



No. 7

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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**Monday, November 2, 2009**

1:30 p.m.

*PRAYERS*

## PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Forbes, Vermette, Broten, Morin, Iwanchuk, Taylor and Wotherspoon.

## READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that CBO workers achieve wage equity.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 2)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately expand the Graduate Retention Program to include Masters and Ph.D. graduates.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

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

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 5)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to invest in an affordable housing program throughout the Battlefords.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

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

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of the citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to commit to maintaining quality health care services and job security for all public health care providers.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 13)

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill No. 101 – The Credit Union Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2)

(Hon. Mr. Morgan)

Bill No. 102 – The Personal Property Security Amendment Act, 2009

(Hon. Mr. Morgan)

Bill No. 103 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Professional Discipline) Amendment Act, 2009

(Hon. Mr. Morgan)

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

(Hon. Mr. Morgan)

### STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

(Deferred Ruling)

Earlier today the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Yates) raised a question of privilege under the provisions of Rule 12 of *The Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*. Upon receipt of the notice, in accordance with the rules, both House Leaders were informed of the details of the case and the proposed question of privilege.

It is the responsibility of the Speaker to determine if a *prima facie* case of privilege has been established. Contempt of the Assembly is a serious charge, which requires careful examination of the case and this Assembly's practices and precedents. I wish to inform the Assembly that I have not had sufficient time to reach a decision on this question, so for this reason I shall defer my judgment until the conclusion of Routine Proceedings and before Orders of the Day tomorrow.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 1 to 68, 70, 72, 73, 75 to 96, 100, 103, 105 to 116, 121, 124 to 126, 129, 130, 132, 133, 136 to 142, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 69, 71, 74, 97 to 99, 101, 102, 104, 131 and 134, the answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 12 to 22 pursuant to Rule 20(6).

(Sessional Paper Nos. 27 to 37)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 117 to 120, 122, 123, 127, 128 and 135, pursuant to Rule 20(5)(a), the questions were converted and Orders for Returns were issued:

Mr. Lingenfelter, for Return No. 3 showing:

To the Premier: (1) The number of total settlements for dismissal without cause this government paid out since November 31, 2007, including ministries, Crowns, and any other boards or agencies where the government owed a severance package (including payouts as a result of bumping or lay-offs). (2) As a single number, the total dollar amount of all of those severance packages combined (including any top-ups to pensions, travel and car allowances, and any other benefits that led to total settlement value for dismissed civil servants).

Mr. Lingenfelter, for Return No. 4 showing:

To the Premier: For each of the civil servants that have been dismissed by the government since November 31, 2007, the number of severance packages yet to be paid out.

Mr. Lingenfelter, for Return No. 5 showing:

To the Premier: (1) The number of individuals that have been terminated without cause by this government, including government ministries and agencies, Crown corporations, executive council, the WBC and the Labour Relations Board. (2) The number of those individuals that have yet to finalize their severance negotiations.

Mr. Lingenfelter, for Return No. 6 showing:

To the Premier: (1) For all the individuals that were terminated without cause by this government, including government ministries and agencies, Crown corporations, executive council, and any other board or agency that the government needed to negotiate on behalf of, the amount of negotiations for severance done by private law firms as opposed to government HR people. (2) The law firms that were hired. (3) The amount paid to each law firm to handle these cases.

Mr. Lingenfelter, for Return No. 7 showing:

To the Premier: (1) Since the answer to Written Question No. 169 of the previous Session was tabled, the number of civil servants (including Crown corporation employees) that have been dismissed by the government. (2) For each employee, the following information: (a) the individual benefits each employee is being provided as part of the settlement. (b) the amount each benefit is worth as part of the settlement for that employee. (c) the value of the total settlement package for that employee.

Mr. Lingenfelter, for Return No. 8 showing:

To the Premier: (1) Since the answer to Written Question No. 169 of the previous Session was tabled, the number of civil servants (including Crown corporation employees) that have had severance paid to them as a result of lay-offs or bumping. (2) The amount of the severance paid to each individual.

Mr. Lingenfelter, for Return No. 9 showing:

To the Premier: (1) Since the answer to Written Question No. 169 of the previous Session was tabled, if there has been any further settlements made with any dismissed civil servants, including CIC officials, Crown employees, or any other government employee. (2) The amount of settlements.

Mr. Lingenfelter, for Return No. 10 showing:

To the Premier: For each of the civil servants, including CIC officials, Crown employees, or any other government employee that have been dismissed by the government since November 31, 2007, the amount of severance packages that have yet to be paid.

Mr. Lingenfelter, for Return No. 11 showing:

To the Premier: (1) Since the answer to the last Written Question on this topic, whether Angus Reid had been contracted by the government (including Executive Council, ministries, CIC or individual Crown corporations) since November 7, 2007. (2) If so, the terms of that contract and how much was paid.

#### **MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. McMorris, seconded by Ms. Ross:

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE GORDON L. BARNHART  
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session,

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by Ms. Higgins:

That the motion be amended by adding the following:

And, That this government no longer enjoys the support of the Assembly and the people of Saskatchewan because of this government's lack of vision for the future, and because of this government's woeful mismanagement of the province's finances, and because of this government's failed policies on health care, the Crowns, energy, housing, the environment and the economy, and because of this government's refusal to listen to the people's priorities.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, the Assembly recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The debate being resumed on the motion and the amendment and the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

## YEAS – 20

Lingenfelter	McCall	Belanger	Harper	Trew
Higgins	Junor	Atkinson	Nilson	Forbes
Vermette	Broten	Furber	Morin	Yates
Iwanchuk	Taylor	Quennell	Wotherspoon	Chartier

## NAYS – 34

Stewart	Elhard	Bjornerud	Draude	Krawetz
Boyd	Eagles	McMorris	D'Autremont	Hickie
Cheveldayoff	Heppner	Harpauer	Gantefoer	Kirsch
Norris	Morgan	Hutchinson	Huyghebaert	Brkich
Hart	Reiter	Allchurch	Weekes	Wilson
Duncan	Michelson	LeClerc	Ottenbreit	Ross
Chisholm	Bradshaw	Harrison	McMillan	

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 6(6).

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The Assembly adjourned at 10:35 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

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

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Mr. McCall asked the Government the following Question No. 1, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:**

To the Minister Responsible for First Nations and Métis Relations: (1) How many duty-to-consult meetings have you participated in since Nov. 7, 2007? (2) What is your criteria for determining if a meeting is a duty-to-consult meeting?

Answer:

- (1) 114 meetings have taken place with either myself or the previous Minister.
- (2) The issue of the duty to consult is raised and discussed.

**Mr. McCall asked the Government the following Question No. 2, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:**

To the Minister Responsible for First Nations and Métis Relations: (1) What percentage of Saskatchewan's work force is Aboriginal? (2) What source are you citing for this statistic?

Answer:

- (1) Aboriginal people in Saskatchewan make up almost 10 percent (9.8 percent to be exact) of the labour force.
- (2) This statistic is derived from Statistics Canada's 2006 Census of Canada. Statistics Canada uses the term labour force rather than work force.

**Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 3, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many nursing graduates received full-time jobs in Saskatchewan in 2007? (2) 2008?

Answer:

- (1) According to the Nursing Education Program of Saskatchewan (NEPS) exit survey, 65.2% of nursing graduates expected to work regular\* full time hours, 11.8% regular part time and 23.0% casual\*\*.
- (2) 73.0% of nursing graduates expected to work regular\* full time hours, 7.8% regular part time and 19.1% casual\*\*.

Note: \*Regular reflects permanent employment, even though it may be time limited.

\*\* Casual reflects the fact that employment does not guarantee a fixed number of hours of work per pay period. It also would include occasional, on call, on demand, or seasonal work.

Source: Nursing Education Program of Saskatchewan (NEPS) Exit Survey: Graduates of the NEPS Program in the 2007/08 Academic Year. Final Report.

**Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 4, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: What is the number of RN FTE job vacancies as of September 30, 2009 in each of the 13 health regions (Athabasca, Keewatin Yatthe, Mamawetan Churchill River, Prairie North Health Region, Prince Albert Parkland, Kelsey Trail, Heartland, Saskatoon Sunrise, Cypress Five Hills, Regina Qu'Appelle and Sun Country)?

Answer:

Sun Country – 20.7 FTEs; Five Hills – 4.5 FTEs; Cypress – 7.5 FTEs; Regina Qu'Appelle – N/A\*; Sunrise – 20.8 FTEs; Saskatoon – 145.4 FTEs; Heartland – N/A\*; Kelsey Trail – 1.5 FTEs; Prince Albert Parkland – N/A\*; Prairie North – 33.5 FTEs; Mamawetan Churchill River – 7.0 FTEs; Keewatin Yatthe – 2.0 FTEs

Note: \*Incomplete data because three regional health authorities are yet to submit their Nursing Vacancy Survey reports for September 30, 2009.

**Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 5, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: What is the number of LPN FTE job vacancies as of September 30, 2009 in each of the 13 health regions (Athabasca, Keewatin Yatthe, Mamawetan Churchill River, Prairie North Health Region, Prince Albert Parkland, Kelsey Trail, Heartland, Saskatoon Sunrise, Cypress Five Hills, Regina Qu'Appelle and Sun Country)?

Answer:

Sun Country – 5; Five Hills – 3; Cypress – 0; Regina Qu'Appelle – 10; Sunrise – 4; Saskatoon – 11; Heartland – 0; Kelsey Trail – 0; Prince Albert Parkland – 22; Prairie North – 7; Mamawetan Churchill River – 0; Keewatin Yatthe – 0

Source: Saskatchewan Ministry of Health. [www.HealthCareersInSask.ca](http://www.HealthCareersInSask.ca) web portal.

**Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 6, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: How many LPN vacancies were there as of December 31, 2008 and each month thereafter to date?

Answer:

The number of LPN vacant positions reported by RHAs and SCA as of December 31, 2008 and each month thereafter are as follows:

December 31, 2008 – 103

January 31, 2009 – 101

February 28, 2009 – 87

March 31, 2009 – 86

April 30, 2009 – 90

May 31, 2009 – 90

June 30, 2009 – 90

July 31, 2009 – 87

August 31, 2009 – 84

September 30, 2009 – 62

Source: Saskatchewan Ministry of Health. [www.HealthCareersInSask.ca](http://www.HealthCareersInSask.ca) web portal.

**Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 7, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: How many RN/RPN vacancies were there as of December 31, 2008 and each month thereafter to date?

Answer:

December 31, 2008 – 615

March 31, 2009 – 504

June 30, 2009 – 527

September 30, 2009 – 346\*

Note: \* Incomplete data because some RHAs have not yet submitted their reports.

**Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 8, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: What is the criteria for approval to get Individual Funding?

Answer:

- Meets the eligibility requirements to receive home care supportive services through the regional health authority.
- Requires long term supportive services for at least 6 – 12 months.
- Has relatively stable supportive service needs.

- Has indicated the desire and ability to manage the required care and the willingness to assume the responsibilities and risks associated with Individualized Funding, or has a guardian who will do so.
- Has no other party (e.g. SGI, WCB, other agency, etc.) which may be responsible for the cost of the required services.
- Is accepted as an employer eligible for coverage under *The Workers' Compensation Act*, or has a guardian that is eligible.
- All clients admitted to the regional health authority home care program, including the individualized funding option, are admitted based on assessed need and level of risk.
- A needs assessment is done by the Regional Health Authority staff in consultation with the client and/or family.
- Need is identified through a provincially standardized assessment process resulting in the development of an individualized plan including the level and type of services that are required.
- Services approved for funding may include personal care, home management and other supportive services.
- The individual must be able to arrange and manage his/her own supportive care services.
- Professional services such as registered nursing or therapies are excluded from Individualized Funding and continue to be available as required through the regional home care program.

**Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 9, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: How many people in Saskatchewan are accessing the Individual Funding option?

Answer:

As of October 22, 2009, 86 people were using the Individualized Funding option of home care offered through regional health authorities in Saskatchewan.

**Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 10, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: What training regulations does the government require professional people to have to supervise and conduct all health and education programs for individuals with ASD?

Answer:

Presently, all consultants hired to these positions are experienced post baccalaureate (Masters) trained human services professionals such as Speech Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists and Psychologists who have experience working with the ASD population.

**Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 11, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: How many individuals in Saskatchewan are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ADS)?

Answer:

Utilizing prevalence rates of 1 in 150, it is estimated that 6666 individuals in Saskatchewan have an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

**Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 12, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: How many out-of-scope employees in 2009 to date are there in each of the 13 health regions (Athabasca, Keewatin Yatthe, Mamawetan Churchill River, Prairie North Health Region, Prince Albert Parkland, Kelsey Trail, Heartland, Saskatoon Sunrise, Cypress Five Hills, Regina Qu'Appelle and Sun Country)?



Answer:

<b>Region</b>	<b>2009</b>
Athabasca	Unavailable
Cypress	78
Five Hills	90
Heartland	71
Keewatin Yatthe	17
Kelsey Trail	108
Mamawetan Churchill River	24
Prairie North	140
Prince Albert Parkland	117
Regina Qu'Appelle	502
Saskatoon	515
Sun Country	75
Sunrise	128
Total	1,865

**Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 13, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: How many out-of-scope employees in 2008 were there in each of the 13 health regions (Athabasca, Keewatin Yatthe, Mamawetan Churchill River, Prairie North Health Region, Prince Albert Parkland, Kelsey Trail, Heartland, Saskatoon Sunrise, Cypress Five Hills, Regina Qu'Appelle and Sun Country)?

Answer:

<b>Region</b>	<b>2009</b>
Athabasca	Unavailable
Cypress	64
Five Hills	93
Heartland	70
Keewatin Yatthe	16
Kelsey Trail	111
Mamawetan Churchill River	25
Prairie North	142
Prince Albert Parkland	121
Regina Qu'Appelle	468
Saskatoon	493
Sun Country	76
Sunrise	120
Total	1,799

**Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 14, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: How many out-of-scope employees in 2007 were there in each of the 13 health regions (Athabasca, Keewatin Yatthe, Mamawetan Churchill River, Prairie North Health Region, Prince Albert Parkland, Kelsey Trail, Heartland, Saskatoon Sunrise, Cypress Five Hills, Regina Qu'Appelle and Sun Country)?

Answer:

<b>Region</b>	<b>2009</b>
Athabasca	Unavailable
Cypress	72
Five Hills	92
Heartland	75
Keewatin Yatthe	19
Kelsey Trail	105
Mamawetan Churchill River	20
Prairie North	150
Prince Albert Parkland	112
Regina Qu'Appelle	460
Saskatoon	530
Sun Country	78
Sunrise	126
Total	1,839

**Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 15, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: How many out-of-scope employees in 2006 were there in each of the 13 health regions (Athabasca, Keewatin Yatthe, Mamawetan Churchill River, Prairie North Health Region, Prince Albert Parkland, Kelsey Trail, Heartland, Saskatoon Sunrise, Cypress Five Hills, Regina Qu'Appelle and Sun Country)?

Answer:

<b>Region</b>	<b>2009</b>
Athabasca	Unavailable
Cypress	72
Five Hills	92
Heartland	75
Keewatin Yatthe	19
Kelsey Trail	105
Mamawetan Churchill River	20
Prairie North	150
Prince Albert Parkland	112
Regina Qu'Appelle	460
Saskatoon	530
Sun Country	78
Sunrise	126
Total	1839

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 16, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many addictions beds have been created since November 2007?  
(2) Where are those beds located?

Answer:

(1) There have been 22 new addictions beds created since November 2007. Planning continues for additional beds to be operational over the next few years.

(2)

Location	Type	Number
Prince Albert	Brief/Social Detox	14
Moose Jaw	Transitional Housing	4
Estevan	Transitional Housing	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>22</b>

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 17, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: (1) Which teen addictions organizations have received financial support from the government since November 2007? (2) How much financial support did each organization receive?

Answer:

(1) Since November 2007 Community supports funds issued through the Regional Health Authorities:

- EGADZ in Saskatoon receives \$100,000 annually towards the operation of youth respite/transitional beds;
- Funding through Five Hills RHA to support the 4 youth transitional housing spaces in Moose Jaw.

August 2008: \$6,500 provided to “Youth Launch” for Adult Ally workshops for health region staff and their intersectoral partners.

2008: \$50,000 towards the production of “Drug Class”.

March 2009: \$250 provided to “Teen Talk” for presentation at the mental health/addictions clinical conference.

March 2009: \$10,000 provided to “Families Against Meth” for the coordination of a workshop and public awareness presentation.

(2) Same as above.

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 18, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: On what date is the \$95 million for the children’s hospital going to be given back to the Saskatoon Health region?

Answer:

The Government has committed \$200M for the planning and construction of the Children’s Hospital. This funding will be provided to the Saskatoon Regional Health Authority as required to cover expenditures as they occur over the life of the project.

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 19, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: What is the date for construction to begin on the children’s hospital?

Answer:

Planning has not yet progressed to the point where a construction schedule can be developed.

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 20, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: What is the most up-to-date estimated price of the children’s hospital?

Answer:

The estimated cost of the Children’s Hospital is \$200M.

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 21, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: (1) Are all long-term care facilities in Saskatchewan equipped with sprinkler systems in case of fires? (2) If not, which ones are not?

Answer:

(1) No.

(2) The following long-term care facilities do not have sprinkler systems:

Buena Vista Lodge (this facility is being replaced under the Ready for Growth initiative).

Last Mountain Pioneer Home (the Saskatoon Health Region is undertaking a project to install sprinklers in this facility).

Manitou Lodge (this facility is being replaced under the Ready for Growth initiative).

Parkland Terrace (this facility is being replaced under the Ready for Growth initiative).

Regina Lutheran Home (the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region is undertaking a project to install sprinklers in this facility).

Sasko Park Lodge (this facility is being replaced under the Ready for Growth initiative).

Sunset Haven (the Sun Country Health Region is undertaking a project to install sprinklers in this facility).

Villa Pascal (the Prairie North Health Region has undertaken a project to install sprinklers in this facility).

Warman Mennonite Special Care Home (the Saskatoon Health Region is undertaking a project to install sprinklers in this facility).

Wheatbelt Centennial Lodge (this facility is being replaced under the Ready for Growth initiative).

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 22, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: With respect to the work provided to the Patient First Review by consulting firm Deloitte: (1) What was the total cost of all work completed by Deloitte? (2) At what hourly rate was the work conducted?

Answer:

(1) \$542,450.

(2) Hourly rates were not used.

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 23, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: With respect to the work provided to the Patient First Review by consulting firm KPMG: (1) What was the total cost of all work completed by KPMG? (2) At what hourly rate was the work conducted?

Answer:

(1) \$574,841.53

(2) Hourly rates were not used.

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 24, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: With respect to the work provided to the Patient First Review by consulting firm KPMG: (1) Who served as KPMG's research partner (as listed in the Saskatchewan Health Fact Sheet on October 15, 2009) on his work? (2) What specific work did the research partner conduct? (3) How was the research partner chosen? (4) What was the total cost of the work completed by the research partner? (5) At what hourly rate was the research partner's work conducted?

Answer:

- (1) Innovative Research Group served as KPMG's research partner.
- (2) The research partner did the patient and provider focus groups, workbook design and distribution, web based information gathering, stakeholder sessions, telephone survey, and analysis, synthesis, and sharing of research results.
- (3) KPMG included Innovative Research Group as their research partner in their submission to the Ministry of Health's request for proposal.
- (4) The research partner was paid by KPMG from funds provided by Saskatchewan Health.
- (5) Research partner hourly rates are not available.

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 25, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: (1) How much money has been spent on the Patient First Audit of the Health Care System (done by Tony Dagnone)? (2) Was all budget related to the review, the Commissioner, and any staff or consultants who assisted with the review, provided by Saskatchewan Health or was some portion of the cost provided by other ministries, boards or agencies of the Government of Saskatchewan? (3) If so, what other ministries, boards or agencies helped to cover the cost of the Patient First Review and how much did they spend?

Answer:

- (1) \$1.6M - \$1.7M will be spent on the Patient First Review.
- (2) All budget was provided by Saskatchewan Health.
- (3) N/A

**Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 26, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:**

To the Minister of Tourism, Park, Culture and Sport: (1) Has the provincial government created any new provincial parks, or established a timeline for the creation of any new provincial parks, since November 21, 2007? (2) If so, what are the locations and intended purposes of each of these parks?

Answer:

- (1) The provincial government has not created any new provincial parks since November 21, 2007, however planning is underway.
- (2) The locations and classifications of any new parks will be part of future legislation.

**Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 27, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:**

To the Minister of Tourism, Park, Culture and Sport: The Saskatchewan Film Employment Credit is paid to producers in instalments. (1) What is the average amount paid out to Saskatchewan producers? (2) How many instalments are typically required to pay out the entire amount of tax credit owed to producers? (3) What is the average length of time producers are required to wait between the time their application for the credit is approved, and the time the last instalment is paid out?

Answer:

- (1) The average amount per certificate was \$261,410.
- (2) The credit is not paid in instalments. Revenue Canada issues a single refund cheque for the full amount of the tax credit less any taxes outstanding.
- (3) The length of time varies widely, and can be as short as 11 weeks or as long as 22 weeks. The mean timeframe between approval of the application and issuance of the cheque is 16.5 weeks

**Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 28, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:**

To the Minister of Tourism, Park, Culture and Sport: (1) How much revenue did the provincial government generate from daily camping fees in 2007/2008? (2) 2008/2009? (3) 2009 to date?

Answer:

- (1) \$3,904,744 in 2007/08.
- (2) \$4,519,872 in 2008/09.
- (3) \$5,689,079 in 2009 to date.

**Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 29, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:**

To the Minister of Tourism, Park, Culture and Sport: (1) How much revenue did the provincial government generate from online Reserve A site registration fees in 2007/2008? (2) 2008/2009? (3) 2009 to date?

Answer:

- (1) \$81,769 in 2007/08.
- (2) \$108,518 in 2008/09.
- (3) \$177,128 in 2009 to date.

**Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 30, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:**

To the Minister of Tourism, Park, Culture and Sport: (1) How much revenue did the provincial government generate from Reserve A site change fees in 2007/2008? (2) 2008/2009? (3) 2009 to date?

Answer:

- (1) Not in place.
- (2) Not in place.
- (3) The revenue generated from Reserve A site change fees was \$5,309 in 2009 to date.

**Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 31, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:**

To the Minister of Tourism, Park, Culture and Sport: (1) How much revenue did the provincial government generate from seasonal camping fees for electrified sites in 2007/2008? (2) 2008/2009? (3) 2009 to date?

Answer:

- (1) \$463,161 in 2007/08.
- (2) \$461,090 in 2008/09.
- (3) \$858,570 in 2009 to date.

**Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 32, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:**

To the Minister of Tourism, Park, Culture and Sport: (1) Will the provincial government be getting tickets to Olympic events, or passes to Olympic venues, in consideration of its investment in the Games? (2) If so, to whom will these tickets be distributed? (3) Is there criteria for deciding who gets these tickets? (4) If so, what is the criteria?

Answer:

- (1) Yes – 4 tickets.
- (2) Through the Contributing Province and Territory Agreement with the Vancouver Olympic Committee, the Province receives accreditation for the Premier of the province and three (3) guests for a period of three (3) consecutive days during the Olympic Winter Games.
- (3) See (2).
- (4) See (2).

**Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 33, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:**

To the Minister of Tourism, Park, Culture and Sport: (1) How much revenue did the provincial government generate from trailer storage fees in 2007/2008? (2) 2008/2009? (3) 2009 to date?

Answer:

- (1) \$12,178 in 2007/08.
- (2) \$12,257 in 2008/09.
- (3) \$13,721 in 2009 to date.

**Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 34, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:**

To the Minister of Tourism, Park, Culture and Sport: (1) Will Tourism Saskatchewan be getting tickets to Olympic events, or passes to Olympic venues for the 2010 Olympics for any reason? (2) If so, to whom will these tickets be distributed? (3) Is there criteria for deciding who gets these tickets? (4) If so, what is the criteria?

Answer:

- (1) No.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A

**Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 35, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:**

To the Minister of Tourism, Park, Culture and Sport: (1) Has the provincial government conducted a heritage value assessment of the old St. Mary's School in Saskatoon? (2) If so, what were the findings of this assessment?

Answer:

- (1) No.
- (2) N/A

**Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 36, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:**

To the Minister of Tourism, Park, Culture and Sport: On May 14, 2009, the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport indicated that \$750,000 would be invested in "athlete development". (1) To whom will these funds be paid? (2) How much will each of these people or groups be paid? (3) What is the purpose of the funding?

Answer:

This money is part of the Contributing Province and Territory Agreement that the government paid to the Vancouver Olympic Committee. \$750,000 goes to the *Own the Podium 2010* program that is managed by the Canadian Olympic Committee. Launched in January 2005, *Own the Podium 2010* is a national sport technical initiative designed to help Canada's winter athletes win the most number of medals at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, and to place in the top three nations (gold medal count) at the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games. The initiative is supported by all of Canada's winter national sport organizations (NSOs) and the major winter sport funding partners, including Sport Canada, the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC), the Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC), the Calgary Olympic Development Association (CODA), the Government of British Columbia, the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC), and several of VANOC's corporate sponsors.

**Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 37, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:**

To the Minister of Tourism, Park, Culture and Sport: (1) Were there any companies that applied for the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit in 2009 that did not receive that credit? (2) 2007/08? (3) 2008/09?

Answer:

- (1) No.
- (2) No.
- (3) No.

**Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 38, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:**

To the Minister of Tourism, Park, Culture and Sport: (1) Which businesses, organizations, municipalities, government ministries, educational institutions and Crown corporations will be represented in the Saskatchewan pavilion at the Vancouver Olympics? (2) Will they be required to pay fees to be represented? (3) If so, what fees will each be required to pay?

Answer:

- (1) Negotiations with potential sponsors/partners are currently underway.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Fees are part of the negotiations currently underway with potential sponsors/partners. Fees will not be charged to participating ministries.

**Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 39, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:**

To the Minister of Tourism, Park, Culture and Sport: (1) How much revenue did the provincial government generate from seasonal camping fees for un-electrified sites in 2007/2008? (2) 2008/2009? (3) 2009 to date?

Answer:

- (1) \$116,764 in 2007/08.
- (2) \$129,201 in 2008/09.
- (3) \$138,314 in 2009 to date.

**Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 40, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:**

To the Minister of Tourism, Park, Culture and Sport: (1) How much is being budgeted in Tourism Saskatchewan for the Olympics? (2) Please include a breakdown of the following: (a) total travel and accommodation costs budgeted for agency officials? (b) total travel and accommodation costs budgeted for the Minister and ministerial staff? (c) total budget for advertising and promotional activities? (d) overall total budget in your agency?

Answer:

- (1) Tourism Saskatchewan set aside \$350,000, which will leverage an additional \$250,000 in federal funding from WED.
- (2)
  - (a) The specific cost associated with travel and accommodation is unknown at the present time.
  - (b) N/A
  - (c) Advertising and promotion of tourism is a main function of Tourism Saskatchewan. As such, most of their budget for the Olympics fits this description.
  - (d) The overall total budget for the Olympics in Tourism Saskatchewan is \$350,000.00 plus \$250,000.00 from WED.



**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 41, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:**

To the Minister of Finance: What is the total cost of resources, financial and human, that have been utilized to consider the implications of compliance with the Provincial Auditor's recommendation as it relates to summary financials in 2008, and 2009, up and until September 30, 2009?

Answer:

The Provincial Auditor has recommended an increased focus on the Province's summary financial picture. The Government believes that a focus on both the summary reporting entity and the General Revenue Fund (GRF) is important when it comes to providing financial information to the public. The Government currently prepares annual audited Summary Financial Statements in compliance with the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants and *The Financial Administration Act, 1993*. As well, the Government prepares an annual summary budget and an update to that budget with the Mid Year Report. Summary information outlines financial activity for all of Government, including Crown corporations, health authorities, boards, agencies and commissions. In addition, the Government produces Estimates, interim forecasts and annual audited financial statements on a GRF basis. This financial reporting is aligned with how Executive Government is organized and operates and provides accountability information on public revenues and expenses. Providing financial information on a summary and a GRF basis provides complete information to the public on the stewardship of resources for the Government as a whole and for Executive Government. It is not possible to separately account for the specific amount of time and resources spent reviewing the recommendations of the Provincial Auditor.

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 42, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:**

To the Minister of Finance: (1) What is the total cost of resources, financial and human, that have been utilized to study or evaluate the changes made by, and implications for Manitoba as it relates to focusing on summary financials in 2008, and 2009, up and until September 30, 2009? (2) What has been learned by evaluating Manitoba's experience in changing its focus to summary financials, specifically: (a) how has this gone for Manitoba? (b) what were the implications? (c) what from this circumstance can be applied to Saskatchewan?

Answer:

The Government, as part of its ongoing activities, monitors financial reporting policies and practices of the other provinces and territories, including Manitoba. Similarly, other provinces and territories compare their policies and practices with Saskatchewan's. While comparisons are important and helpful, jurisdictions chose policies and practices which best suit their particular circumstances, including how their governments are organized and operate. It is not possible to separately account for the specific amount of time and resources spent reviewing the other provinces' reporting policies and practices.

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 43, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:**

To the Minister of Finance: What is the total cost of resources, financial and human, that have been utilized by the government to develop, evaluate, consider or study the concept of a "flat tax" within Saskatchewan as it relates to income taxes in 2008 and 2009, as of September 30, 2009?

Answer:

The Ministry of Finance reviews taxation alternatives on an ongoing basis throughout the year, including both proactive analysis and analysis of proposals submitted by other government ministries and agencies or by public stakeholders. It is not possible to separately account for the specific amount of time and resources spent examining any single particular proposal.

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 44, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:**

To the Minister of Finance: (1) What is the total cost of resources, financial and human, that have been utilized by the government to develop, evaluate, consider or study various alternative income tax models within Saskatchewan as it relates to income taxes in 2008 and 2009, as of September 30, 2009? (2) Which models have been studied?

Answer:

The Ministry of Finance reviews taxation alternatives on an ongoing basis throughout the year, including both proactive analysis and analysis of proposals submitted by other government ministries and agencies or by public stakeholders. It is not possible to separately account for the specific amount of time and resources spent examining any single particular proposal.

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 45, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:**

To the Minister of Finance: Based on your Ministry's estimates, what would the value of the reduction in income tax revenues collected by the government be if it implemented the "flat tax" model recommended by Enterprise Saskatchewan in 2009?

Answer:

The Ministry of Finance had estimated that the "flat tax" model proposed by Enterprise Saskatchewan would reduce provincial income tax revenue by approximately \$400 million per year. This estimate takes into account the positive economic impact of a 10 per cent Flat Tax.

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 46, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:**

To the Minister of Finance: How much did the government spend in total, all ministries and executive council combined, on communicating the 2008/09 budget, including all programs and infrastructure projects, from any and all sources of communications?

Answer:

\$188,793.44

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 47, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:**

To the Minister of Finance: How much has the government spend to date, all ministries and executive council combined, on communicating the 2009/10 budget, including all programs and infrastructure projects, from any and all sources of communications?

Answer:

\$132,962.05

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 48, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:**

To the Minister of Finance: How many instances, including the year, resource, estimated revenue and actual revenue, has the Saskatchewan government tabled a budget that assumed resource revenues for one resources that was incorrectly too high, with the actual revenues to be less than the budget estimated by more than 1.3 billion dollars?

Answer:

Prior to 2009/10, this has never happened.

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 49, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:**

To the Minister of Finance: (1) Prior to its tabling, was there any information or Saskatchewan government civil servant that suggested that the potash revenue assumptions for the 2009/10 budget were possibly high of an estimate? (2) If so, who or what entity provided this information and what was the information?

Answer:

Analysis for and advice to Cabinet is confidential.

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 50, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:**

To the Minister of Finance: What role did the Ministry of Finance have in the potash revenue assumptions for the 2009/10 budget?

Answer:

The Ministry of Energy and Resources is responsible for the non-renewable resource forecast.

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 51, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:**

To the Minister of Finance: What role did the Ministry of Energy and Resources have in the potash revenue assumptions for the 2009/10 budget?

Answer:

The Ministry of Energy and Resources is responsible for the non-renewable resource forecast.

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 52, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:**

To the Minister of Finance: As the government developed its revenue assumptions for potash for the 2009/10 budget, what external analysts or consultants were either contacted, consulted or utilized?

Answer:

The Ministry of Energy and Resources is responsible for the non-renewable resource forecast.

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 53, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:**

To the Minister of Finance: As the government developed its revenue assumptions for potash for the 2009/10 budget which specific individuals from private industry were consulted?

Answer:

The Ministry of Energy and Resources is responsible for the non-renewable resource forecast.

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 54, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:**

To the Minister of Finance: As the government developed its revenue assumptions for potash for the 2009/10 budget what specific data suggested that its assumptions as it relates to potash price were appropriate?

Answer:

The Ministry of Energy and Resources is responsible for the non-renewable resource forecast. Analysis for and advice to Cabinet is confidential.

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 55, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:**

To the Minister of Finance: How many Saskatchewan potash workers had the Saskatchewan potash producers laid-off or had they announced as potential lay-offs in 2008 and 2009, by the day of tabling of the 2009/10 budget in March?

Answer:

Potash companies are private entities. Any information provided by them to the government is done with the strictest possible confidentiality.

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 56, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:**

To the Minister of Finance: How much has the government spend in total, all ministries and executive council combined, on communicating the 2009/10 budget, including all programs and infrastructure projects, from any and all sources of communications?

Answer:

\$132,962.05

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 57, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:**

To the Minister of Finance: How many tonnes of potash production had Saskatchewan potash producers indicated that they had reduced, or were reducing in 2008 and 2009, by the day of tabling of the 2009/10 budget in March?

Answer:

The Ministry of Energy and Resources is responsible for the non-renewable resource forecast. Potash companies are private entities. Any information provided by them to the government is done with the strictest possible confidentiality.

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 58, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) Will SaskPower be getting tickets to Olympic events, or passes to Olympic venues for the 2010 Olympics for any reason? (2) If so, to whom will these tickets be distributed? (3) Is there criteria for deciding who gets these tickets? (4) If so, what is the criteria?

Answer:

- (1) No.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 59, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) If one or more private 1000 MW nuclear reactors were constructed in Saskatchewan what would be the percentage of the power supply that they would provide in ten years? (2) Twenty years?

Answer:

As this question is entirely speculative in nature, an accurate answer cannot be provided.

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 60, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) Have there been projected SaskPower rate increases associated with producing 3000 MW of nuclear power? (2) If so, what are those projections?

Answer:

- (1) SaskPower has not prepared a projected rate increase associated with the acquisition of a 3000 MW nuclear supply option.
- (2) N/A

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 61, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What is SaskPower's estimate of the cost (on a per kWh basis) for each of the following type of energy generation: (1) Nuclear? (2) Wind? (3) Coal? (4) Natural Gas? (5) Biomass? (6) Solar? (7) Geothermal?

Answer:

Option		Useful life (yrs)	Typical overnight installed capital cost (\$/kW) in 2009\$	Busbar 1st year power cost (cents/kWh) in 2010\$
Coal	Compliant capture ready	40 to 55	4,300 to 5,700	7 to 10
	Clean as gas		6,300 to 8,600	8 to 12
	90% CO <sub>2</sub> capture		7,200 to 10,000	8 to 13
Nuclear		60	5,000 to 7,200	8 to 10
Natural Gas	Gas turbine	25	1,000 to 1,500	Not applicable
	Combined cycle	25	1,500 to 2,400	8 to 13
	Cogeneration	25	1,500 to 2,400	7 to 12
Import		Highly variable — based on availability, market conditions and transmission		
Polygeneration		Highly variable — project specific		
Wind	Large 150 MW or more	20	2,000 to 3,000	6 to 10
	Small 1 MW to 10 MW		3,600 to 4,700	12 to 22
	Micro 10 kW or less		4,000 to 10,000	27 to 57
Hydro 30 MW or more		50 or more	3,000 to 6,000	5 to 10
Biomass		20	3,000 to 6,600	6 to 11
Solar photovoltaics		20	7,000 to 13,000	43 to 180

#### **NOTES**

A. The "overnight" installed capital cost is the cost to build the power plant as if the project was completed overnight. The cost does not include interest which is incurred during construction or escalation of materials, labour or equipment expense.

B. The capital costs are "typical" in nature for new power plants and not based on detailed site specific analysis of costs.

C. No transmission or other system integration costs have been included in the capital or busbar power costs.

D. Hydro plant costs and energy production are site specific; the actual installed costs vary widely based on the amount of civil works and mitigation required. The costs do not include flow through benefits for First Nations partners or other potential stakeholders.

- E. The “busbar” power cost, or expense of producing electricity to the point it leaves the plant, is based upon future year power costs escalating at 2% annually.
- F. The busbar power costs have not considered all the costs or uncertainties of a detailed project decision (e.g. fuel risk, operating risk, line losses, system integration and backup costs).
- G. The busbar power costs include the impact of a cost of carbon on GHG emissions and sales revenue for CO<sub>2</sub> captured in some cases. The upper range generation prices for emitting options include a \$25/tonne charge on all CO<sub>2</sub> emitted as a means of trying to level the comparisons.
- H. The busbar power cost for nuclear includes an allowance for decommissioning and interim fuel storage.
- I. The busbar power cost for a simple cycle option is not applicable to this comparison of options as this option typically has low capacity factors due to its peaking operation.
- J. Coal, nuclear and biomass option busbar power costs are based on baseload operation (e.g. high capacity factors).
- K. The combined cycle option busbar power cost is based on mid-range to baseload operation (capacity factor 50% to 90%).
- L. Wind, solar and hydro option busbar power costs are based on capacity factors applicable for the resource.
- M. Estimates based on SaskPower build financial assumptions.

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 62, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) Will SaskEnergy be getting tickets to Olympic events, or passes to Olympic venues for the 2010 Olympics for any reason? (2) If so, to whom will these tickets be distributed? (3) Is there criteria for deciding who gets these tickets? (4) If so, what is the criteria?

Answer:

- (1) No.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 63, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission: (1) How many times did the Privacy Commissioner investigate breaches of the privacy of people, businesses or organizations by the Public Service Commission in 2006/07? (2) 2007/08? (3) 2008/09?

Answer:

- (1) The Privacy Commissioner investigated one alleged breach of privacy of a person in 2006/07.
- (2) None in 2007/08.
- (3) None in 2008/09.

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 64, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission: For every time the Privacy Commissioner investigated breaches of the privacy of people, businesses or organizations by the Public Service Commission in 2008/09, what was the nature of each of those breaches?

Answer:

There were no breach of privacy investigations conducted at the Public Service Commission by the Privacy Commissioner 2008/09.

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 65, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) Has SaskTel recently changed their policies on monthly fees for pre-paid cellular phone cards? (2) If so, what was the cost of the card before the change and after the change?

Answer:

- (1) There is no monthly fee on the cards. Effective November 1, 2009, there is a minimum \$8.00 monthly charge for prepaid cellular service.
- (2) SaskTel offers a \$20.00 and a \$50.00 prepaid cellular card.

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 66, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) Has the government legislation on gift card expiries had any effect on SaskTel, particularly has it had any effect on prepaid phone cards? (2) If so, what is the effect?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) SaskTel gift certificates and prepaid cellular phone cards no longer expire.

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 67, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) Will SaskTel be getting tickets to Olympic events, or passes to Olympic venues for the 2010 Olympics for any reason? (2) If so, to whom will these tickets be distributed? (3) Is there criteria for deciding who gets these tickets? (4) If so, what is the criteria?

Answer:

- (1) No.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 68, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) Is SaskTel charging a per-month fee on prepaid cellular phone cards? (2) If so, how much is the fee? (3) When did this fee come into effect?

Answer:

- (1) No. Effective November 1, 2009, there is a minimum \$8.00 monthly charge for prepaid cellular service.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 70, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister Responsible for Information Technology Office: How many service agreements, and with which entities, does the Information Technology Office have in place with government ministries, agencies, boards, commissioners, Crown corporations and other public sector agencies?

Answer:

20 – Advanced Education, Employment and Labour, Agriculture, Corrections, Public Safety and Policing, Energy and Resources, Environment, Executive Council, Finance, First Nations and Métis Relations, Highways and Infrastructure, Intergovernmental Affairs, Justice and Attorney General, Municipal Affairs, Office of the Provincial Secretary, Public Service Commission, Social Services,

Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport, Saskatchewan Grain Car Corporation, Saskatchewan Municipal Board, Saskatchewan Housing Corporation, Enterprise Saskatchewan.

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 72, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister Responsible for Information Technology Office: (1) How much is being budgeted in Information Technology Office for the Olympics? (2) Please include a breakdown of the following: (a) total travel and accommodation costs budgeted for agency officials. (b) total travel and accommodation costs budgeted for the Minister and ministerial staff. (c) total budget for advertising and promotional activities? (d) overall total budget in your agency?

Answer:

- (1) Nothing.
- (2) Nothing.

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 73, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister Responsible for Information Technology Office: (1) Will Information Technology Office be getting tickets to Olympic events, or passes to Olympic venues for the 2010 Olympics for any reason? (2) If so, to whom will these tickets be distributed? (3) Is there criteria for deciding who gets these tickets? (4) If so, what is the criteria?

Answer:

- (1) No.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 75, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister Responsible for Information Technology Office: (1) How many employees in the Information Technology Office have been designated as essential services under *The Public Service Essential Services Act*? (2) If no employees have been designated as essential under the Act, what is the management assessment of employees that they would deem essential?

Answer:

This question was asked to all ministries in Written Question 279 on Day 3. The answer for the ITO will be captured in that answer.

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 76, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:**

To the Minister of Government Services: For every time the Privacy Commissioner investigated breaches of the privacy of people, businesses or organizations by the Information Technology Office in 2008/09, what was the nature of each of those breaches?

Answer:

The Minister of Government Services is not responsible for the Information Technology Office and cannot provide an answer to this question.

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 77, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:**

To the Minister of Government Services: For every time the Privacy Commissioner investigated breaches of the privacy of people, businesses or organizations by the Information Services Corporation in 2008/09, what was the nature of each of those breaches?



Answer:

The Minister of Government Services is not responsible for the Information Services Corporation and cannot provide an answer to this question.

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 78, which was answered by the Hon.**

**Ms. Tell:**

To the Minister of Government Services: (1) How many times did the Privacy Commissioner investigate breaches of the privacy of people, businesses or organizations by the Information Technology Office in 2006/07? (2) 2007/08? (3) 2008/09?

Answer:

The Minister of Government Services is not responsible for the Information Technology Office and cannot provide an answer to this question.

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 79, which was answered by the Hon.**

**Ms. Tell:**

To the Minister of Government Services: (1) How many times did the Privacy Commissioner investigate breaches of the privacy of people, businesses or organizations by the Information Services Corporation in 2006/07? (2) 2007/08? (3) 2008/09?

Answer:

The Minister of Government Services is not responsible for the Information Services Corporation and cannot provide an answer to this question.

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 80, which was answered by the Hon.**

**Ms. Tell:**

To the Minister of Government Services: (1) How much revenue was generated by CBO vehicle leases in (1) 2005/06? (2) 2006/07? (3) 2008/09? (4) 2009/10 to date?

Answer:

- (1) \$1,580,446.19
- (2) \$1,626,961.62
- (3) \$2,214,455.74
- (4) \$1,123,927.01

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 81, which was answered by the Hon.**

**Ms. Tell:**

To the Minister of Government Services: What has the government spent on renovations to Minister's offices since November 20, 2007?

Answer:

\$1,212.09

**Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 82, which was answered by the Hon.**

**Ms. Tell:**

To the Minister of Government Services: What has the government spent on renovations to the Saskatoon Cabinet Office since November 20, 2007?

Answer:

\$5,800.

**Mr. Quennell, to ask the Government the following Question No. 83, which was answered by the**

**Hon. Mr. Morgan:**

To the Minister of Justice: (1) How many recommendations were being made by the coroner's inquest into the November 13, 2006, of Delbert Kenneth Pelletier at the Muskowekwan First Nation? (2) For each recommendation, has the government accepted the inquest's recommendations? (3) If the government has chosen to reject any of the inquest's recommendations, what was the reason for

rejecting that recommendation? (4) For each recommendation, what progress has the government made towards implementing the recommendations it has accepted? (5) What is the government's timeline for completion of each of the recommendations?

Answer:

- (1) 15.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A for Justice.
- (5) N/A

**Mr. Quennell, to ask the Government the following Question No. 84, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:**

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What is the total number of special prosecutors employed by, or under contract to, the provincial government at the present time? (2) How many of those positions are government employees? (3) How many are people working under contract?

Answer:

- (1) Seven.
- (2) Six.
- (3) One.

**Mr. Quennell, to ask the Government the following Question No. 85, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:**

To the Minister of Justice: (1) How many special prosecutors are assigned to organized crime? (2) Where are these positions located? (3) When were these positions filled?

Answer:

- (1) Two.
- (2) There is one prosecutor in each of Regina and Saskatoon.
- (3) 2006.

**Mr. Quennell, to ask the Government the following Question No. 86, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:**

To the Minister of Justice: (1) How many special prosecutors are assigned to occupational health and safety? (2) Where are these positions located? (3) When were these positions filled?

Answer:

- (1) Two.
- (2) Regina.
- (3) 2004.

**Mr. Quennell, to ask the Government the following Question No. 87, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:**

To the Minister of Justice: (1) How many special prosecutors are assigned to areas other than organized crime and occupational health and safety? (2) What is the area they are assigned to? (3) Where are these positions located? (4) When were these positions filled?

Answer:

- (1) Three.
- (2) One to the Ministry of Environment; two handle dangerous offender and long term offender proceedings.
- (3) Two are located in Saskatoon and one is located in Regina.
- (4) Environment – 2006; dangerous offender/long term offender prosecutors – 2007.

**Mr. Trew, to ask the Government the following Question No. 88, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) Are there specific rates for towing services contracted by SGI Salvage? (2) Are they applied equally across Saskatchewan? (3) What are those rates?

Answer:

- (1) No.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A

**Mr. Trew, to ask the Government the following Question No. 89, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) Will SGI be getting tickets to Olympic events, or passes to Olympic venues for the 2010 Olympics for any reason? (2) If so, to whom will these tickets be distributed? (3) Is there criteria for deciding who gets these tickets? (4) If so, what is the criteria?

Answer:

- (1) No.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A

**Mr. Trew, to ask the Government the following Question No. 90, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) Are there written guidelines or directives that determine how SGI Salvage contracts towing services throughout Saskatchewan? (2) If so, what are those guidelines or directions?

Answer:

- (1) No.
- (2) N/A

**Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 91, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:**

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) How much is being budgeted in SLGA for the Olympics? (2) Please include a breakdown of the following: (a) total travel and accommodation costs budgeted for agency officials. (b) total travel and accommodation costs budgeted for the Minister and ministerial staff. (c) total budget for advertising and promotional activities. (d) overall total budget in your agency.

Answer:

- (1) No.
- (2)
  - (a) N/A
  - (b) N/A
  - (c) N/A

**Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 92, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:**

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) How many people have been released without cause from the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority since November 21, 2007? (2) What were their names? (3) What was the severance paid to each of them?

Answer:

- (1) 9
- (2) Richard Ellingson, Darrell Hubelit, Brian Keith, Faye Rafter, Lisa Marie Thomson, Lisa Ann Wood, Brenda Deminchuk, Paul Weber and Shirley McAllister.
- (3) (Total paid as of October 24, 2009)
  - Richard Ellingson: \$112,604
  - Darrell Hubelit: \$70,285
  - Brian Keith: \$73,544
  - Faye Rafter: \$172,165
  - Lisa Marie Thomson: \$58,150
  - Lisa Ann Wood: \$212,770
  - Brenda Deminchuk: \$85,390
  - Paul Weber: \$254,638
  - Shirley McAllister: \$198,684

**Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 93, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:**

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) How many employees in the SLGA have been designated as essential services under *The Public Service Essential Services Act*? (2) If no employees have been designated as essential under the Act, what is the management assessment of employees that they would deem essential?

Answer:

- (1) SLGA is currently in negotiations with the SGEU Local 6080 to designate one position (and the three employees qualified to perform that function) as essential under *The Public Service Essential Services Act*.
- (2) N/A

**Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 94, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:**

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) Will SLGA be getting tickets to Olympic events, or passes to Olympic venues for the 2010 Olympics for any reason? (2) If so, to whom will these tickets be distributed? (3) Is there criteria for deciding who gets these tickets? (4) If so, what is the criteria?

Answer:

- (1) No.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A

**Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 95, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:**

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) What position does Ben Holden have with SLGA? (2) What are his total salary and benefits package worth on a yearly basis? (3) What expense accounts does he have access to? (4) What is the total that Mr. Holden has spent on expense accounts to date? (5) To what locations has Mr. Holden traveled to? (6) What were the costs of each of those trips, including travel and accommodations?

Answer:

- (1) Vice President, Retail Operations Division.
- (2) Mr. Holden's total salary and benefits for 2009 equalled \$158,098.
- (3) Mr. Holden is eligible for standard government out-of-pocket re-imbursement of travel and business expenses incurred while on SLGA business (e.g. meals on a per diem basis).

- (4) Mr. Holden has claimed \$1,132 in business expenses (not including travel, meals, etc. as identified in #6) since becoming Vice President of Retail Operations at SLGA.
- (5) Mr. Holden has travelled to the following locations on SLGA business;  
In-Province Travel: Assiniboia, Battleford, Biggar, Buffalo Narrows, Carlyle, Carrot River, Creighton, Davidson, Estevan, Fort Qu'Appelle, Gravelbourg, Humboldt, Indian Head, Kindersley, Kipling, La Loche, La Ronge, Melfort, Melville, Moose Jaw, Moosomin, Nipawin, North Battleford, Ponteix, Prince Albert, Regina, Rosetown, Rosthern, Saskatoon, Shellbrook, Swift Current, Tisdale, Wadena, Wakaw, Waskesiu, Watrous, Watson, Weyburn, Wilkie and Yorkton.  
Out of Province Travel: Bordeaux, France; Calgary, AB; Charlottetown, PE; Montreal, QU; Scotland; Toronto, ON; Victoria, BC; Winnipeg, MB; Yellowknife, NWT.
- (6) In Province Travel – Total cost for all in province locations listed above is \$4,484. Costs include standard per diem rates for meals, hotel accommodations and incidentals. A break down by trip is not possible as trips were often taken to multiple communities over multiple days. Travel costs for in province travel are also covered by CVA travel.  
Out of Province Travel: Bordeaux, France – \$6,892; Calgary, AB – \$1,106; Charlottetown, PEI – \$1,840; Montreal, QC – 2 trips totalling \$2,134; Scotland – \$0; Toronto, ONT – \$1,306; Victoria, BC – \$1,234; Winnipeg, MB – 2 trips totalling \$684; Yellowknife NT – \$1,247.

**Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 96, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Harrison:**

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs: (1) Did the Saskatchewan government conduct any consultations with municipalities or their representative organizations before announcing its support for the elimination of local preference policies for municipalities looking to procure goods and services? (2) If so, what were the dates and locations of these consultations?

Answer:

The question should be directed to the Minister Responsible for Trade.

**Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 100, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Harrison:**

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs: (1) Which municipal infrastructure projects qualified for provincial funding under the Saskatchewan Infrastructure Growth Initiative in Intake 1 but were not approved for funding? (2) What were the reasons for the projects not being approved?

Answer:

- (1) All projects that qualified for funding under SIGI have been approved.  
(2) In intake 1 the Village of Margo applied to expand the capacity of its potable water system by adding water meters and installing a more powerful filter pump. This project's components did not meet the program criteria for eligible projects and therefore was not approved.

**Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 103, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Harrison:**

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs: (1) Which municipal infrastructure projects qualified for provincial funding under the Saskatchewan Infrastructure Growth Initiative in Intake 2 but were not approved for funding? (2) What were the reasons for the projects not being approved?

Answer:

- (1) All projects that qualified for funding under SIGI have been approved.  
(2) In intake 2 the Town of Burstall applied to replace the existing water treatment plan. The project did not meet the program criteria, and therefore was not approved.

**Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 105, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Harrison:**

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs: (1) Which municipal infrastructure projects qualified for provincial funding under the Saskatchewan Infrastructure Growth Initiative in Intake 3 but were not approved for funding? (2) What were the reasons for the projects not being approved?

Answer:

- (1) For Intake 3, the review process is currently underway.
- (2) N/A

**Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 106, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Harrison:**

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs: (1) Which municipal infrastructure projects were approved for provincial funding under the Saskatchewan Infrastructure Growth Initiative in Intake 3? (2) What was the total cost of each project? (3) What was the province's share of each project? (4) What percentage of work has been completed on each project to date? (5) What percentage of the provincial government's share of the funding has been disbursed to each project to date?

Answer:

- (1) The submission deadline for Intake 3 was September 30, 2009. The review process is currently underway
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A
- (5) N/A

**Mr. Harper, to ask the Government the following Question No. 107, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) What is the government's timeline for upgrading Highway 102? (2) How much money has been allocated to this project? (3) What portions of the highway will be fixed?

Answer:

- (1) A Northern Transportation Advisory Committee has been established by the Government to assist in establishing a consistent and transparent framework for prioritizing improvements. Northern communities, First Nations, and industries are represented in the committee. To date, the priorities and time lines for construction projects have not been established.
- (2) The priorities and time lines for construction projects is under development with the Northern Transportation Advisory Committee.
- (3) The priorities and time lines for construction projects is under development with the Northern Transportation Advisory Committee

**Mr. Harper, to ask the Government the following Question No. 108, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: How many expropriations of land (not negotiated settlements) were there in 2009 to date?

Answer:

There were two expropriations.

**Mr. Harper, to ask the Government the following Question No. 109, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: How many contracts to do work on Saskatchewan highways were awarded in 2008/09 that were completed in 2008/09?

Answer:

138 contracts were awarded in 2008/09 that were completed in 2008/09.

**Mr. Harper, to ask the Government the following Question No. 110, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) How many contractors receive contacts to work on Saskatchewan highways, other than forced account work in 2008/09? (2) 2007/08?

Answer:

- (1) 86 contractors – 2008/09.
- (2) 94 contractors – 2007/08.

**Mr. Harper, to ask the Government the following Question No. 111, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) What was the average cost per kilometer of the reconstruction work in 2008 and 2009 to date? (2) 2007? (3) 2006? (4) 2005? (5) 2004?

Answer:

Year	Average/KM
2009	\$ 734,257
2008	\$ 613,997
2007	\$ 499,145
2006	\$ 514,339
2005	\$ 187,322
2004	\$ 231,481

**Mr. Harper, to ask the Government the following Question No. 112, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) When was the last time a traffic count was performed on Highway 39 between Regina and North Portal? (2) What was the result of that count? (3) How much of that traffic was commercial in nature?

Answer:

- (1) 2009 was the last time a traffic count was performed on Highway 39 between Regina and North Portal.
- (2) The Ministry is still analysing the 2009 results.
- (3) Not available until the analysis is complete.

**Mr. Harper, to ask the Government the following Question No. 113, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) What is the government's timeline for upgrading the access road into Cumberland House on Highway 123? (2) How much money has been allocated to this project?

Answer:

- (1) A Northern Transportation Advisory Committee has been established by the Government to assist in establishing a consistent and transparent framework for prioritizing improvements. Northern communities, First Nations, and industries are represented in the committee. To date, the priorities and time lines for construction projects have not been established.
- (2) The priorities and time lines for construction projects is under development with the Northern Transportation Advisory Committee.

**Mr. Harper, to ask the Government the following Question No. 114, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company: (1) How many of STC buses are equipped with an emergency response system? (2) What percentage of the fleet does that represent?

Answer:

- (1) 42
- (2) 100%

**Mr. Harper, to ask the Government the following Question No. 115, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company: (1) For the emergency response systems for STC buses, what company supplied STC with the system? (2) What was the cost of the systems per bus? (3) Who installed the systems in each bus? (4) What was the cost of installing the systems per bus? (5) Who monitors the system? (6) What is the total cost of operation the system?

Answer:

- (1) SaskTel, through Prairie Mobile Communications, a SaskTel dealer.
- (2) \$1,577.
- (3) Prairie Mobile Communications.
- (4) \$341.
- (5) SaskTel SecurTek.
- (6) \$39,000 annually.

**Mr. Harper, to ask the Government the following Question No. 116, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Company: (1) Will STC be getting tickets to Olympic events, or passes to Olympic venues for the 2010 Olympics for any reason? (2) If so, to whom will these tickets be distributed? (3) Is there criteria for deciding who gets these tickets? (4) If so, what is the criteria?

Answer:

- (1) No.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A

**Mr. Lingenfelter, to ask the Government the following Question No. 121, which was answered by the Premier:**

To the Premier: For all the individuals that were terminated without cause by this government, including government ministries and agencies, Crown corporations, executive council, the WBC and the Labour Relations Board, how long, on average, did it take to finalize the severance packages?

Answer:

As some settlements are still outstanding, it is not possible to provide an accurate average of time taken to finalize severance packages.

**Mr. Lingenfelter, to ask the Government the following Question No. 124, which was answered by the Premier:**

To the Premier: When was the severance package for each of the following people finalized: (1) Deb McDonald? (2) Barbara MacLean? (3) Bill Craik? (4) Lily Stonehouse? (5) John Wright? (6) Richard Gladue? (7) Bonnie Durnford? (8) Harvey Brooks?



Answer:

- (1) September 15, 2008.
- (2) April 23, 2009.
- (3) July 10, 2008.
- (4) December 24, 2008.
- (5) February 24, 2009.
- (6) October 20, 2009.
- (7) October 17, 2008.
- (8) August 6, 2008.

**Mr. Lingenfelter, to ask the Government the following Question No. 125, which was answered by the Premier:**

To the Premier: What is the total dollar amount of the severance packages (including any top-ups to pensions, travel and car allowances, and any other benefits) for the following people: (1) Deb McDonald? (2) Barbara MacLean? (3) Bill Craik? (4) Lily Stonehouse? (5) John Wright? (6) Richard Gladue? (7) Bonnie Durnford? (8) Harvey Brooks? (9) Tim Korol? (10) Allan Hansen?

Answer:

- (1) \$260,961.
- (2) \$280,078.
- (3) \$158,509.
- (4) \$311,178.
- (5) \$409,382.
- (6) \$71,906.
- (7) \$327,104.
- (8) \$151,000.
- (9) \$51,812.
- (10) \$122,308.

**Mr. Lingenfelter, to ask the Government the following Question No. 126, which was answered by the Premier:**

To the Premier: Written Question No. 171 of the last Session was "For each of the civil servants that have been dismissed by the government since November 31, 2001 how many severance packages have yet to be paid?" The answer tabled was "3". (1) Were any of the following people – Deb McDonald, Barbara MacLean, Bill Craik, Lily Stonehouse, John Wright, Richard Gladue, Bonnie Durnford, Harvey Brooks – included in that answer of 3? (2) If not, why not?

Answer:

- (1) No.
- (2) They were dismissed on November 26, 2007, prior to the date requested in Written Question No. 171.

**Mr. Lingenfelter, to ask the Government the following Question No. 129, which was answered by the Premier:**

To the Premier: What is the total monthly expenditure on salaries and benefits in Executive Council?

Answer:

\$455,458 (as of date of notice of question).

**Mr. Lingenfelter, to ask the Government the following Question No. 130, which was answered by the Premier:**

To the Premier: As of September 1, 2009, what is the total monthly cost of salaries and benefits in Executive Council (not including Minister's offices)?

Answer:

\$450,771.

**Mr. Lingenfelter, to ask the Government the following Question No. 132, which was answered by the Premier:**

To the Premier: (1) How much money has been budgeted on the "Ready for Growth" advertising campaign? (2) What methods of advertising (billboards, radio ads, etc.) have been budgeted for? (3) What locations will these purchases be made in?

Answer:

This question should be directed to the Minister of Finance.

**Mr. Lingenfelter, to ask the Government the following Question No. 133, which was answered by the Premier:**

To the Premier: (1) How much money has been spent on the "Ready for Growth" advertising campaign? (2) What methods of advertising (billboards, radio ads, etc.) were purchased? (3) What locations were those purchases made in?

Answer:

This question should be directed to the Minister of Finance.

**Mr. Lingenfelter, to ask the Government the following Question No. 136, which was answered by the Premier:**

To the Premier: (1) Has Garnet Garvin received any payout, severance or otherwise, as a result of his leaving the employment of the government of Saskatchewan? (2) What were the amount of these payments and for what purpose? (3) If there is any kind of severance package, please include all details such as pension and benefit payments.

Answer:

- (1) There was no severance payout. Mr. Garven was paid out for all unused vacation days and scheduled days off (SDOs) earned.
- (2) The amount was a normal calculation based on his salary at the date of leaving and the number of days outstanding.
- (3) N/A

**Mr. Lingenfelter, to ask the Government the following Question No. 137, which was answered by the Premier:**

To the Premier: (1) Has Doug Emsley received any remuneration from executive government (including minister's offices) or Crown corporations since November 7, 2007 that has not already been reported? (2) If so, what remuneration was given?

Answer:

- (1) No.
- (2) N/A

**Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 138, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:**

To the Minister of Social Services: What actions is the government of Saskatchewan undertaking to ensure the quick ratification and full implementation by the Saskatchewan government and the federal government of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its optional protocol?

Answer:

Authority to ratify international treaties like the *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* (CRPD) rests with the federal Executive. However, because the CRPD has implications for provincial and territorial (PT) governments, the federal government has been consulting with PT governments, and PT governments, including Saskatchewan, have been conducting their own analyses. Canada is not a signatory to the Optional Protocol.

**Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 139, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) Has there been a review at the Central Vehicle Agency (CVA) of vehicle leasing to Community Based Organizations (CBOs)? (2) If yes, over what period of time was the review undertaken and when was the review completed? (3) What were the terms of reference of the review? (4) What were the conclusions of the review? (5) How and when were CBOs informed of the review? (6) Have policies affecting leasing vehicles to CBOs changed as a result of this review? (7) If policies have changed, how have they changed? (8) How and when were CBOs informed of the changes?

Answer:

- (1) Social Services has not conducted a review of vehicle leasing to CBOs. The Central Vehicle Agency is the responsibility of the Ministry of Government Services.
- (2) Refer to (1).
- (3) Refer to (1).
- (4) Refer to (1).
- (5) Refer to (1).
- (6) Refer to (1).
- (7) Refer to (1).
- (8) Refer to (1).

**Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 140, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many polling or public research contracts, such as focus groups, that were engaged by the Ministry of Social Services in the current year 2009 to date? (2) What were the names of the firm engaged? (3) What date were the contracts signed? (4) What was the amount of each contract?

Answer:

- (1) None.
- (2) Refer to (1).
- (3) Refer to (1).
- (4) Refer to (1).

**Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 141, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:**

To the Minister of Social Services: What money has been spent on Social Services facilities in 2009 to date? For each expenditure please provide the name of the facility and the community it is located in.

Answer:

Social Services spent the following amounts from April 1, 2009 to October 25, 2009 on the following facilities:

- Red Willow – Saskatoon – \$1,618,634.67
- Dales House (including Eden House) – Regina – \$1,991,112.73
- Saskatoon Treatment Group Home – Saskatoon – \$367,879.11
- PA Treatment Group Home – Prince Albert – \$439,197.93
- South View Home – Moose Jaw – \$191,687.66
- North View Home – Prince Albert – \$638,219.81
- Valley View Centre – Moose Jaw – \$15,579,515.06

**Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 142, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:**

To the Minister of Social Services: What projects have been deferred by the government's October 16, 2009 announcement that \$1.5 million in Community Development Trust money will be deferred?

Answer:

None.

## **NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS**

On Wednesday:

Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff to move First Reading of Bill No. 105 – The SaskEnergy Amendment Act, 2009

Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff to move First Reading of Bill No. 106 – The Labour Market Commission Repeal Act

Mr. Yates to move First Reading of Bill No. 607 – The Public Safety, Security and Protection Act