



No. 53

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Thursday, April 29, 2010

8:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

Pursuant to an Order of the Assembly dated April 26, 2010, the Assembly proceeded to Government Orders.

SPEAKER TABLES REPORT

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the Annual Report of the Children's Advocate Office for the year 2009.

(Sessional Paper No. 605)

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

(Written Questions)

Yesterday, the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Yates) raised a point of order regarding the responses to Written Question Nos. 1552 through 1554. The Member stated that the response given by the Minister of Environment was out of order as the response and I quote "As *The Wildlife Habitat Protection Act* is currently before the Assembly, detailed questions regarding the Bill are better directed to the Minister in the committee stage as per the regular legislative process" is contrary to the Rules.

I find that the point of order is well taken. The deflection of the response to another venue is not in order. I would like to remind members that Rule 20 provides that the rules that govern questions during Question Period also apply to written questions. In addition, on April 14, 2010 I ruled that ministers must respond to a question even if it is only to decline to answer. This is not a proper response.

Now I would like to detail the options available to ministers when responding to written questions. As outlined in Rule 20(5), the government shall either table the response or convert the question by ordering a return or convert the question to a Notice of Motion for Return (Debatable). Ordering a return provides the government 180 days to respond to the question and converting the question provides the opportunity to amend the wording of the question or to debate the matter by amending or defeating the question.

Later today during Written Questions, the disputed questions 1552 through 1554 will be called again and the government must table a substantive response, order the question or convert the question to a motion for return (debatable).

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE

Bill No. 141 – The Business Statutes Administration Transfer Act

The Hon. Ms. Draude, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 141 – The Business Statutes Administration Transfer Act – be now read a second time.

A debate arising 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. 141 – The Business Statutes Administration Transfer Act – was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

Bill No. 142 – The Business Statutes Administration Transfer Consequential Amendments Act, 2010

Projet de loi n° 142 – Loi de 2010 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Business Statutes Administration Transfer Act

The Hon. Ms. Draude, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 142 – The Business Statutes Administration Transfer Consequential Amendments Act, 2010 – be now read a second time.

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

L'hon. Mme Draude, membre du Conseil exécutif, fait savoir à l'Assemblée que Son Honneur le Lieutenant-gouverneur, ayant été informé de l'objet du projet de loi, le recommande à la considération de l'Assemblée et propose: Que le Projet de loi n° 142 – Loi de 2010 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Business Statutes Administration Transfer Act – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

Il s'élève un débat et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Harrison, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 142 – The Business Statutes Administration Transfer Consequential Amendments Act, 2010 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

Selon la désignation de l'hon. M. Harrison, conformément au règlement 81, le Projet de loi n° 142 – Loi de 2010 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Business Statutes Administration Transfer Act – est renvoyé au Comité permanent des sociétés d'état et des organismes centraux.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 132 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection (Land Designation) Amendment Act, 2009

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Heppner: That Bill No. 132 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection (Land Designation) Amendment Act, 2009 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, the Assembly recessed from 12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m., pursuant to an Order of the Assembly dated April 26, 2010.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Harper, Higgins, Junor, Atkinson, Forbes, Vermette, Broten, Furber, Morin, 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 develop an affordable housing program and to implement a process of rent review and rent control in Saskatoon and throughout Saskatchewan.

(Sessional Paper No. 603)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to financially assist Duck Lake residents with exorbitant water rates.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 5)

Of the citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to manage the provincial finances more responsibly and prudently.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of 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 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 exempt the Hamlet of Furdale from any water service cut-offs.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to enact a Saskatchewan Seniors' Bill of Rights.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 112)

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 pave Highway 135 through the community of Pelican Narrows.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 374)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to recognize the importance of protection of wildlife habitat lands and consult stakeholders that will be affected by future changes to *The Wildlife Habitat Protection Act*.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 376)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to recognize the importance of safe and healthy working environments by supporting Occupational Health and Safety officers, by upholding the highest standards of Occupational Health and Safety and by honouring those workers who have been killed on the workplace in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 455)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE

The following Bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 137 – The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Amendment Act, 2010

The following Bill was reported with amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was considered as amended and read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 119 – The Ticket Sales Act

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

The following Bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 143 – The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2010

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

The following Bills were reported with amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, they were considered as amended and read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 121 – The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2009

Bill No. 123 – The Forest Resources Management Amendment Act, 2009

The following Bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 131 – The Conservation Easements Amendment Act, 2009

APPOINTMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMISSIONER

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Morgan, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly hereby appoint The Honourable Ronald Barclay, Q.C., of the City of Regina, in the Province of Saskatchewan, Conflict of Interest Commissioner pursuant to section 18 of *The Members' Conflict of Interest Act*.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

By Order of the Assembly, Question Nos. 1552 to 1554 were called, pursuant to Rule 20(5), the questions were converted and Orders for Returns were issued:

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 689 showing:

To the Minister of Environment: The people that the government consulted about the proposed amendments to *The Wildlife Habitat Protection (Land Designation) Amendment Act*. (Please provide the names, the dates and locations of these consultations).

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 690 showing:

To the Minister of Environment: The explanatory notes for Bill No. 132 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection (Land Designation) Amendment Act, indicate that regulations will be adopted that designate lands protected under *The Wildlife Habitat Protection Act*, and that ecological values will be assigned to each parcel of land to determine which lands may be sold, presumably without conditions, which lands may be sold with conservation easements, and which lands will be retained as Crown land. The explanatory notes also indicate that regulations will be prepared setting out lands designated as protected. (1) The process that will be adopted to assess the ecological value of each parcel of land. (2) The criteria that will be used to assess the ecological value of land. (3) The relative weight that will be given to each of these criteria. (4) If lands will simply be designated as lands eligible to be sold without conditions, eligible to be sold with conservation easements attached, or retained as Crown lands, or if some alternative rating system be used.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 691 showing:

To the Minister of Environment: How each of the parcels of land are currently listed in the schedule in *The Wildlife Habitat Protection Act*, designated or rated, under the new ecological assessment.

SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

The Order of the Day being called for the following Motion for a Seventy-five Minute Debate, it was moved by Mr. Broten:

That this Assembly condemn the Saskatchewan Party government for breaking trust with the people of Saskatchewan, as evidenced by its disregard for a ruling by a United Nations body, its interference in the appointment of the Chief Electoral Officer and its continued efforts to thwart free and fair elections by not allowing the Progressive Conservatives to access their funds.

A debate arising and the period of seventy-five minutes having expired, pursuant to Rule 24(4) the Speaker interrupted proceedings.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for **Motion No. 4**, it was moved by Ms. Schriemer:

That this Assembly encourages all Members of Parliament to support Bill C-391, a private member's bill that seeks to abolish the expensive and ineffective long-gun registry, which unfairly penalizes law-abiding firearm owners, but fails to provide further protection for Canadians against crimes committed with firearms.

A debate arising, the Assembly recessed from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., pursuant to an Order of the Assembly dated April 26, 2010.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 132 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection (Land Designation) Amendment Act, 2009

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Heppner: That Bill No. 132 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection (Land Designation) Amendment Act, 2009 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Quennell, 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 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. 105 – The SaskEnergy Amendment Act, 2009 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

Bill No. 120 – The Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2009

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer: That Bill No. 120 – The Financial Administration 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. 120 – The Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2009 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

On motion of Mr. D'Autremont:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 7:38 p.m. until Monday at 8:00 a.m., pursuant to an Order of the Assembly dated April 26, 2010.

Hon. Don Toth
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

By the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Housing Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2009, including Supplier, Grant and other Payments for 2009 as well as Consolidation Schedule, Corporate and Housing Authority Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

(Sessional Paper No. 606)

By the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

Annual Report for Saskatchewan Public and Private Rights Board for the year ended December 31, 2009.

(Sessional Paper No. 607)

Report pursuant to *The Family Farm Credit Act*, dated April 20, 2010.

(Sessional Paper No. 608)

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 50 and are to be answered by day no. 55:

Mr. Harper, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1586:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company: How many new employees were hired by the Saskatchewan Transportation Company in 2009?

Mr. Harper, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1587:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company: How many medical passes were issued by the Saskatchewan Transportation Company in 2009?

Mr. Harper, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1588:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company: How many medical passes were issued by the Saskatchewan Transportation Company in 2008?

Mr. Harper, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1589:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company: How many medical passes were issued by the Saskatchewan Transportation Company in 2007?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 52 and are to be answered by day no. 57:

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1590:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: With regard to the trip to Ontario taken by the Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing, what were the dates of this trip?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1591:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: With regard to the trip to Ontario taken by the Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing, at which hotels did the Legislative Secretary stay? (Please provide specific dates for each).

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1592:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: With regard to the trip to Ontario taken by the Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing, with whom did the Legislative Secretary meet?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1593:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: With regard to the trip to Ontario taken by the Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing, which correctional facilities did the Legislative Secretary tour?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1594:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: With regard to the trip to Ontario taken by the Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing, was the Legislative Secretary accompanied by anyone other than CPSP officials?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1595:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: With regard to the trip to Alberta taken by the Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing, what were the dates of this trip?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1596:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: With regard to the trip to Alberta taken by the Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing, at which hotels did the Legislative Secretary stay? (Please provide specific dates for each).

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1597:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: With regard to the trip to Alberta taken by the Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing, with whom did the Legislative Secretary meet?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1598:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: With regard to the trip to Alberta taken by the Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing, which correctional facilities did the Legislative Secretary tour?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1599:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: With regard to the trip to Alberta taken by the Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing, was the Legislative Secretary accompanied by anyone other than CPSP officials?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1600:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: With regard to the trip to Manitoba taken by the Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing, what were the dates of this trip?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1601:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: With regard to the trip to Manitoba taken by the Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing, at which hotels did the Legislative Secretary stay? (Please provide specific dates for each).

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1602:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: With regard to the trip to Manitoba taken by the Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing, with whom did the Legislative Secretary meet?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1603:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: With regard to the trip to Manitoba taken by the Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing, which correctional facilities did the Legislative Secretary tour?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1604:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: With regard to the trip to Manitoba taken by the Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing, was the Legislative Secretary accompanied by anyone other than CPSP officials?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1605:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: With regard to the hiring of the Vice President of Corporate Relations, was there any open competition or was Mr. Kevin Doherty recruited for this position?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1606:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: With regard to the Vice President of Corporate Relations, when was Mr. Kevin Doherty hired?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1607:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: With regard to the Vice President of Corporate Relations, were Mr. Kevin Doherty's moving expenses paid by SaskPower?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1608:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: With regard to the Vice President of Corporate Relations, how much were the moving expenses paid by SaskPower?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1609:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: With regard to the Vice President of Corporate Relations, did Mr. Kevin Doherty receive a signing bonus?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1610:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: With regard to the Vice President of Corporate Relations, what is the salary of Mr. Kevin Doherty?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1611:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) With regard to the Aboriginal Access Bursary, how many students have received the Aboriginal Access Bursary? (2) What was the average dollar value of each award? (3) What program will replace the Aboriginal Access Bursary after March 31, 2010?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1612:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: (1) With regard to the Northern Development Fund (NDF), how many primary production loans were made in the 2009/10 fiscal year? (2) What was the average dollar value of each of the aforementioned loans? (3) How many regional development corporations have been created in conjunction with the Northern Development Fund? (4) Where are those development corporations located? (5) How many NDF grants were made in 2009/10 under the NDF grant program? (6) What was the average dollar value of each NDF grant?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1613:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: (1) With regard to the Saskatchewan First Nations and Métis Economic Development Program, how many different entities were funded? (2) What was the average dollar amount of each grant? (3) When the program is terminated on March 31, 2010, what programming will be introduced to replace the FNMEDP? (4) If new programming is introduced, how will it effectively encourage First Nations and Métis involvement in the Saskatchewan economy?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1614:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: (1) With regard to the Saskatchewan First Nations and Métis Community Initiative, how many initiatives and events were funded by the First Nations and Métis Community Initiative? (2) What was the average dollar amount of each grant?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1615:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) With regard to the Remote Housing Program, what is the difference between a “forgivable loan” and a grant, for the purposes of this program? (2) How many housing units have been built as a result of this program? (3) What was the average dollar value of the loans? (4) What percentage of these loans was made to self-identifying First Nations or Métis homebuilders?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1616:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) With regard to the First Nations and Métis foster home recruitment program referenced in the 2009/10 ministry plan, when will this program be implemented? (2) What is the goal for the number of new First Nations and Métis foster homes as a result of this program?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1617:

To the Minister of Social Services: In the 2009/10 ministry plan, the Ministry of Social Services promised to “partner with the Central Urban Métis Federation Incorporated to develop new spaces for child welfare in Saskatoon”, how many new spaces for child welfare in Saskatoon have been created?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1618:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) In the 2009/10 ministry plan, the Ministry of Social Services promised to “work with the First Nations organization to explore additional ways of delivery services”, what changes have been made to the cultural composition of social service delivery as a result of this promise? (2) What changes have been made to staff recruitment policies as a result of this promise? (3) What First Nations organizations did the Ministry of Social Services work with during the implementation of this promise?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1619:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many First Nations and Métis workers received training and skill development under the auspices of the Northern Career Quest Partnership in 2009/10? (2) What was the cost to the province for its contribution to this partnership?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1620:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) On what date will the ministry’s First Nations and Métis Involvement and Inclusion Strategy be made public? (2) What is the timeframe for the implementation of this strategy? (3) Which First Nations and Métis groups were consulted in the development of this strategy?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1621:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) Which employment initiatives of community-based organizations were funded by the \$5.9 million earmarked for “aboriginal workforce development” in 2009/10? (2) Which communities are these organizations based in? (3) How many jobs have been created as a result of these programs?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1622:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: Which First Nations communities are represented on the Northern Saskatchewan Environmental Quality Committee?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1623:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: (1) Does the ministry (in conjunction with the federal government) continue to fund Northern Development Agreement applications on a case-by-case basis? (2) If so, how many applications were funded? (3) What was the average dollar value of each grant? (4) Will this ad hoc funding arrangement be continued in 2010/11?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1624:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In 2008/09, the ministry negotiated agreements between Northlands College and Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation, SIAST and Kawacatoose First Nation, and between Southeast Regional College and Cowessess First Nation. (1) How many students from the Peter Ballantyne Cree nation are enrolled in the Practical Nursing program? (2) What is the maximum capacity of that program? (3) How many students from the Kawacatoose First Nation are enrolled in the Practical Nursing program? (4) What is the maximum capacity of that program? (5) How many students from the Cowessess First Nation are enrolled in the Practical Nursing program? (6) What is the maximum capacity of that program?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1625:

To the Minister of Health: Whereas the Public Health Agency of Canada reported in *Tuberculosis in Canada 2008* that tuberculosis rate among aboriginals in Saskatchewan is 43 times higher than among non-aboriginals, what actions is the Ministry of Health taking to curb the prevalence of tuberculosis among the aboriginal population in this province?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1626:

To the Minister of Health: Whereas tuberculosis rates are merely a symptom of the overall health gap between aboriginal and non-aboriginal residents of Saskatchewan, what steps has the government taken toward a healthier future for the First Nations and Métis people in Saskatchewan?