fix the outcome of the 2007 general election. This part of the question was not part of the material quoted by the member. Even though the question was direct, and not couched in a quote, I want to remind members of a principle. One cannot do indirectly what cannot be done directly.

Speaker Hagel made this point on March 31, 1999, when stated, and I quote, “although he’s quoting directly, that still does not permit members to engage in the use of unparliamentary words when engaging in debate”.

In this case, the accusation was made directly. A similar accusation was ruled out of order on March 26, 2001, when a group of members was associated with the contravention of election laws. In this ruling Speaker Kowalsky stated, and I quote, “I remind members that the proceedings of this Assembly are based on a long-standing tradition of respect for the integrity of all members. The integrity or motives of members, whether individually or collectively, should not be questioned indirectly in debate”. This was also expressed in Speaker Osika’s ruling made May 12, 2000, when a series of statements made in debate attempted to connect members of the Opposition with criminal convictions. These comments were also ruled out of order.

It is well substantiated by the parliamentary authorities and our own rules and practices that such accusations are well beyond the bounds permitted by parliamentary debate. I have found it necessary to rule on this a number of times in the last number of months. Using the device of a question to ask a member if he or she participated in an impropriety is doing indirectly what one cannot do directly. Asking a member to admit that he conspired to fix an election is the equivalent of an accusation of wrong-doing. There is little difference between this and the incidents earlier this session when questions and comments left the impression that certain members are under investigation. I repeat the words of Speaker Kowalsky: “The integrity or motives of members, whether individually or collectively, should not be questioned indirectly in debate”.

I find that the comments made by the Opposition House Leader are out of order. I call on him to withdraw the remarks and apologize to the Assembly.

Thereupon Mr. Yates withdrew his remarks and apologized.

#### **STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER** (Propriety of Questions)

I will now deal with the second point of order raised yesterday. The Opposition House Leader raised a point of order that touched on the role of the chair in dealing with his line of questions related to party political funds, which he contends were relevant to responsibilities of the Premier and Attorney General. In response to the point of order, the Government Deputy House Leader contended that it is inappropriate for the Minister of Justice to comment on matters that are before the courts.

I committed to review the whole matter to ensure that the rules are being appropriately and fairly applied.

During the Spring of 2007, Speaker Kowalsky found it necessary to repeatedly caution members about the impropriety of a line of questioning about a caucus matter. That led to a point of order, which was ruled on April 26, 2007. With respect to the propriety of the line of questioning, Speaker Kowalsky made these two points:

“Questions must be posed in a manner that clearly connects the issue to the responsibility of a Minister or the government as a whole”, and;

“when a question is put that is not directly connected to a government responsibility, the Speaker shall rule the question out of order but provide the government with the option to respond”.

Speaker Kowalsky also reiterated the Assembly’s practice to allow questions related to political parties when they are posed in terms of statutes or the administration of law.

I want to point out that our present rule 19(2) came into existence partly in response to the subject of the ruling I have just quoted. Even though the rule specifically prohibits such questions it has been my practice to follow the guidelines established by my predecessor. Specifically in regard to the line of questioning by the Member for Regina Dewdney, I have reviewed the verbatim record.

The first question asked did not relate to a ministerial responsibility and it was difficult to see a clear connection in the questions that followed. It was only through the Opposition House Leader’s point of order that he sought to clarify the connection by stating that the trust money falls within the purview and responsibility of the Minister of Justice. In the questions asked yesterday, a certain level of nuance was applied which was not discernable to the Speaker. I repeat what Speaker Kowalsky stated: questions must be posed in a manner that clearly connects the issue to the responsibility of the Minister.

Further compounding the issue is the fact it is not always possible for the Speaker to have a complete knowledge of what falls under the purview of a Minister. I provided the Minister an opportunity to respond. In the future, if a matter questioned is not part of that responsibility, it would be appreciated if the Minister could say so. Until recent events, I can find no other examples of a Minister simply not responding to a question. Rule 19(3) anticipates a Minister will provide a response even if it is to decline or take notice. Henceforth, in similar circumstances, for the record, I request that Ministers orally decline the question. The Minister may decline with or without reason. In the meantime, I will continue to intervene to provide caution when it is deemed necessary, and provide Ministers an opportunity to voluntarily answer in accordance with the guidelines established by Speaker Kowalsky.

On this last point I want to relate a relevant precedent on the topic of interventions by the Speaker. On March 23, 1994, the Opposition House Leader of the day complained in a point of order that the Speaker was precipitously intervening in Question Period about a line of questions. In making the point of order the Opposition House Leader stated that it is not up to the Speaker to decide if a question should be answered but, and I quote, “the responsibility of the Minister to make a decision to answer or not to answer.” Speaker Rolfes ruled that his interventions were to warn the member to an irregular proceeding, as he is bound to do as outlined by paragraph 323 of Beauchesne’s 6<sup>th</sup> Edition. This ruling further enforces the responsibility of the Speaker to intervene when it is deemed necessary.

I now want to address the comments made by the Deputy Government House Leader in response to the point of order. The member is correct in his assumption that matters before the courts should not be discussed or debated by members. In my review of precedents on *sub judice* I find numerous rulings over the years that have defined Saskatchewan practice as follows: “[sub judice] is not a rule in the sense of being a standing order but is rather a long standing practice or convention that has been applied fairly strictly in this Assembly to motions, questions and returns.” It is applied more rigidly here than in other jurisdictions.

Given the Deputy Government House Leader's assertion that the matter is before the courts, I inquired with the Registrars of both the Court of Queen's Bench and the Court of Appeal. The Registrar of the Court of Appeal indicated that the matter is scheduled to be heard by the Court of Appeal on Thursday April 15 in Saskatoon.

For the benefit of members I want to take a few moments to explain the principle of sub judice. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, in hearing the *New Brunswick Broadcasting Company versus Nova Scotia* (Speaker of the House of Assembly) case in 1993, stated the following:

"Our democratic government consists of several branches: the Crown, as represented by the Governor General; the legislative body; the executive; and the courts. It is fundamental to the working of government as a whole that all these parts play their proper role. It is equally fundamental that no one of them overstep its bounds, that each show proper deference for the legitimate sphere of activity of the other."

This passage appears on page 319 of Maingot's *Parliamentary Privilege in Canada*, Second Edition. Maingot further states: "The legislative bodies in turn exercise deference by their rules of sub judice, no matter awaiting or under adjudication by a court of law should be brought before it."

On April 18, 1978, Speaker Brockelbank made the following ruling dealing with a point of order that asserted that certain oral questions were sub judice, and I quote, "The sub judice rule is based on two principles. The first is that the Legislative Assembly should take no action which might prejudice the rights of citizens before the courts. The second principle is that the Assembly should not set itself up as a second or alternate forum for debate of matters already before another judicial body. . . ." On March 23, 1994, after checking with the court registrar as to the status of a matter before the courts, Speaker Rolfes ruled, and I quote, "It has long been the practice of this Assembly that matters before the courts are not to be discussed or debated by members. The purpose of this convention is to protect the parties involved in the court action and to maintain respect between the legislative and judicial branches of government."

As I have stated, this Assembly has taken a strict interpretation of the application of sub judice. Because the matter is before the courts, I rule any questions related to this matter are out of order.

Before closing, I want to comment on the timing of the point of order, which is the subject of this ruling. It was made in the midst of an unrelated proceeding. In the future I ask that points of order unrelated to the matter under debate be held until the question before the Assembly either concluded or adjourned.

I thank members for their cooperation.

### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 1350 to 1437, pursuant to Rule 20(5), the questions were converted and Orders for Returns were issued:

Mr. Harper, for Return No. 576 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company: The total number of staff employed within STC's communications branch of December 31, 2007.

Mr. Harper, for Return No. 577 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company: The total number of staff employed within STC's communications branch as of December 31, 2008.

Mr. Harper, for Return No. 578 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company: The total number of staff employed within STC's communications branch as of December 31, 2009.

Mr. Harper, for Return No. 579 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company: The total number of staff employed within STC's communications branch as of March 23, 2010.

Mr. Harper, for Return No. 580 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company: (1) If the STC intends to reduce the number of staff in the communications branch in 2010/11. (2) If so, the number of positions that will be eliminated.

Mr. Iwanchuk, for Return No. 581 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for the Worker's Compensation Board: The total number of staff employed within WCB's communications branch as of December 31, 2007.

Mr. Iwanchuk, for Return No. 582 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for the Worker's Compensation Board: The total number of staff employed within WCB's communications branch as of December 31, 2008.

Mr. Iwanchuk, for Return No. 583 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for the Worker's Compensation Board: The total number of staff employed within WCB's communications branch as of December 31, 2009.

Mr. Iwanchuk, for Return No. 584 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for the Worker's Compensation Board: The total number of staff employed within WCB's communications branch as of March 23, 2010.

Mr. Iwanchuk, for Return No. 585 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for the Worker's Compensation Board: (1) If the WCB intends to reduce the number of staff in the communications branch in 2010/11. (2) If so, the number of positions that will be eliminated.

Mr. Wotherspoon, for Return No. 586 showing:

To the Minister of Finance: With regard to the 2008/09 budget, the total amount of money spent advertising and promoting the budget.

Mr. Wotherspoon, for Return No. 587 showing:

To the Minister of Finance: With regard to the 2008/09 budget, the amount of money that was spent advertising and promoting the budget on television.

Mr. Wotherspoon, for Return No. 588 showing:

To the Minister of Finance: With regard to the 2008/09 budget, the amount of money that was spent advertising and promoting the budget on radio.

Mr. Wotherspoon, for Return No. 589 showing:

To the Minister of Finance: With regard to the 2008/09 budget, the amount of money that was spent advertising and promoting the budget on the Internet.

Mr. Wotherspoon, for Return No. 590 showing:

To the Minister of Finance: With regard to the 2008/09 budget, the amount of money that was spent advertising and promoting the budget in newspapers and print media.

Mr. Wotherspoon, for Return No. 591 showing:

To the Minister of Finance: With regard to the 2009/10 budget, the total amount of money spent advertising and promoting the budget.

Mr. Wotherspoon, for Return No. 592 showing:

To the Minister of Finance: With regard to the 2009/10 budget, the amount of money that was spent advertising and promoting the budget on television.

Mr. Wotherspoon, for Return No. 593 showing:

To the Minister of Finance: With regard to the 2009/10 budget, the amount of money that was spent advertising and promoting the budget on radio.

Mr. Wotherspoon, for Return No. 594 showing:

To the Minister of Finance: With regard to the 2009/10 budget, the amount of money that was spent advertising and promoting the budget on the Internet.

Mr. Wotherspoon, for Return No. 595 showing:

To the Minister of Finance: With regard to the 2009/10 budget, the amount of money that was spent advertising and promoting the budget in newspapers and print media.

Mr. Wotherspoon, for Return No. 596 showing:

To the Minister of Finance: With regard to the 2010/11 budget, the total amount of money allocated for advertising and promoting the budget.

Mr. Wotherspoon, for Return No. 597 showing:

To the Minister of Finance: With regard to the 2010/11 budget, the amount of money that is allocated to be spent advertising and promoting the budget on television.

Mr. Wotherspoon, for Return No. 598 showing:

To the Minister of Finance: With regard to the 2010/11 budget, the amount of money that is allocated to be spent advertising and promoting the budget on radio.

Mr. Wotherspoon, for Return No. 599 showing:

To the Minister of Finance: With regard to the 2010/11 budget, the amount of money that is allocated to be spent advertising and promoting the budget on the Internet.

Mr. Wotherspoon, for Return No. 600 showing:

To the Minister of Finance: With regard to the 2010/11 budget, the amount of money that is allocated to be spent advertising and promoting the budget in newspapers and print media.

Mr. Yates, for Return No. 601 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: The total number of staff employed within Saskatchewan Telecommunications' communications branch as of December 31, 2007.

Mr. Yates, for Return No. 602 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: The total number of staff employed within Saskatchewan Telecommunications' communications branch as of December 31, 2008.

Mr. Yates, for Return No. 603 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: The total number of staff employed within Saskatchewan Telecommunications' communications branch as of December 31, 2009.

Mr. Yates, for Return No. 604 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: The total number of staff employed within Saskatchewan Telecommunications' communications branch as of March 23, 2010.

Mr. Yates, for Return No. 605 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) If Saskatchewan Telecommunications intends to reduce the number of staff in the communications branch in 2010/11. (2) If so, the number of positions that will be eliminated.

Mr. Yates, for Return No. 606 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: The total number of staff employed within the Information Services Corporation's communications branch as of December 31, 2007.

Mr. Yates, for Return No. 607 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: The total number of staff employed within the Information Services Corporation's communications branch as of December 31, 2008.

Mr. Yates, for Return No. 608 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: The total number of staff employed within the Information Services Corporation's communications branch as of December 31, 2009.

Mr. Yates, for Return No. 609 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: The total number of staff employed within the Information Services Corporation's communications branch as of March 23, 2010.

Mr. Yates, for Return No. 610 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: (1) If Information Services Corporation intends to reduce the number of staff in the communications branch in 2010/11. (2) If so, the number of positions that will be eliminated.

Mr. Trew, for Return No. 611 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: The total number of staff employed within SGI's communications branch as of December 31, 2007.



Mr. Trew, for Return No. 612 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: The total number of staff employed within SGI's communications branch as of December 31, 2008.

Mr. Trew, for Return No. 613 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: The total number of staff employed within SGI's communications branch as of December 31, 2009.

Mr. Trew, for Return No. 614 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: The total number of staff employed within SGI's communications branch as of March 23, 2010.

Mr. Trew, for Return No. 615 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) If SGI intends to reduce the number of staff in the communications branch in 2010/11. (2) If so, the number of positions that will be eliminated.

Mr. Broten, for Return No. 616 showing:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: The number of co-op or applied learning opportunities that were provided to students through post-secondary institutions in 2007.

Mr. Broten, for Return No. 617 showing:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: The number of co-op or applied learning opportunities that were provided to students through post-secondary institutions in 2008.

Mr. Forbes, for Return No. 618 showing:

To the Minister of Social Services: On March 11, 2010, the Minister of Social Services issued a press release containing the following statement: *In addition, the province is working with groups to commit more than 200 affordable rental units for approximately \$27 million.* (1) With regard to these "200 affordable rental units", the name of the housing project. (2) The name of the partners involved. (3) The number of rental units in each project. (4) In which community is the project located. (5) The expected date of completion. (6) Which budget year were funds for the project committed. (7) The total cost of the project. (8) The percentage of the total cost that was provided by the province. (9) The category that the project fits into (social, seniors, affordable, student, other). (10) The date when the project was first announced.

Mr. Forbes, for Return No. 619 showing:

To the Minister of Social Services: On March 11, 2010, the Minister of Social Services issued a press release with the following statement: *Currently, commitments have been made for an additional \$101 million, translating into more than 900 rental units which are under construction or in development.* (1) With regard to these "900 rental housing units", the name of the housing project. (2) The name of the partners involved. (3) The number of rental units in each project. (4) In which community is the project located. (5) The expected date of completion. (6) In which budget year were funds for the project committed. (7) The total cost of the project. (8) The percentage of the total cost that was provided by the province. (9) The category the project fits into (social, seniors, affordable, student, other). (10) The date the project was first announced.

Mr. Forbes, for Return No. 620 showing:

To the Minister of Social Services: On March 11, 2010, the Minister of Social Services issued a press release with the following statement: *Since 2008, the province has invested more than \$44 million in more than 500 affordable rental housing units in Saskatchewan, both new construction and acquired and renovated projects.* (1) With regard to these “500 affordable rental housing units”, the name of the housing project. (2) The name of the partners involved. (3) The number of rental units in each project. (4) In which community the project is located. (5) The expected date of completion. (6) Which budget year the funds for the project were committed. (7) The total cost of the project. (8) The percentage of the total cost that was provided by the province. (9) The category the project fits into (social, seniors, affordable, student, other). (10) The date the project was first announced.

Mr. Broten, for Return No. 621 showing:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: The number of co-op or applied learning opportunities that were provided to students through post-secondary institutions in 2009.

Mr. McCall, for Return No. 622 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) If SaskEnergy intends to reduce the number of staff in the communications branch in 2010/11. (2) If so, the number of positions that will be eliminated.

Mr. McCall, for Return No. 623 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: The total number of staff employed within SaskEnergy’s communications branch as of March 23, 2010.

Mr. McCall, for Return No. 624 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: The total number of staff employed within SaskEnergy’s communications branch as of December 31, 2009.

Mr. McCall, for Return No. 625 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: The total number of staff employed within SaskEnergy’s communications branch as of December 31, 2008.

Mr. McCall, for Return No. 626 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: The total number of staff employed within SaskEnergy’s communications branch as of December 31, 2007.

Mr. McCall, for Return No. 627 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) If the Saskatchewan Power Corporation intends to reduce the number of staff in the communications branch in 2010/11. (2) If so, the number of positions that will be eliminated.

Mr. McCall, for Return No. 628 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: The total number of staff employed within Saskatchewan Power Corporation’s communications branch as of March 23, 2010.

Mr. McCall, for Return No. 629 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: The total number of staff employed within Saskatchewan Power Corporation’s communications branch as of December 31, 2009.

Mr. McCall, for Return No. 630 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: The total number of staff employed within Saskatchewan Power Corporation's communications branch as of December 31, 2008.

Mr. McCall, for Return No. 631 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: The total number of staff employed within Saskatchewan Power Corporation's communications branch as of December 31, 2007.

Mr. Furber, for Return No. 632 showing:

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: The number of staff within the ministry that received immediate layoff notices as a result of the 2010/11 budget.

Mr. Furber, for Return No. 633 showing:

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: The total number of staff employed within the ministry's communications branch as of December 31, 2007.

Mr. McCall, for Return No. 634 showing:

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: The total number of staff employed within the ministry's communications branch as of December 31, 2008.

Mr. Furber, for Return No. 635 showing:

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: The total number of staff employed within the ministry's communications branch as of December 31, 2009.

Mr. Furber, for Return No. 636 showing:

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: The total number of staff employed within the ministry's communications branch as of March 23, 2010.

Mr. Furber, for Return No. 637 showing:

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: (1) If the 2010/11 budget will result in a reduction of staff employed within the ministry's communication branch. (2) If so, the number of positions that will be eliminated.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 638 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: The total number of staff employed within SLGA's communications branch as of December 31, 2007.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 639 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: The total number of staff employed within SLGA's communications branch as of December 31, 2008.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 640 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: The total number of staff employed within SLGA's communications branch as of December 31, 2009.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 641 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: The total number of staff employed within SLGA's communications branch as of March 23, 2010.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 642 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) If the SLGA intends to reduce the number of staff in the communications branch in 2010/11. (2) If so, the number of positions that will be eliminated.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 643 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation: The total number of staff employed within the Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation's communications branch as of December 31, 2007.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 644 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation: The total number of staff employed within the Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation's communications branch as of December 31, 2008.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 645 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation: The total number of staff employed within the Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation's communications branch as of December 31, 2009.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 646 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation: The total number of staff employed within the Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation's communications branch as of March 23, 2010.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 647 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation: (1) If the Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation intends to reduce the number of staff in the communications branch in 2010/11. (2) If so, the number of positions that will be eliminated.

Ms. Morin, for Return No. 648 showing:

To the Minister of Environment: The number of staff within the ministry that received immediate layoff notices as a result of the 2010/11 budget.

Ms. Morin, for Return No. 649 showing:

To the Minister of Environment: The total number of staff employed within the ministry's communications branch as of December 31, 2007.

Ms. Morin, for Return No. 650 showing:

To the Minister of Environment: The total number of staff employed within the ministry's communications branch as of December 31, 2008.

Ms. Morin, for Return No. 651 showing:

To the Minister of Environment: The total number of staff employed within the ministry's communications branch as of December 31, 2009.

Ms. Morin, for Return No. 652 showing:

To the Minister of Environment: The total number of staff employed within the ministry's communications branch as of March 23, 2010.

Ms. Morin, for Return No. 653 showing:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) If the 2010/11 budget resulted in a reduction of staff employed within the ministry's communications branch. (2) If so, the number of positions that will be eliminated.

Ms. Morin, for Return No. 654 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: (1) If the SWA intends to reduce the number of staff in the communications branch in 2010/11. (2) If so, the number positions that will be eliminated.

Ms. Morin, for Return No. 655 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: The total number of staff employed within SaskWater's communications branch as of December 31, 2007.

Ms. Morin, for Return No. 656 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: The total number of staff employed within SaskWater's communications branch as of December 31, 2008.

Ms. Morin, for Return No. 657 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: The total number of staff employed within SaskWater's communications branch as of December 31, 2009.

Ms. Morin, for Return No. 658 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: The total number of staff employed within SaskWater's communications branch as of March 23, 2010.

Ms. Morin, for Return No. 659 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: (1) If SaskWater intends to reduce the number of staff in the communications branch in 2010/11. (2) If so, the number of positions that will be eliminated.

Ms. Morin, for Return No. 660 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: The total number of staff employed within the SWA's communications branch as of December 31, 2007.

Ms. Morin, for Return No. 661 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: The total number of staff employed within the SWA's communications branch as of December 31, 2008.

Ms. Morin, for Return No. 662 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: The total number of staff employed within the SWA's communications branch as of December 31, 2009.

Ms. Morin, for Return No. 663 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: The total number of staff employed within the SWA's communications branch as of March 23, 2010.

**GOVERNMENT MOTION**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Harrison:

That the *Rules and Procedures* for the sitting times of the Assembly and the sitting times for standing committees shall be varied on an interim basis for the remainder of the Spring Period of the Third Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature as follows:

1. Notwithstanding Rule 6(1), the ordinary times for the daily meetings and adjournment of the sittings of the Assembly on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays shall be at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 12:00 midnight, with a recess from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
2. Notwithstanding Rule 6(1), the ordinary times for the daily meetings and adjournment of the sittings of the Assembly on Thursdays shall be at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 12:00 midnight, with a recess from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.;
3. Notwithstanding Rule 14, the order of business considered by the Assembly on Thursdays shall be as follows:
  - a. Government Orders from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.;
  - b. Routine Proceedings commencing at 10:00 a.m. to be followed by Private Members' Public Bills and Orders and Private Bills in order of precedence specified by Rule 14(3) concluding at 1:00 p.m.;
  - c. Government Orders resuming at 2:00 p.m. until the adjournment of the sitting;
4. Standing committees shall meet and adjourn at the following times when convened:
  - a. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays shall be at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 12:00 midnight, with a recess from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
  - b. On Thursday shall be at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 12:00 midnight; with a recess from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.;
5. Standing committees may convene and meet at other times in accordance with the regular provisions of the *Rules and Procedures*;
6. By order, the Assembly and standing committees may adjourn earlier than the adjournment times specified by the Sessional order and further;

That the provisions of this Sessional order shall come into effect the sitting day of its adoption and shall expire upon the adjournment of the Assembly on the sitting day preceding the "Completion Day" of the Third Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature.

A debate arising, the Speaker interrupted proceedings.

**STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER**  
(Standing Committees)

Earlier today the Opposition House Leader raised a point of order concerning the operation of the Standing Committees of this Assembly. At the heart of the member's argument is that the present rules governing the operation of committees did not contemplate the meeting of committees outside regular Assembly hours to conduct business on estimates and bills.

Under regular circumstances standing committees conform to the regular Assembly sitting hours to conduct business on bills and estimates. This is prescribed by Rule 125(2) of this Assembly's rules. The rule reads as follows: "On days when the Assembly is sitting, standing committees shall follow the Assembly's recess and adjournment times, except as otherwise ordered by the committee".

I want to emphasize the last clause of the rule, which I repeat, "except otherwise ordered by the committee." If the rule had a full stop period before this last clause, the member would have raised a valid point of order. The interpretation of this rule is that committees are able to sit outside the Assembly hours if they so decide by order. What is meant by order is the adoption of a motion by the committee to meet on a specific date and time. This is something for the committee to decide, not the Speaker.

Committees are masters of their own procedures. It is a long standing practice of this Assembly and Speakers have consistently ruled that Speakers do not exercise procedural control over committees. Procedural difficulties which arise in committees are settled in the committees and not in the Assembly.

Speakers have not intervened to settle disputes that arise in the committees, and this is stated explicitly in paragraph 822 of Beauchesne's 6<sup>th</sup> Edition. The sitting hours of a committee are a procedural issue that each committee can decide for itself. Only the Assembly can override this, not the Speaker. For this reason the point of order is not well taken.

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

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The Assembly adjourned at 5:01 p.m. until Thursday at 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. Gantefer:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2009, including Supplementary Payment Information.

(Sessional Paper No. 358)

By the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Clarence Campeau Development Fund for the year ended December 31, 2009, including Payee list.

(Sessional Paper No. 359)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2009.

(Sessional Paper No. 360)



## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 41 and are to be answered by day no. 46:**

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1459:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks Culture and Sport: How much was budgeted for SaskFilm in 2008/09?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1460:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks Culture and Sport: How much was actually spent by SaskFilm in 2008/09?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1461:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks Culture and Sport: What was the final disposition of the money not spent by SaskFilm in 2008/09?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1462:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks Culture and Sport: How much was budgeted for SaskFilm in 2009/10?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1463:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks Culture and Sport: How much was actually spent by SaskFilm in 2009/10?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1464:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks Culture and Sport: What was the final disposition of the money not spent by SaskFilm in 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1465:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers were categorized as 'single dependent' in 2008/09?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1466:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers were categorized as 'single independent' in 2008/09?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1467:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers were categorized as 'married' in 2008/09?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1468:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers were categorized as 'single parent' in 2008/09?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1469:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In 2008/09, what percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers was under the age of 20?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1470:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In 2008/09, what percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers was between the ages of 21 and 25?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1471:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In 2008/09, what percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers was between the ages of 26 and 30?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1472:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In 2008/09, what percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers was between the ages of 31 and 35?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1473:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In 2008/09, what percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers was between the ages of 36 and 40?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1474:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In 2008/09, what percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers was over the age of 40?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1475:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In 2008/09, what percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers was students at Saskatchewan universities?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1476:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In 2008/09, what percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers was students at SIAST?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1477:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In 2008/09, what percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers was students at regional colleges?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1478:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In 2008/09, what percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers was students at private vocational schools?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1479:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In 2008/09, what percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers was male?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1480:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In 2008/09, what percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers was female?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1481:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers were categorized as 'single dependent' in 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1482:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers was categorized as 'single independent' in 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1483:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers was categorized as 'married' in 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1484:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers was categorized as 'single parent' in 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1485:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In 2009/10, what percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers was under the age of 20?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1486:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In 2009/10, what percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers was between the ages of 21 and 25?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1487:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In 2009/10, what percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers was between the ages of 26 and 30?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1488:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In 2009/10, what percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers was between the ages of 31 and 35?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1489:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In 2009/10, what percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers was between the ages of 36 and 40?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1490:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In 2009/10, what percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers was over the age of 40?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1491:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In 2009/10, what percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers were students at Saskatchewan universities?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1492:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In 2009/10, what percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers were students at SIAST?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1493:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In 2009/10, what percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers were students at regional colleges?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1494:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In 2009/10, what percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers were students at private vocational schools?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1495:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In 2009/10, what percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers were male?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1496:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In 2009/10, what percentage of Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan borrowers were female?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 42 and are to be answered by day no. 47:**

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1497:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many employers received funding through the Work-based Training for the Unemployed program in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1498:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) Which employers received funding through the Work-based Training for the Unemployed program in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10? (4) Please provide name and location for each.

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1499:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) What was the average amount of funding provided to employers through the Work-based Training for the Unemployed program in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1500:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many employees were hired through the Work-based Training for the Unemployed program in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1501:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many employers received funding through the Community Works program in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1502:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) Which employers received funding through the Community Works program in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10? (4) Please provide name and location for each.

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1503:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) What was the average amount of funding provided to employers through the Community Works program in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1504:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many employees were hired through the Community Works program in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1505:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many employers applied for funding through the Student Employment Experience program in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1506:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many employers received funding through the Student Employment Experience program in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1507:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) Which employers received funding through the Student Employment Experience program in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10? (4) Please provide name and location for each.

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1508:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many full-time student positions were funded through the Student Employment Experience program in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1509:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many part-time student positions were funded through the Student Employment Experience program in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1510:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many First Nations and Métis students benefited from the Student Employment Experience program in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1511:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many employers applied for funding through the Green Team program in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1512:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many employers received funding through the Green Team program in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1513:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) Which employers received funding through Green Team program in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10? (4) Please provide name and location for each.

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1514:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many high school student employment positions were funded through the Green Team program in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1515:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many university student positions were funded through the Green Team program in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1516:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many First Nations and Métis students benefited from the Green Team program in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Trew, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1517:

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety: (1) How many boiler and pressure vessel licenses were issued in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Trew, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1518:

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety: (1) How many positions in the Government of Saskatchewan were devoted to the licensing of boiler and pressure vessels in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Trew, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1519:

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety: (1) How many positions in the Government of Saskatchewan were devoted to the inspection of boiler and pressure vessels in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Trew, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1520:

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety: (1) How many boiler and pressure vessel inspector positions in the Government of Saskatchewan were vacant in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Trew, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1521:

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety: (1) How many boiler and pressure vessel inspections were conducted by Government of Saskatchewan boiler inspectors in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Trew, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1522:

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety: (1) How many violations were found by Government of Saskatchewan boiler and pressure vessel inspectors in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Trew, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1523:

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety: (1) How many elevator licenses were issued in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Trew, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1524:

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety: (1) How many amusement ride licenses were issued in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Trew, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1525:

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety: (1) How many positions in the Government of Saskatchewan were devoted to the licensing of elevators and amusement rides in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Trew, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1526:

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety: (1) How many positions in the Government of Saskatchewan were devoted to the inspection of elevators and amusement rides in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Trew, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1527:

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety: (1) How many elevator and amusement ride inspector positions within the Government of Saskatchewan were vacant in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Trew, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1528:

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety: (1) How many elevator and amusement ride inspections were conducted by Government of Saskatchewan elevator and amusement ride inspectors in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

Mr. Trew, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1529:

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety: (1) How many violations were found by Government of Saskatchewan elevator and amusement ride inspectors in 2007/08? (2) 2008/09? (3) 2009/10?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 43 and are to be answered by day no. 48:**

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1530:

To the Minister of Government Services: (1) Will the 2010 provincial budget affect the number of vehicle (CVA) leases to community-based organizations (CBOs) and other third parties throughout Saskatchewan? (2) If so, how many organizations and how many vehicles will be affected?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1531:

To the Minister of Government Services: What are the names of all CBOs and other organizations that have been contacted and informed that they have lost their CVA vehicle lease privileges as a result of the 2010 provincial budget?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1532:

To the Minister of Government Services: (1) For each CBO and other organization that has been contacted and informed that they have lost their CVA vehicle lease privileges as a result of the 2010 provincial budget, how many vehicles are affected for each? (2) What is the year, make, model and last known mileage total for each vehicle affected (for example, 2002 Chevrolet Malibu, 220,000 kilometres)?



Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1533:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) What were the number of calls dealt with by Operator Services in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009?

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1534:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) What were the number of relay services calls dealt with by Operator Services in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009?

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1535:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) What were the number of directory assistance calls dealt with by Operator Services in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009?

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1536:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) What were the number of emergency response calls dealt with by Operator Services in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009?

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1537:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) What were the number of SaskTel switchboard calls dealt with by Operator Services in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009?

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1538:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) What were the number of tele-conferencing calls dealt with by Operator Services in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009?

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1539:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) What were the number of other general service calls dealt with by Operator Services – not including calls related to relay services, directory assistance, emergency response, SaskTel switchboard or tele-conferencing – in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009?

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1540:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: When was the decision made to contract out various Operator Services and not invest in the SaskTel service?

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1541:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What analysis of current SaskTel service equipment was done to support the decision to contract out Operator Services?

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1542:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: Who conducted the analysis of current SaskTel service equipment to support the decision to contract out Operator Services?

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1543:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) What was the projected cost to achieve the CRTC requirements for IP operator-based service? (2) What plans have been put in place to provide comparable service to Saskatchewan residents?

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1544:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: With regard to the contracting out of Operator Services, what contracts have been signed to provide service?

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1545:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: With regard to the contracting out of Operator Services, what contracts are currently in the discussion stage?

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1546:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) With regard to the contracting out of Operator Services, with which companies has SaskTel signed contracts? (2) What service is covered by each contract? (3) For what term are the contracts signed?

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1547:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: How many employees have lost jobs because of the contracting out of services?

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1548:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: How many employees have been offered retraining to fill other positions?

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1549:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What was the total cost of retraining employees displaced by contracting out of services in order to fill other positions?

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1550:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: How many employees displaced by contracting out of services have moved to new positions without retraining?