



No. 46

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, April 19, 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, Higgins, Junor, Forbes, Vermette, Broten, Furber, Morin, Iwanchuk, Quennell, 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 the citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill No. 80 – The Construction Industrial Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2009.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 14)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to develop an effective and sustainable poverty elimination strategy for the benefit of all Saskatchewan citizens.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 62)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to construct passing lanes on Highway 10 to improve safety.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 102)

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 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 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)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to recognize the impacts of climate change and to take the necessary actions to address this issue.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 247)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 1459 to 1496, they were answered. (See Appendix)

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 104 – The Summary Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 104 – The Summary Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Harrison, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 104 – The Summary Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

SUBSTITUTION OF MEMBERS ON STANDING COMMITTEES

On motion of Mr. D'Autremont, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Delbert Kirsch be substituted for the name of Serge LeClerc on the Standing Committee on Private Bills, and;

That the name of Delbert Kirsch be substituted for the name of Serge LeClerc on the Standing Committee on Privileges, and further;

That the name of Jim Reiter be substituted for the name of Serge LeClerc on the Standing Committee on Human Services.

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 114 – The Small Claims Amendment Act, 2009 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Harrison, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 114 – The Small Claims Amendment Act, 2009 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Morgan: 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.

Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

Selon la désignation de l'hon. M. Harrison, conformément au règlement 81, le projet de loi n° 114 – Loi de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur les petites créances – est renvoyé au Comité permanent des affaires intergouvernementales et de la justice.

Bill No. 125 – The Crown Minerals Amendment Act, 2009

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 125 – The Crown Minerals Amendment Act, 2009 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 105 – The SaskEnergy Amendment Act, 2009

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: That Bill No. 105 – The SaskEnergy Amendment Act, 2009 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 106 – The Labour Market Commission Repeal Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff : That Bill No. 106 – The Labour Market Commission Repeal Act – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 107 – The Weed Control Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 107 – The Weed Control Act – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of Mr. D'Autremont:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Don Toth
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for SaskEnergy Incorporated for the year ended December 31, 2009.

(Sessional Paper No. 364)

Financial Statements for SaskEnergy Incorporated – Consolidated; SaskEnergy Incorporated; TransGas Limited; Bayhurst Gas Limited; SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd.; SaskEnergy International Incorporated for the year ended December 31, 2009.

(Sessional Paper No. 365)

By the Hon. Ms. Tell:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Liquor Board Superannuation Commission for the year ended December 31, 2009.

(Sessional Paper No. 366)

By the Hon. Mr. Gantfoer:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Extended Health Care Plan for the year ended December 31, 2009.

(Sessional Paper No. 367)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Extended Health Care Plan for Certain Other Employees for the year ended December 31, 2009.

(Sessional Paper No. 368)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Extended Health Care Plan for Retired Employees for the year ended December 31, 2009.

(Sessional Paper No. 369)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Extended Health Care Plan for Certain Other Retired Employees for the year ended December 31, 2009.

(Sessional Paper No. 370)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Public Employees Deferred Salary Leave Fund for the year ended December 31, 2009.

(Sessional Paper No. 371)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Public Employees Dental Fund for the year ended December 31, 2009.

(Sessional Paper No. 372)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Municipal Employees' Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2009.

(Sessional Paper No. 373)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 1459, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:

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

Answer:

Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport budgeted \$1.041 million.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 1460, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:

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

Answer:

Please refer to the audited financial statement in the SaskFilm annual report for 2008/09.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 1461, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:

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

Answer:

Please refer to the audited financial statement in the SaskFilm annual report for 2008/09.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 1462, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:

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

Answer:

Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport budgeted \$1.083 million.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 1463, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:

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

Answer:

It is anticipated pending audit finalization that a budget of \$1.180 was spent.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 1464, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:

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

Answer:

It is anticipated pending audit finalization that all funding will be spent.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1465, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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

Answer:

3,520 (or 33%) were categorized as 'single dependent' in 2008/09.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1466, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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?

Answer:

45% were categorized as 'single independent' in 2008/09.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1467, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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

Answer:

8% were categorized as 'married' in 2008/09.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1468, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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?

Answer:

13% were categorized as 'single parent' in 2008/09.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1469, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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?

Answer:

27% of borrowers were 20 years of age or younger in 2008/09.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1470, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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?

Answer:

46% of borrowers were 21 to 25 years of age 2008/09.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1471, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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?

Answer:

16% of borrowers were 26 to 30 years of age 2008/09.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1472, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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?

Answer:

6% of borrowers were 31 to 35 years of age 2008/09.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1473, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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?

Answer:

3% of borrowers were 36 to 40 years of age 2008/09.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1474, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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?

Answer:

3% of borrowers were over 40 years of age 2008/09.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1475, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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?

Answer:

54% of borrowers attended Saskatchewan universities in 2008/09.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1476, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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

Answer:

14% of borrowers attended SIAST in 2008/09.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1477, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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?

Answer:

0.2% of borrowers attended regional colleges in 2008/09. Note: Regional college percentages are low because most students attending these institutions are SIAST, U of R or U of S students.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1478, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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?

Answer:

5% of borrowers attended private vocational schools in 2008/09.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1479, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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

Answer:

33% of borrowers were male in 2008/09.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1480, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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

Answer:

67% of borrowers were female in 2008/09.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1481, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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

Answer:

As at March 31, 2010, 3472 (or 34%) were categorized as 'single dependent' in 2009/10.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1482, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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?

Answer:

As at March 31, 2010, 46% were categorized as 'single independent' in 2009/10.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1483, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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

Answer:

As at March 31, 2010, 8% were categorized as 'married' in 2009/10.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1484, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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?

Answer:

As at March 31, 2010, 12% were categorized as 'single parent' in 2009/10.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1485, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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?

Answer:

As at March 31, 2010, 29% of borrowers are 20 years of age or younger in 2009/10.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1486, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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?

Answer:

As at March 31, 2010, 46% of borrowers are 21 to 25 years of age in 2009/10.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1487, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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?

Answer:

As at March 31, 2010, 15% of borrowers are 26 to 30 years of age in 2009/10.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1488, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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?

Answer:

As at March 31, 2010, 5% of borrowers are 31 to 35 years of age in 2009/10.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1489, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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?

Answer:

As at March 31, 2010, 2% of borrowers are 36 to 40 years of age in 2009/10.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1490, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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?

Answer:

As at March 31, 2010, 3% of borrowers are over 40 years of age in 2009/10.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1491, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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?

Answer:

As at March 31, 2010, 52% of borrowers attended Saskatchewan universities in 2009/10.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1492, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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

Answer:

As at March 31, 2010, 15% of borrowers attended SIAST in 2009/10.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1493, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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?

Answer:

As at March 31, 2010, 0.3% of borrowers attended regional colleges in 2009/10. Note: Regional college percentages are low because most students attending these institutions are SIAST, U of R or U of S students.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1494, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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?

Answer:

As at March 31, 2010, 5% of borrowers attended private vocational schools in 2009/10.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1495, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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

Answer:

As at March 31, 2010, 34% of borrowers were male in 2009/10.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 1496, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

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

Answer:

As at March 31, 2010, 66% of borrowers were female in 2009/10.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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 teleconferencing 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 teleconferencing – 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?