



No. 8

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Harper, 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 invest in the planning and construction of new long-term care beds in La Ronge.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 3)

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

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

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

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 5)

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

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

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

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

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

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 13)

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

(Privilege – November 3, 2009)

Yesterday, the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Yates) gave notice of a question of privilege. The notice concerned responses by the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing (Mr. Huyghebaert) made during the oral question period of October 29, 2009. The notice and details of the subject matter were in writing and the proposed motion of remedy was received at least two hours prior to the regular opening of the Assembly, in accordance with the requirements of Rule 12.

The Opposition House Leader's case is that the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing breached the privileges of this Assembly by his responses during the oral question period.

To begin with, I want to outline for all Members the parliamentary issue that is raised by the Opposition House Leader's question of privilege. The allegation of the Member is that the Minister of Public Safety, Corrections and Policing was "attempting to mislead the House." An allegation of "attempting to mislead the House" is equal to a charge that a Member has willfully or deliberately misled the Assembly.

I think all Members are familiar with the Rule that prohibits the making of a personal charge or accusation against another Member in the normal course of debate. The charge that a Member has made deliberately misleading statements, if well-founded, is treated as contempt of parliament. Accusations and personal charges against a Member must be made directly by substantive motion or by raising a question of privilege.

I remind all honourable Members that it is not the role of the Speaker to decide if a breach of privilege or contempt has been committed. This is a question that only the Assembly can decide. It is the Speaker's role to decide whether a *prima facie* case has been established. What that means is the Speaker is to judge whether there is sufficient evidence to merit setting aside the regular business of the Assembly to debate the matter. If the Speaker finds a *prima facie* case has been established, then the question is put to the Assembly in the form of the motion included as part of the Opposition House Leader's case.

Yesterday, I deferred my ruling on the case in order to carefully review the evidence put forward by the Opposition House Leader, the authorities and relevant precedents. I am now prepared to rule on the case.

First of all, I want to outline the parliamentary practices of the Houses of Commons in Ottawa and Westminster, when allegations are made against a Member for deliberately making a false statement. I do this because both Ottawa and Westminster practice are cited in the case and because Saskatchewan's practice differs somewhat.

At Ottawa and Westminster, the primary threshold of proof that a Member deliberately misled the House is the Member's own admission of guilt. The Opposition House Leader cites a House of Commons case in Ottawa, which he states is "virtually identical" to his case against the Minister of Public Safety, Corrections and Policing. He quotes the Speaker, who cites House of Commons practice by quoting from Erskine May, as follows:

"The Commons may treat the making of a deliberately misleading statement as contempt. In 1963 the House resolved that in making a personal statement which contained words which he later admitted not to be true, a former Member had been guilty of a grave contempt."

The quoted passage can be found at page 132 of the *Erskine May's Parliamentary Practice*, 23rd edition, where the Profumo case is cited as the guiding precedent. In that case Profumo, a Minister of the Crown, confessed that he had misled the House and lied in testimony elsewhere. Similarly, although not mentioned by the Opposition House Leader, in the Ottawa case, the Minister of Defence admitted to the media that he had misled the House. This is why the Speaker quoted the 1963 Westminster case. In the case before us, there is no admission by the Minister of Public Safety, Corrections and Policing that he had deliberately misled this Assembly in Question Period on October 29. Therefore, the Ottawa situation is not "virtually identical" and does not support the Opposition House Leader's case.

In Saskatchewan, however, a contempt charge does not necessarily require an admission of guilt. Contempt has been found on the basis of evidence. On November 18, 1975, the Speaker ruled that unless evidence can be produced that demonstrates "knowing and deliberate deception of the Assembly, there is no question of privilege." Such was the case on July 13, 1982, when a *prima facie* case was established that a Minister had deliberately and willfully mislead the Assembly when a letter proved that he had been personally involved with the dismissal of an employee after having denied the fact in Question Period.

In the absence of a confession, the Speaker must review the details provided by the Opposition House Leader for evidence to determine if the Minister did commit a "knowing and deliberate deception of the Assembly."

I will first deal with the exchange in Question Period of October 29, which is where the Opposition House Leader begins his case.

The Opposition House Leader has quoted, in the first instance the Minister did say he had no knowledge that a dangerous sex offender is unlawfully at large. What isn't quoted is that the Minister then said "if the Member would like to pass some information over to me, I will definitely look into it." After another exchange about government policy, the Minister asks for "details on the specifics of the case." The Opposition House Leader then provided the specifics, which the Minister addressed. It is clear, and I don't think disputed, that the Minister did provide the information sought by the Member. What is under review is whether the Minister had, by this evidence, deliberately attempted to mislead the Assembly.

It is apparent that after further questions the Minister did know that the person in question was at large. The Opposition House Leader claims that if the initial answer had been allowed to stand, then quote “the Minister would have misled this Assembly without anyone being the wiser.” The operative words are quote “would have misled.” If the record had not been corrected, the Member might have a case if it could be proved the Minister did knowingly mislead the Assembly. The fact of the matter is that the Minister did not allow his initial answer to stand and he corrected the record after more information was supplied by the Member. For this reason I find that the Opposition House Leader has not provided proof that the Minister did knowingly and willfully attempt to mislead the Assembly. Nor has the Opposition House Leader provided evidence that the exchange in Question Period had in any way obstructed or impeded the Opposition House Leader or any other Member in the performance of their duties.

I will now deal with the claim that the Minister said one thing in the Assembly about his responsibility and another thing outside the Assembly to the media.

Generally, the Speaker is not concerned with what is said outside this chamber unless it has some bearing on, or connection to, the rights and privileges of the Assembly and its Members. In this case the Opposition House Leader alleges that what was said outside by the Minister to the media is evidence that he deliberately misled the Assembly.

In the Assembly the Minister stated “we decided and I decided not to make a public announcement.” It is common, and required in this Assembly, for Ministers to take responsibility for the administrative and policy decisions of their ministries regardless of who actually committed an action. The Opposition House Leader has not provided any evidence that the Minister attempted to deceive or mislead the Assembly in this regard.

For these reasons, I find that Opposition House Leader has not produced the evidence necessary for the Speaker to find that a *prima facie* case of contempt has been established.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 143 to 152, 154 to 165, 167 to 188, 192 to 204, 206 to 270, 275 to 277, 279 and 280, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 153, 166, 189 to 191, 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. 39 to 43)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 205, 271 to 274 and 278, pursuant to Rule 20(5)(a), the questions were converted and Orders for Returns were issued:

Mr. Broten, for Return No. 23 showing:

- (1) Since the answer to Written Question No. 178 of the previous session, for dismissed members of the Labour Relations Board or Workers' Compensation Board (in particular James Seibel, Angela Zborosky and Catherine Zuck) any severance payments received (including pension top-ups or other benefits).
- (2) The amount each individual received.

Mr. Lingenfelter, for Return No. 24 showing:

(1) For each ministry, all of the staff people that have worked in your office between December 1, 2007 and October 1, 2009. (2) For each person, their name. (3) Their position. (4) The date of hire. (5) The date of termination (if applicable). (6) After ceasing to work in the minister's office, if the person became employed in Executive Council or in a government ministry, or if they left the employ of the Government of Saskatchewan altogether. (7) Any severance paid. (8) Amount of severance.

Mr. Lingenfelter, for Return No. 25 showing:

For each ministry, for every time the Privacy Commissioner investigated breaches of the privacy of people, businesses, or organizations in your ministry in 2008/09, the nature of each of those breaches.

Mr. Lingenfelter, for Return No. 26 showing:

(1) For each ministry, the amount of times the Privacy Commissioner investigated breaches of the privacy of people, businesses, or organizations in your ministry in 2006/07. (2) 2007/08. (3) 2008/09.

Mr. Lingenfelter, for Return No. 27 showing:

(1) For each ministry, the amount of businesses in your ministry in 2009/10 to date that received a contract for over \$50,000. (2) The percentage of those businesses that were based in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Lingenfelter, for Return No. 28 showing:

(1) For each ministry, the amount that is being budgeted in your ministry for the Olympics. (2) Please include a breakdown of the following: (a) total travel and accommodation costs budgeted for ministry 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 ministry.

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.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 35

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

NAYS – 20

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:54 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Don Toth
Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the *Votes and Proceedings* of November 2, 2009, under APPENDIX – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, the answer to Written Question No. 96 should read as follows:

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.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Taylor asked the Government the following Question No. 143, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) Has Enterprise Saskatchewan ever entered into any business arrangement (contractual or otherwise) with the consulting firm C2E Consulting? (2) If so, what was the nature of the work performed for each contract? (3) How much was paid to C2E for each contract? (4) Were any of these contracts tendered? (5) If so, where and when? (6) What is the total cost of all work performed by C2E consulting for Enterprise Saskatchewan? (7) In what fiscal years was the work performed? (8) What was the name(s) of the principle consultant(s) from C2E consulting who completed any work for Enterprise Saskatchewan?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Assist in developing strategic partnerships between Saskatchewan and Ontario and identification of opportunities for relocations and investment.
- (3) \$6,174.41
- (4) No.
- (5) N/A
- (6) \$6,174.41
- (7) 2009/10
- (8) Lars Hansen.

Mr. Taylor asked the Government the following Question No. 144, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) How much is being budgeted in Enterprise 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) 0
- (2) N/A

Mr. Taylor asked the Government the following Question No. 145, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) How many investment attraction consultants does the government currently have contracts with? (2) Where are these consultants located? (3) How much is each contract worth? (4) What is the time frame of each contract?

Answer:

(1) Enterprise Saskatchewan currently has contracts with five investment attraction consultants.

(2)

Where located	Contract worth	Contract timeframe
Carlsbad CA USA	\$31,500 USD + related travel, sustenance and accommodation costs	July 1/09 to Jan. 31/10
Olathe KS USA	\$18,000 USD + related travel, sustenance and accommodation costs + related event/conference costs attended at ES's request	Aug. 1/09 to Jan. 31/10
Calgary AB	Maximum of \$61,950 + related travel, sustenance and accommodation costs + related event/conference costs attended at ES's request	Sept. 1/09 to Mar. 31/10
Washington DC USA	\$30,000 + related travel, sustenance and accommodation costs + related event/conference costs attended at ES's request	Oct. 1/09 to Mar. 31/10
Toronto ON	\$12,000 + related travel, sustenance and accommodation costs	June 1/09 to Nov. 30/09

Mr. Taylor asked the Government the following Question No. 146, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

To the Minister of Enterprise: (1) How many individuals received payments for salaries, wages, honorariums, etc. from Enterprise Saskatchewan which total \$50,000 or more for the fiscal year 2007/08? (2) 2008/09?

Answer:

(1) 0

(2) 37

Mr. Taylor asked the Government the following Question No. 147, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister Responsible for Innovation Saskatchewan: (1) How much is being budgeted in Innovation 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) No funds have been budgeted by Innovation Saskatchewan for the Olympics.

(2) N/A

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 148, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: How many schools are being reviewed by school boards for possible closure or grade reduction in 2009/10?

Answer:

To date, five school divisions made motions for review for possible closure or grade reductions effective summer of 2010.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 149, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: (1) How many educational assistants were employed by Saskatchewan school divisions in 2008/09? (2) What is the estimate for 2009/10?

Answer:

- (1) 3,478 educational assistants were employed by Saskatchewan school divisions in 2008/09.
- (2) Within the *2009/2010 Funding Guide*, the provincial government recommends staffing ratios for student support services, including educational assistants, to school divisions. School divisions are responsible for determining appropriate programming, including supports and services, for all students. Staffing profiles are collected as of December 20, 2009, from school divisions and, as such, are not available at this time.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 150, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: What was the order of priority for the capital lists for schools as of October 1, 2009?

Answer:

The current list is available to the public and is posted on the Ministry of Education's website.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 151, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: (1) How many schools are being reviewed by school boards for possible closure or grade discontinuance? (2) Please name each school and indicate if it is full closure of grade discontinuance (and the grades affected) for each school.

Answer:

- (1) To date, five schools are under review for possible closure or grade discontinuance.
- (2)

Name of School	Grades	
Rossville School (Coleville, SK)	K-7	Closure
Calder School	K-8	Closure
Ken Jenkins School	K-8	Closure
Shell Lake School	K-9	Closure
Abbey School	10-12	Grade Discontinuance

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 152, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: What types of property were communities previously allowed to exempt from paying the education portion of property tax prior to the changes in education financing introduced on March 19, 2009?

Answer:

A number of types of property are exempted from property taxation by legislation in sections 292 and 293 of *The Municipalities Act*, section 262 of *The Cities Act*, and section 259.2 of *The Northern Municipalities Act*. In addition to properties exempted by legislation, municipalities may exempt any property which the council determines should be exempt from property taxation. This authority is given by section 295 of *The Municipalities Act*, section 263 of *The Cities Act*, and section 259.3 of *The Northern Municipalities Act*.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 154, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: What is the difference between the number of educational assistants required under the provincial government's formula and the number employed by those school divisions who employ fewer educational assistants than required under provincial guidelines?

Answer:

No school division employs fewer educational assistants than recommended under the provincial government's recommended staffing ratios for student support services. Within the *2009/2010 Funding Guide*, the provincial government recommends staffing ratios for student support services including the following professional and para-professional supports:

	Recommended Ratio
Superintendent(s) of Student Services/Special Education	~ 1 : 5000
Coordinator(s)/Consultants	~ 1 : 2000
Special Education Teachers	~ 1 : 175
Education/Teacher Assistants	~ 1 : 100
Psychologists	~ 1 : 1500
Physical Therapists	~ 1 : 6000
Occupational Therapists	~ 1 : 3000
Speech Language Pathologists	~ 1 : 1000
Counsellors	~ 1 : 1000
Social Workers	~ 1 : 1000
English as an Additional Language Specialists	~ 1 : 500

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 155, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: What types of property are communities currently allowed to exempt from paying the education portion of property tax?

Answer:

There have been no changes to the authority of municipalities to determine property tax exemptions further to the changes to education property tax introduced on March 19, 2009.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 156, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: (1) How many school divisions received less provincial government funding for the 2009/10 school year than they had initially projected in their submissions to the Ministry of Education? (2) Which school divisions? (3) What was the amount of the shortfall in each instance?

Answer:

- (1) The 2009/10 funding allocations provided to school divisions on budget day were based on school divisions' 2008/09 final budgets. Consultations between the ministry and each school division were then held in April and May 2009 to assess whether additional financial pressures existed. As a result of these consultations, 28 of the 29 provincial school divisions received funding increases over amount allocated on budget day. Funding to only one school division was reduced.
- (2) Saskatoon Public School Division.
- (3) \$3M due to an adjustment/correction in the school division's 2008/09 budget.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 157, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: (1) How many children were on the waiting list for child care spaces in Prince Albert as of September 30, 2009? (2) What is the total number of child care spaces available in that community? (3) What is the average length of time a child on that waiting list will have to wait before being placed in a space?

Answer:

- (1) The ministry provides funding support but does not operate licensed child care facilities, and does not have provincial or local data regarding the number of children waiting for child care spaces. The ministry does maintain a list of requests for new child care centre space development which can be considered an indicator of the demand for licensed child care in any given community. This ever-changing space development list currently consists of requests for just over 1,500 centre spaces. The ministry considers each of these requests, which are in varying stages of readiness to develop, in context of the available resources, other services in the community, capacity of the board and the availability of facilities.
- (2) The total number of licensed child care spaces in Prince Albert as of September 30, 2009, is 750. Funding for another 162 spaces in Prince Albert has been approved by the ministry; these spaces are currently being developed. An additional 203 space requests for Prince Albert are on the space development list for future consideration.
- (3) The ministry does not operate child care facilities, and does not have data regarding the length of time a child will wait before being placed in a space. This is particularly difficult to determine as many families place their child's name on waitlists for more than one child care service.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 158, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: (1) How many children were on the waiting list for child care spaces in Saskatoon as of September 30, 2009? (2) What is the total number of child care spaces available in that community? (3) What is the average length of time a child on that waiting list will have to wait before being placed in a space?

Answer:

- (1) The ministry provides funding support but does not operate licensed child care facilities, and does not have provincial or local data regarding the number of children waiting for child care spaces. The ministry does maintain a list of requests for new child care centre space development which can be considered an indicator of the demand for licensed child care in any given community. This ever-changing space development list currently consists of requests for just over 1,500 centre spaces. The ministry considers each of these requests, which are in varying stages of readiness to develop, in context of the available resources, other services in the community, capacity of the board and the availability of facilities.
- (2) The total number of licensed child care spaces in Saskatoon as of September 30, 2009, is 2,237. Funding for another 193 spaces in Saskatoon has been approved by the ministry; these spaces are currently being developed. An additional 497 space requests for Saskatoon are on the space development list for future consideration.
- (3) The ministry does not operate child care facilities, and does not have data regarding the length of time a child will wait before being placed in a space. This is particularly difficult to determine as many families place their child's name on waitlists for more than one child care service.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 159, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: (1) How many children were on the waiting list for child care spaces in Pangman as of September 30, 2009? (2) What is the total number of child care spaces available in that community? (3) What is the average length of time a child on that waiting list will have to wait before being placed in a space?

Answer:

- (1) The ministry provides funding support but does not operate licensed child care facilities, and does not have provincial or local data regarding the number of children waiting for child care spaces. The ministry does maintain a list of requests for new child care centre space development which can be considered an indicator of the demand for licensed child care in any given community. This ever-changing space development list currently consists of requests for just over 1,500 centre spaces. The ministry considers each of these requests, which are in varying stages of readiness to develop, in context of the available resources, other services in the community, capacity of the board and the availability of facilities.
- (2) The total number of licensed child care spaces in Pangman as of September 30, 2009, is 0. Funding for a new 25 space centre in Pangman has been approved by the ministry; these spaces are currently being developed. No other space requests for Pangman are on the space development list.
- (3) The ministry does not operate child care facilities, and does not have data regarding the length of time a child will wait before being placed in a space. This is particularly difficult to determine as many families place their child's name on waitlists for more than one child care service.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 160, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: The October 21, 2009 Throne Speech states that nearly 300 million has been invested in schools over the last two years and that this has resulted in improvements to more than 230 schools. (1) Which schools have received this funding? (2) How much funding did each of these schools receive? (3) For what purpose was the money used?

Answer:

The government has approved funding for the following since November 2007:

\$117.6M	2008/09 capital appropriation April 2008
\$141.7M	2008/09 supplemental capital appropriation March 2008
<u>\$31.0M</u>	2009/10 capital appropriation
\$290.3M	total capital appropriation

The attached spread sheet is current to October 27, 2009. Some 2009/10 capital has not yet been assigned to specific projects. The spreadsheet totals \$277.8M ministry share. There is \$12.5M left to assign to block projects for the 2009/10 fiscal year. In addition, \$13.1M was provided in March 2008 to meet final funding obligations for three major capital projects approved in 2004. Écoles canadienne francaise, Saskatoon – \$1.1M; Bethlehem High School, Saskatoon –\$7.3M; Tommy Douglas Collegiate, Saskatoon – \$4.7M. When these projects are included, the total funding provided by this government is \$303.4M during the past two years.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 161, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: How many kilometres is the Chaplin School located from the closest school?

Answer:

The closest school to Chaplin is Mortlach School at 42.63 kilometres.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 162, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: Which school divisions currently employ fewer educational assistants than required under the provincial government's guidelines?

Answer:

No school division employs fewer educational assistants than recommended under the provincial government's recommended staffing ratios for student support services.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 163, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: What is the difference between the number of educational assistants required under the provincial government's formula and the number employed by those school divisions who exceed the provincial guidelines?

Answer:

All school divisions exceed the provincial government's recommended staffing ratio for educational assistants. In 2008/09, there were 3,478 educational assistants employed by school divisions with 1,629 recommended. Within the *2009/2010 Funding Guide*, the provincial government recommends staffing ratios for student support services including the following professional and para-professional supports:

	Recommended Ratio
Superintendent(s) of Student Services/Special Education	~ 1 : 5000
Coordinator(s)/Consultants	~ 1 : 2000
Special Education Teachers	~ 1 : 175
Education/Teacher Assistants	~ 1 : 100
Psychologists	~ 1 : 1500
Physical Therapists	~ 1 : 6000
Occupational Therapists	~ 1 : 3000
Speech Language Pathologists	~ 1 : 1000
Counsellors	~ 1 : 1000
Social Workers	~ 1 : 1000
English as an Additional Language Specialists	~ 1 : 500

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 164, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: What health and safety concerns were identified by Figley Consulting Associates and Pattison MGM Architectural Services Ltd. in their review of the Morse School prior to the decision to proceed with closure?

Answer:

The inspection and maintenance reports for Morse School were undertaken by the Chinook School Division. The ministry was not a participant in the undertaking and, therefore, does not own the information.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 165, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: How many schools have applied for dedicated funding as schools of necessity as of September 30, 2009?

Answer:

None.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 167, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: In 2006, a funding commitment by three orders of government — federal, provincial and municipal — created the foundation for a major redevelopment project in Pleasant Hill called an Urban Development Agreement (UDA). Funding was provided to produce an entire block, plus a number of adjacent lots, of clean, fully-serviced land ready for redevelopment. (1) What was the provincial government's portion of those funds? (2) What date were the funds for this Urban Development Agreement committed?

Answer:

- (1) \$789,471
- (2) February 2, 2007.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 168, which was answered by the Hon.

Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: (1) How many children were on the waiting list for child care spaces in Balgonie as of September 30, 2009? (2) What is the total number of child care spaces available in that community? (3) What is the average length of time a child on that waiting list will have to wait before being placed in a space?

Answer:

- (1) The ministry provides funding support but does not operate licensed child care facilities, and does not have provincial or local data regarding the number of children waiting for child care spaces. The ministry does maintain a list of requests for new child care centre space development which can be considered an indicator of the demand for licensed child care in any given community. This ever-changing space development list currently consists of requests for just over 1,500 centre spaces. The ministry considers each of these requests, which are in varying stages of readiness to develop, in context of the available resources, other services in the community, capacity of the board and the availability of facilities.
- (2) The total number of licensed child care spaces in Balgonie as of September 30, 2009, is 18. Funding for a new 61 space centre in Balgonie has been approved by the ministry; these spaces are currently being developed. No other space requests for Balgonie are on the space development list.
- (3) The ministry does not operate child care facilities, and does not have data regarding the length of time a child will wait before being placed in a space. This is particularly difficult to determine as many families place their child's name on waitlists for more than one child care service.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 169, which was answered by the Hon.

Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: How many schools have applied for dedicated funding as schools of opportunity as of September 30, 2009?

Answer:

As of March 1, 2009, two schools applied for designation as a school of opportunity commencing in the 2009/10 school year. As of September 30, 2009, no schools have applied for schools of opportunity funding.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 170, which was answered by the Hon.

Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: (1) What is the provincial government's formula for determining the number of educational assistants required by each school division? (2) Which school divisions currently employ more educational assistants than required under the provincial government's formula?

Answer:

- (1) The provincial government recommends school divisions employ 1.0 full-time equivalent educational assistant per 100 students enrolled in the school division. For example, it is recommended that a school division with 5,000 students employ 50 educational assistants.
- (2) All school divisions employ more educational assistants than recommended under the provincial government's formula.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 171, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: (1) Will any Crown corporation 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 asked the Government the following Question No. 172, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: (1) How much is being budgeted in each Crown corporation for the Olympics? (2) Please include a breakdown of the following: (a) total travel and accommodation costs budgeted for crown officials? (b) total travel and accommodation costs budgeted for any minister or ministerial staff including but not limited to the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation and all the ministers responsible for individual Crown corporations? (c) total budget for advertising and promotional activities including sponsorship? (d) overall total budget in your ministry?

Answer:

- (1) None.
- (2) None.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 173, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: What is the debt/equity ratio as of October 1, 2009, for each of the following: (1) SaskTel? (2) SaskEnergy? (3) SaskPower? (4) SaskWater? (5) SGI? (6) STC?

Answer:

- (1) 23%
- (2) 66%
- (3) 61.10%
- (4) 57.1%
- (5) N/A (SGI has no debt)
- (6) N/A (STC has no debt)

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 174, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: (1) Is CIC (or individual crowns) paying for the cost of the consultant study into the domed stadium in Regina? (2) Which persons and/or firms have been contracted to do work on this project (including consultations with the public)? (3) What is the total cost of each of the contracts? (4) What is the total cost of the dome stadium project including reports, consultations, polling, and any other expenses?

Answer:

- (1) Yes, CIC.
- (2) Stadium Consultants International, Global Spectrum, W. Shupe and Company, Clifton & Assoc. Ltd., Crown Appraisals.
- (3) SCI - \$810,000, Global - US \$36,015 plus travel costs, Shupe - \$37,675, Clifton - \$40,000 and \$8,835, Crown Appraisals - \$10,000.
- (4) Estimated at \$1 million.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 175, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: (1) Have the consultants for the dome stadium project in Regina held any consultations with the public of Regina, such as community groups? (2) If so, when were the presentations and which groups were presented to?

Answer:

(1) Yes.

(2) September 2 – 11. Association of Regina Realtors Inc., Baseball Regina, Basketball Saskatchewan*, Bison Developments Limited, Casino Regina, Cathedral Area Community Association, Century West Development Corporation, City of Regina, Communities of Tomorrow, Conexus Arts Centre, Credit Union Centre, Enterprise Saskatchewan, Evraz Place, Football Saskatchewan, Harvard Developments Inc., Heritage Community Association*, Hockey Regina, Kiwanis Club, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport, North Central Community Association, North Regina Little League*, Queen City Minor Box LaCrosse*, Regina Airport Authority Inc., Regina and District Chamber of Commerce, Regina Catholic School, Regina Community Basketball Association, Regina Downtown Business Improvement District, Regina High School Athletics Association, Regina Hotel Association, Regina Minor Football*, Regina Pats*, Regina Public School, Regina Red Sox, Regina Regional Opportunities Commission, Regina Soccer Association, Regina Thunder, Regina's Warehouse District, Rotary Club*, Royalty Developments Ltd., Sask Sport Inc., Saskatchewan Athletics*, Saskatchewan Baseball Association*, Saskatchewan High School Athletics Association, Saskatchewan Hockey Association, Saskatchewan LaCrosse Association, Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame*, Saskatchewan Roughrider Football Club, Saskatchewan Soccer Association, SIAST, University of Regina, University of Regina Cougars, University of Regina Rams, Wascana Centre Authority.

*was invited but did not attend a meeting.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 176, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: What was the value of investments held by the SGI Investment Fund as of July 1, 2009?

Answer:

There is no SGI Investment Fund.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 177, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: (1) What commercial agreements, contracts, letters of intent or MOUs have been signed between Bruce Power and the Government of Saskatchewan or any body on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan? (2) Has the Government of Saskatchewan made public any of those commercial agreements, contracts, letters of intent, or MOUs? If so which ones? (3) For the ones that have not been made public, is there a timeline for making them public? If so, what is that timeline?

Answer:

(1) A confidentiality agreement is in place between Bruce Power and SaskPower, as an agent of the Government of Saskatchewan.

(2) By definition, confidentiality agreements are not public information.

(3) No.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 178, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: (1) Has the Government of Saskatchewan or any agency or board signed any agreements with Bruce Power that commits taxpayers dollars to pay Bruce Power a break-up or kill fee if a plan for a nuclear reactor does not go ahead? (2) If so, what is the cost of that break-up or kill fee?

Answer:

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

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 179, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: (1) On what date was the forestry centre in Prince Albert officially closed? (2) Were the FTEs assigned to that office reallocated or dismissed?

Answer:

- (1) July 31, 2009.
- (2) Some of the FTEs were hired by the Saskatchewan Research Council and continue their activities at the Forest Centre Building in Prince Albert.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 180, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: (1) Who currently holds portions of the L & M Wood Products Partnership FMA (forest management area)? (2) What percentages of the FMA does each entity have? (3) When were these allocations assigned, and when do they expire? (4) What conditions are attached to each of these allocations? (5) Have these conditions been complied with and, if not, what have been the penalties for non-compliance?

Answer:

- (1) The FMA is held by L&M Wood Products Limited Partnership. The shareholders in this Partnership are 101039181 Saskatchewan Ltd. – First Nations Métis Fund and Crown Investments Corporation (30%); Zane Delainey (18%); Pat Delainey (18%); Brent Delainey (18%); Trevor Davies (8%); and, Brad Davies (8%).
- (2) There is no division of the FMA among the partners.
- (3) The effective date of assignment of the FMA was January 9, 2008. The current expiry date is March 31, 2022.
- (4) The holder of the FMA is obligated to meet the terms and conditions of the FMA.
- (5) An audit was completed in 2008, in accordance with *The Forest Resources Regulations*. Issues identified are being addressed through a coordinated action plan.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 181, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: (1) Who currently holds portions of the Mistik Management forest management area? (2) What percentages of the FMA does each entity have? (3) When were these allocations assigned, and when do they expire? (4) What conditions are attached to each of these allocations? (5) Have these conditions been complied with? (6) If not, what have been the penalties for non-compliance?

Answer:

- (1) The FMA is held by Mistik Management Ltd. The shareholders in Mistik Management Ltd. are NorSask Forest Products Inc. (50%) and Sinar Mas Group (50%).
- (2) There is no division of the FMA among the partners.
- (3) Sinar Mas Group purchased its 50% share effective January 23, 2008. The current expiry date of the FMA is March 31, 2029.
- (4) The holder of the FMA is obligated to meet the terms and conditions of the FMA.

- (5) Several issues were identified by an independent audit, conducted in accordance with *The Forest Resources Regulations*.
- (6) These issues are being addressed through a coordinated action plan.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 182, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: (1) Who currently holds portions of the Pasquia-Porcupine FMA (forest management area)? (2) What percentages of the FMA does each entity have? (3) When were these allocations assigned, and when do they expire? (4) What conditions are attached to each of these allocations? (5) Have these conditions been complied with? (6) If not, what have been the penalties for non-compliance?

Answer:

- (1) Weyerhaeuser Company Limited.
- (2) Weyerhaeuser Company Limited is the sole holder of the Pasquia-Porcupine FMA.
- (3) The FMA was assigned January 15, 2008 and is currently due to expire March 31, 2024.
- (4) The holder of the FMA is obligated to meet the terms and conditions of the FMA.
- (5) Yes.
- (6) N/A

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 183, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: (1) What portion of the Prince Albert FMA has been allocated to a future purchaser of the Big River Mill? (2) What portion of this allocation is comprised of softwood? (3) What portion of this allocation is hardwood?

Answer:

- (1) None.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 184, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: (1) What is the government's timeline for reassigning portions of the Weyerhaeuser Prince Albert FMA? (2) Who has been invited to bid? (3) How was this list chosen?

Answer:

- (1) The objective is completion by the end of 2009.
- (2) Agency Chiefs Tribal Council, NorSask Forest Products, L&M Wood Products, Meadow Lake Mechanical Pulp Mill, Meadow Lake OSB, Montreal Lake Cree Nation, Inacom Timber Corporation, Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation, Lac la Ronge Indian Band, C&C Wood Products, Carrier Lumber, and the Independent Forest Operators of Saskatchewan.
- (3) The list consists of two sub-groups: Saskatchewan-based forest companies which have requested access to the PAFMA wood supply to sustain their businesses, and First Nations whose traditional territories coincide with the PAFMA boundaries and who have interests in being more involved in forest business opportunities.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 185, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: (1) Who currently holds portions of the Prince Albert forest management area? (2) What percentages of the FMA does each entity have? (3) When were these allocations assigned, and when do they expire? (4) What conditions are attached to each of these allocations? (5) Have these conditions been complied with? (6) If not, what have been the penalties for non-compliance?

Answer:

- (1) Weyerhaeuser Canada Limited, through the Prince Albert Forest Management Agreement.
- (2) Weyerhaeuser Canada Limited is the sole holder.
- (3) The FMA was issued September 9, 1986 and amended April 1, 2000. The current expiry date is March 31, 2025.
- (4) The holder of the FMA is obligated to meet the terms and conditions of the FMA.
- (5) Several issues were identified by an independent audit, conducted in accordance with *The Forest Resources Regulations*.
- (6) These issues are being addressed through a coordinated action plan.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 186, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister of Environment: What is the government's timeline for the formation of the Climate Change Advisory Council?

Answer:

The Climate Change Advisory Council will be formed after *The Management and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Act* is proclaimed and the associated regulations are gazetted following enactment of the legislation.

Ms. Morin asked the Government the following Question No. 187, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) Has the government conducted consultations around the names of possible nominees to the Climate Change Advisory Council? (2) If so, what were the dates of those meetings? (3) What were the locations of those meetings? (4) What was the cost of those meetings? (5) Was any non-government contractor, consultant, or facilitator brought in for any of those meetings? (6) If so, what were they paid? (7) What date will the report on those meetings be made available?

Answer:

The Climate Change Advisory Council will not be established until the climate change legislation is enacted.

- (1) There were no consultations.
- (2) No meetings occurred.
- (3) There were no meetings.
- (4) There were no costs.
- (5) No non-government contractors, consultants, or facilitators were brought in for any meetings. There were no meetings.
- (6) There were no payments.
- (7) There will be no report as there were no meetings.

Ms. Morin asked the Government the following Question No. 188, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) Has the Saskatchewan government concluded an equivalency agreement with the Government of Canada regarding greenhouse gas emissions? (2) When was this agreement concluded? (3) What are the terms and conditions of this agreement?

Answer:

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

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 192, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many times did the Privacy Commissioner investigate breaches of the privacy of people, businesses or organizations in the WCB in 2006/07? (2) 2007/08? (3) 2008/09?

Answer:

- (1) 3
- (2) 2
- (3) 2

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 193, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In July of 2009 it was announced that there was a working group struck to examine workplace safety. When exactly was this group formed?

Answer:

July 22, 2009.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 194, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In July of 2009 it was announced that there was a working group struck to examine workplace safety. Who is on this committee?

Answer:

Michael Fougere, Chief Executive Officer of the Saskatchewan Construction Association; Alan Thomerat, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Home Builder's Association; Bill Johnson, Executive Director, Saskatchewan Construction Safety Association; David Eberle, Chair, Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board; Mike Carr, Associate Deputy Minister, Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 195, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What are the terms of the agreement between the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour and Northern Career Quest Inc., for which \$250,000 is provided annually?

Answer:

The Ministry has committed \$6.3M to the four year Aboriginal Skills and Employment Partnership delivered by Northern Career Quest Inc. \$1M per year is provided for student training allowances and an additional \$2.3M over four years is provided for skills training.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 196, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many individuals have applied directly to the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour for a Graduate Retention Program certificate since the program began?

Answer:

The Ministry received 5,460 applications directly.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 197, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What is the breakdown of services provided by the CanSask Rapid Response Teams to date?

Answer:

Rapid Response services are available to any employer in the province either as a result of an announcement of a permanent or temporary layoff or as a result of local information that jobs *may be* at risk (e.g., workers or suppliers report a production slow down). Rapid Response Teams meet the needs of workers and employers by providing information for employers about the Work Sharing program (to help them avoid layoffs), on-site or off-site information sessions for workers about Employment Insurance, labour standards, retraining options, resume writing, job search assistance, and upcoming recruitment fairs.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 198, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many individuals have been assisted by the CanSask Rapid Response teams to date?

Answer:

Rapid Response services have been offered to 23 businesses.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 199, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many applications for a Graduate Retention Program certificate have been denied? (2) What were the reasons for denial?

Answer:

(1) 333

(2) Applications were denied for the following reasons: Nine applications indicated a graduation date in the future. Applicants are not eligible for benefits until they have graduated from their program. 24 applications indicated an ineligible graduation date. Graduates are eligible if they graduated from an approved program after January 1, 2006. 254 applications indicated the program or credential was not eligible. 46 applications indicated the applicant graduated from a program that was less than six months of full-time study.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 200, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many graduates from out-of-province institutions have applied for a Graduate Retention Program certificate since eligibility for the program was expanded to out-of-province graduates?

Answer:

To date, 1,739 graduate retention program certificates have been issued to graduates from out-of-province institutions.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 201, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many individuals were automatically issued a Graduate Retention Program certificate by the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour as a result of lists provided by post-secondary institutions since the program began?

Answer:

24,981

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 202, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many attempted convictions under Saskatchewan's Occupational Health & Safety Act that did not result in convictions were there in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2008? (5) 2009 to date?

Answer:

Year	Defendant's charged	Of these # that did not result in conviction	Of these # that are not yet concluded
09/10	6	0	4
08/09	19	0	4
07/08	11	1	0
06/07	17	3	0
05/06	27	6	0

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 203, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What was the average time between a case being heard by the Labour Relations Board and a decision being made for the year 2008?

Answer:

2008/09 Fiscal Year: 190.62 days.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 204, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: In July of 2009 it was announced that there was a working group struck to examine workplace safety. How many times has the committee met to date?

Answer:

The committee has met on four occasions.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 206, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many attempted convictions under Saskatchewan's Occupational Health & Safety Act that did not result in convictions were there in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2008? (5) 2009 to date?

Answer:

See answer to Written Question No. 202.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 207, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What was the average time between a case being heard by the Labour Relations Board and a decision being made for the year 2009 to date?

Answer:

For the 2009/10 fiscal year to date: 17.60 days.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 208, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: For every time the Privacy Commissioner investigated breaches of the privacy of people, businesses or organizations in the WCB in 2008/09; what was the nature of each of those breaches?

Answer:

One alleged disclosure, without authority, of claim record information to a third party. One alleged improper, unauthorized disclosure of claim record when correspondence was misaddressed.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 209, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many recipients of SAID received benefits in October 2009?

Answer:

All recipients of SAID continue to receive benefits through the Saskatchewan Assistance Program. Their first benefit month under the SAID program will be December 2009.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 210, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: What were the settlement packages given to Tim Korol and Allan Hansen as part of their dismissal?

Answer:

Response to this Question has been previously provided through Written Question No. 125.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 211, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many families qualified for the Saskatchewan Family Health Benefits in each month from March 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

March 2009	15,125
April 2009	14,862
May 2009	14,986
June 2009	15,259
July 2009	15,497
August 2009	12,616
September 2009	13,366
October 2009	13,671

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 212, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many families qualified for the Saskatchewan Employment Supplement in each month from March 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

March 2009	6,164
April 2009	6,130
May 2009	6,022
June 2009	5,953
July 2009	6,154
August 2009	5,969
September 2009	6,186
October 2009	data not yet available

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 213, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many families qualified for Saskatchewan Rental Housing Supplement (SRHS) in each month of 2009?

Answer:

January 2009	3,327
February 2009	3,377
March 2009	3,683
April 2009	3,715
May 2009	3,760

June 2009	3,881
July 2009	3,947
August 2009	3,978
September 2009	4,078
October 2009	data not yet available

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 214, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many families were on the waiting list for the Saskatchewan Rental Housing Supplement (SRHS) in each month of 2009?

Answer:

None. The Saskatchewan Rental Housing Supplement does not have a waiting list.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 215, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many people were receiving Seniors Income Plan in each month from March 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

March 2009	18,579
April 2009	18,567
May 2009	18,587
June 2009	18,611
July 2009	16,573
August 2009	16,864
September 2009	17,335
October 2009	17,475

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 216, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many single individuals received the Seniors Income Plan in each month from March 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

March 2009	12,700
April 2009	12,683
May 2009	12,696
June 2009	12,729
July 2009	11,397
August 2009	11,575
September 2009	11,898
October 2009	11,979

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 217, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new single individuals received the Seniors Income Plan in each month from March 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

March 2009	91
April 2009	80
May 2009	73
June 2009	110
July 2009	400
August 2009	80

September 2009 104
October 2009 92

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 218, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many couples received the Seniors Income Plan in each month from March 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

	Couples where both individuals received SIP	Couples where one individual received SIP
March 2009	2,400	1,079
April 2009	2,404	1,076
May 2009	2,411	1,070
June 2009	2,407	1,069
July 2009	2,134	909
August 2009	2,163	963
September 2009	2,209	1,019
October 2009	2,226	1,044

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 219, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many children came into foster care under the authority of The Child and Family Services Act and were placed into overflow facilities during each month of 2009?

Answer:

The Ministry of Social Services has a range of care responses to respond to emergency placements of children in care. These responses include emergency daycares, staffed emergency/ receiving facilities and as a last resort, hotels. Aside from hotels, the Ministry's staffed emergency care responses provide a response to overflow pressures coming from the foster care system as well as respite and stabilization care for children with complex and difficult to serve needs. As these programs provide a multitude of services, the Ministry is unable to extract the exact numbers of children who were placed purely due to an "overflow" need. The Ministry does not currently track and record information in this manner, and without a case management system this creates additional challenges to maintain and consolidate this information.

Therefore, the numbers included are only those recorded from the use of hotels as these numbers have been consistently tracked and are purely used to respond to an "overflow" pressure.

2009	Number of Children Placed in Hotels*
January	0
February	0
March	0
April	0
May	0
June	0
July	0
August	0
September	0
October	0

*These numbers include "children in care" 15 years of age and younger.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 220, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many children in the care of the Minister of Social Services were housed in childcare centres in September 2009?

Answer:

None. Note: A “child in care” is defined as a child 15 years of age and younger.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 221, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: What was the average number of children in each foster home in Saskatchewan as of September 30, 2009?

Answer:

Two.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 222, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many foster families were providing care in Saskatchewan as of September 30, 2009?

Answer:

There are 735 approved foster homes in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 223, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many children were in the care of the Minister of Social Services as of September 30, 2009?

Answer:

3484, including 273 children who were apprehended off-reserve and placed on-reserve.

Note: Does not include children placed in the custody of extended family or a person of sufficient interest.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 224, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many foster homes housed more than the maximum number of children considered appropriate under Social Services guidelines as of September 30, 2009? (2) What was the average number of children in each of those homes?

Answer:

(1) 116 foster homes with more than 4 foster children.

(2) 6 foster children.

Note: Of the 735 active foster homes, 84% had fewer than five foster children, 10% had five or six foster children and 6% had more than seven foster children.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 225, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many children in the care of the Minister of Social Services were housed in hotel rooms in September 2009?

Answer:

None. Note: A “child in care” is defined as a child 15 years of age and younger.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 226, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What was the largest number of children housed in a single foster home in Saskatchewan as of September 30, 2009? (2) How many foster homes in Saskatchewan housed that maximum number?

Answer:

- (1) 12 foster children.
- (2) Two.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 227, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: What is the number of individuals who lived in group homes for each month of 2008 and 2009?

Answer:

The number of individuals living in CBO Group Homes (Community Living) are as follows:

January 2008	741
February 2008	747
March 2008	748
April 2008	743
May 2008	746
June 2008	744
July 2008	747
August 2008	749
September 2008	751
October 2008	755
November 2008	753
December 2008	757
January 2009	749
February 2009	751
March 2009	753
April 2009	762
May 2009	758
June 2009	760
July 2009	data not yet available
August 2009	data not yet available
September 2009	data not yet available
October 2009	data not yet available

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 228, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: What is the number of individuals who lived in group living homes for each month of 2008 and 2009?

Answer:

The number of individuals living in CBO Group Homes (Community Living) are as follows:

January 2008	61
February 2008	61
March 2008	62
April 2008	64
May 2008	66
June 2008	68
July 2008	69
August 2008	71

September 2008	76
October 2008	77
November 2008	78
December 2008	78
January 2009	86
February 2009	88
March 2009	88
April 2009	99
May 2009	99
June 2009	100
July 2009	data not yet available
August 2009	data not yet available
September 2009	data not yet available
October 2009	data not yet available

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 229, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many people have been released without cause from the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation since November 21, 2007? (2) What were their names? (3) What was the severance paid to each of them?

Answer:

- (1) None. The Saskatchewan Housing Corporation is a Treasury Board Crown and has no employees.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 230, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many employees in the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation 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) None. The Saskatchewan Housing Corporation is a Treasury Board Crown and has no employees.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 231, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: What is the government's policy with respect to selling Saskatchewan Housing units to either commercial private sector interests or to not-for-profit organizations?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Housing Corporation's (SHC) policy is that "all surplus units/projects/land will be offered for sale using a public transparent process". Surplus assets may be offered to Aboriginal and Non-Profit Organizations or other stakeholders, agencies or interested organizations or groups *only when the public sale process is complete and fails to produce an acceptable offer to purchase*. Organizations are to be approached in the following order of priority: (1) Aboriginal and Non-Profit organizations and (2) other groups or organizations, agencies etc. Surplus units are units that are not suitable or required for future client's or program needs. SHC may target units for conversion or sale (e.g. rental to home ownership) to individuals or organizations for a different program purpose.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 232, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: What is the government's policy with respect to the sale of units owned and operated by either the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation or one of the housing authorities?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Housing Corporation's (SHC) policy is that "all surplus units/projects/land will be offered to Municipalities as a Right of First Refusal of SHC's Fair Value. All remaining surplus units/projects/land will be offered for sale using a public transparent process". Surplus assets may be offered to Aboriginal and Non-Profit Organizations or other stakeholders, agencies or interested organizations or groups *only when the public sale process is complete and fails to produce an acceptable offer to purchase*. Organizations are to be approached in the following order of priority: (1) Aboriginal and Non-Profit organizations and (2) other groups or organizations, agencies etc. Surplus units are units that are not suitable or required for future client's or program needs. SHC may target units for conversion or sale (e.g. rental to home ownership) to individuals or organizations for a different program purpose.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 233, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: To whom were the houses sold by either the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation or one of the housing authorities in 2008 and 2009 sold to?

Answer:

	2008	2009
Saskatchewan Housing Corporation Sales:		
Commercial private sector businesses	10	4
Not-for-profit organizations	0	12
Individuals	93	41
Total Sales	103	57

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 234, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many houses have been sold by either the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation or one of the housing authorities in 2004? (2) 2005? (3) 2006? (4) 2007? (5) 2008? (6) 2009 to date?

Answer:

- (1) 40
- (2) 47
- (3) 183
- (4) 243
- (5) 103
- (6) 57

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 235, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many houses have been sold by either the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation or one of the housing authorities to not-for-profit organizations in 2004? (2) 2005? (3) 2006? (4) 2007? (5) 2008? (6) 2009 to date?

Answer:

- (1) 1
- (2) None.
- (3) None.
- (4) None.
- (5) None.
- (6) 12

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 236, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many houses have been sold by either the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation or one of the housing authorities to not-for-profit organizations in 2004? (2) 2005? (3) 2006? (4) 2007? (5) 2008? (6) 2009 to date?

Answer:

- (1) 10
- (2) None.
- (3) 1
- (4) 14
- (5) 10
- (6) 4

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 237, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP cases were open in each month from March 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

March 2009	22,116
April 2009	22,308
May 2009	22,353
June 2009	22,561
July 2009	22,637
August 2009	22,666
September 2009	22,931
October 2009	data not yet available

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 238, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many TEA cases were open in each month from March 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

March 2009	2,954
April 2009	2,861
May 2009	2,888
June 2009	2,875
July 2009	2,980
August 2009	3,004
September 2009	2,983
October 2009	data not yet available

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 239, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new SAP cases were open in each month from March 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

March 2009	1,369
April 2009	1,354
May 2009	1,285
June 2009	1,317
July 2009	1,302
August 2009	1,217
September 2009	1,394
October 2009	data not yet available

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 240, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new TEA cases were open in each month from March 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

March 2009	692
April 2009	550
May 2009	643
June 2009	609
July 2009	724
August 2009	616
September 2009	535
October 2009	data not yet available

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 241, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP cases involved families with children were open in each month from March 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

March 2009	5,846
April 2009	5,908
May 2009	5,941
June 2009	6,030
July 2009	6,117
August 2009	6,214
September 2009	6,259
October 2009	data not yet available

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 242, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP cases involved people living with disabilities were open in each month from March of 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

March 2009	13,522
April 2009	13,606
May 2009	13,693
June 2009	13,757
July 2009	13,776

August 2009	13,762
September 2009	13,860
October 2009	data not yet available

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 243, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP cases involved people who were employable were open in each month from March of 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

March 2009	4,881
April 2009	4,925
May 2009	4,918
June 2009	5,026
July 2009	5,040
August 2009	5,043
September 2009	5,211
October 2009	data not yet available

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 244, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new families with children received Income Assistance in each month from March of 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

March 2009	568
April 2009	564
May 2009	655
June 2009	665
July 2009	775
August 2009	617
September 2009	597
October 2009	data not yet available

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 245, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new families with children received Income Assistance in Northeast Region in each month from March of 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

March 2009	112
April 2009	112
May 2009	107
June 2009	163
July 2009	152
August 2009	131
September 2009	104
October 2009	data not yet available

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 246, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new families with children received Income Assistance in Centre Region in each month from March of 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

March 2009	180
April 2009	165
May 2009	180
June 2009	186
July 2009	220
August 2009	175
September 2009	182
October 2009	data not yet available

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 247, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new families with children received Income Assistance in Northwest Region in each month from March of 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

March 2009	68
April 2009	56
May 2009	100
June 2009	92
July 2009	108
August 2009	92
September 2009	78
October 2009	data not yet available

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 248, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new families with children received Income Assistance in Southeast Region in each month from March of 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

March 2009	44
April 2009	44
May 2009	50
June 2009	50
July 2009	63
August 2009	50
September 2009	55
October 2009	data not yet available

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 249, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new families with children received parent support workshops in Southeast Region in each month from March of 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

None. Employment Service for Parents (formerly know as Parent Support workshops) are not offered in the Southeast Region.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 250, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new families with children received parent support workshops in Southwest Region in each month from March of 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

March 2009	84
April 2009	77
May 2009	73
June 2009	101
July 2009	78
August 2009	57
September 2009	65
October 2009	data not yet available

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 251, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new families with children received parent support workshops in Northeast Region in each month from March of 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

March 2009	51
April 2009	54
May 2009	61
June 2009	81
July 2009	66
August 2009	42
September 2009	54
October 2009	data not yet available

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 252, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new families with children received parent support workshops in Centre Region in each month from March of 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

March 2009	109
April 2009	67
May 2009	82
June 2009	93
July 2009	110
August 2009	99
September 2009	118
October 2009	data not yet available

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 253, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new families with children received parent support workshops in Northwest Region in each month from March of 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

None. Employment Service for Parents (formerly known as Parent Support workshops) are not offered in Northwest Region.

Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 254, which was answered by the Government:

To the Government: (1) For each ministry, how many individuals received payments for salaries, wages, honorariums, etc. which total \$50,000 or more for the fiscal year 2007/08? (2) 2008/09?

Answer:

The Government of Saskatchewan follows proper disclosure requirements by reporting payments made for salaries, wages, honorariums, etc. which total \$50,000 or greater in Volume 2 of Public Accounts each fiscal year. The information requested can be found by ministry in Volume 2 of Public Accounts for both the 2007/08 and 2008/09 fiscal years.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 255, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP/TEA cases were open in Southeast region in each month from March 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

March 2009	1,596
April 2009	1,621
May 2009	1,585
June 2009	1,567
July 2009	1,576
August 2009	1,553
September 2009	1,571
October 2009	data not yet available

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 256, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP/TEA cases were open in Northwest region in each month from March 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

March 2009	2,949
April 2009	2,902
May 2009	2,962
June 2009	2,957
July 2009	2,996
August 2009	3,070
September 2009	3,089
October 2009	data not yet available

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 257, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP/TEA cases were open in Southwest region in each month from March 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

March 2009	7,613
April 2009	7,671
May 2009	7,652
June 2009	7,709
July 2009	7,712
August 2009	7,749
September 2009	7,783
October 2009	data not yet available

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 258, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP/TEA cases were open in Centre region in each month from March 2009 to October 2009?

Answer:

March 2009	7,074
April 2009	7,121
May 2009	7,223
June 2009	7,313
July 2009	7,437
August 2009	7,404
September 2009	7,500
October 2009	data not yet available

Mr. Trew asked the Government the following Question No. 259, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Huyghebaert:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: What is the average length of time from when a complaint is initially made to the Saskatchewan Public Complaints Commission and when the matter either becomes before a hearing or is otherwise resolved?

Answer:

The Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing does not have jurisdiction over the Saskatchewan Public Complaints Commission, rather the commission falls under the portfolio of the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General.

Mr. Trew asked the Government the following Question No. 260, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Huyghebaert:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many people were employed in the province of Saskatchewan as police officers, not including RCMP, as of October 1, 2009? (2) What source are you citing for this statistic?

Answer:

- (1) As of October 1, 2009, there were 982 people employed in the province of Saskatchewan as police officers, not including the RCMP.
- (2) The source of this statistic is information received by the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing from each of the individual municipal police services.

Mr. Trew asked the Government the following Question No. 261, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Huyghebaert:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) With respect to the visit of former President George W. Bush to Saskatchewan in October 2009, what costs, if any, related to security for this visit were paid for by the promoters of the event? (2) Were all security-related costs borne by the taxpayers?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing has not been advised if any costs related to the security for the visit of former President George W. Bush were paid for by the promoters of the event. Security arrangements for visits of internationally protected persons, such as former President Bush, are the responsibility of the federal government.
- (2) The Ministry did not contribute towards the cost of security arrangements for this event.

Mr. Trew asked the Government the following Question No. 262, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Huyghebaert:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) With respect to the visit of former President George W. Bush to Saskatchewan in October 2009, how many members of the city of Saskatoon police, fire, and emergency response staff were assigned to assist with or provide security for this visit? (2) What was the total cost of the additional city of Saskatoon police, fire and emergency response contribution to security for this visit? (3) Which level of government is responsible for this additional cost?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing does not have jurisdiction or information on the day to day operations of the City of Saskatoon's protective service agencies, rather they fall under the portfolio of the City of Saskatoon or the Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners.
- (2) The Ministry did not provide any funding for additional costs to the City of Saskatoon related to the police, fire or emergency response staff which may have been involved in the security response for the visit of former President George W. Bush.
- (3) The Government of Canada has responsibility for costs involved in the security of "internationally protected persons".

Mr. Trew asked the Government the following Question No. 263, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Huyghebaert:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: How many complaints are currently in front of the Saskatchewan Public Complaints Commission?

Answer:

The Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing does not have jurisdiction over the Saskatchewan Public Complaints Commission, rather the commission falls under the portfolio of the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General.

Mr. Trew asked the Government the following Question No. 264, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Huyghebaert:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) As of March 31, 2009, how many federally funded policing positions, over and above normal RCMP agreements with the province or with municipalities, are currently working in Saskatchewan? (2) What is the provincial government's cost share of each of these positions? (3) Where are these positions located? (4) If these units are working in specialized policing units, which units?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing does not have jurisdiction or responsibility for federally funded RCMP positions working in Saskatchewan, rather these positions fall under the portfolio of Public Safety Canada.
- (2) The Province does not contribute to the cost of federally funded RCMP positions.
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A

Mr. Trew asked the Government the following Question No. 265, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Huyghebaert:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many provincially funded policing positions were in place as of March 1, 2009? (2) Where were these positions located? (3) If those positions were working in specialized units, which units?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing provided funding for 91 municipal police positions as of March 1, 2009.
- (2) These positions were located in Regina (31), Saskatoon (35), Prince Albert (11), Moose Jaw (3), North Battleford (4), Lloydminster (1), Yorkton (1), Estevan (3), and Weyburn (2).
- (3) Some positions were working in the following specialized units: Serious Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Program (SHOCAP) (12), Serious/Gang Crime (16), Missing Persons (2), Child Sexual Exploitation (5), and Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) (7).

Mr. Trew asked the Government the following Question No. 265, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Huyghebaert:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many provincially funded policing positions were in place as of March 1, 2008? (2) Where were these positions located? (3) If those positions were working in specialized units, which units?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing provided funding for 75 municipal police positions as of March 1, 2008.
- (2) These positions were located in Regina (28), Saskatoon (30), Prince Albert (7), Moose Jaw (2), North Battleford (4), Lloydminster (1), Yorkton (1), Estevan (1), and Weyburn (1).
- (3) Some positions were working in the following specialized units: Serious Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Program (SHOCAP) (12), Serious/Gang Crime (13), Missing Persons (2), and Child Sexual Exploitation (5).

Mr. Trew asked the Government the following Question No. 267, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Huyghebaert:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) As of March 31, 2008, how many federally funded policing positions, over and above normal RCMP agreements with the province or with municipalities, were working in Saskatchewan? (2) What was the provincial government's cost share of each of these positions? (3) Where were these positions located? (4) If these units were working in specialized policing units, which units?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing does not have jurisdiction or responsibility for federally funded RCMP positions working in Saskatchewan, rather these positions fall under the portfolio of Public Safety Canada.
- (2) The Province does not contribute to the cost of federally funded RCMP positions.
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A

Mr. Trew asked the Government the following Question No. 268, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Huyghebaert:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) As of March 31, 2007, how many federally funded policing positions, over and above normal RCMP agreements with the province or with municipalities, were working in Saskatchewan? (2) What was the provincial government's cost share of each of these positions? (3) Where were these positions located? (4) If these units were working in specialized policing units, which units?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing does not have jurisdiction or responsibility for federally funded RCMP positions working in Saskatchewan, rather these positions fall under the portfolio of Public Safety Canada.
- (2) The Province does not contribute to the cost of federally funded RCMP positions.
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A

Mr. Trew asked the Government the following Question No. 269, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Huyghebaert:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many provincially funded policing positions were in place as of March 1, 2007? (2) Where were these positions located? (3) If those positions were working in specialized units, which units?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing provided funding for 75 municipal police positions as of March 1, 2007.
- (2) These positions were located in Regina (28), Saskatoon (30), Prince Albert (7), Moose Jaw (2), North Battleford (4), Lloydminster (1), Yorkton (1), Estevan (1), and Weyburn (1).
- (3) Some positions were working in the following specialized units; Serious Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Program (SHOCAP) (12), Serious/Gang Crime (13), Missing Persons (2), and Child Sexual Exploitation (5).

Mr. Trew asked the Government the following Question No. 270, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Huyghebaert:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) With respect to the visit of former President George W. Bush to Saskatchewan in October 2009, how many members of the RCMP were assigned to assist with or provide security for this visit? (2) What was the total cost of the RCMP contribution to security for this visit? (3) Which level of government is responsible for this additional cost?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing has not been advised if any costs related to the security for the visit of former President George W. Bush were paid for by the promoters of the event.
- (2) N/A
- (3) Security arrangements for visits of internationally protected persons, such as former President Bush, are the responsibility of the federal government. The Ministry did not contribute towards the cost of security arrangements for this event.

Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 275, which was answered by the Government:

To the Government: (1) For each ministry, will your ministry 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 Ministry will getting tickets. 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.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A

Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 276, which was answered by the Government:

To the Government: (1) For each ministry, how many businesses in your ministry in 2008/09 received a contract for over \$50,000? (2) What percentage of those businesses were based in Saskatchewan?

Answer:

- (1) The information requested can be found by ministry in Volume 2 of Public Accounts for 2008/09.
- (2) The information requested regarding businesses incorporated in Saskatchewan is available from the Corporations Branch, Ministry of Justice and is available to the public.

Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 277, which was answered by the Government:

To the Government: For each ministry, as of September 1, 2009, what is the total monthly cost of salaries and benefits in your Minister's office?

Answer:

Ministry	Total Monthly Salary as of Sept 1, 2009
Advanced Education, Employment and Labour	32,099
Agriculture	25,722
Corrections, Public Safety and Policing	30,883
Education	26,540
Energy and Resources	17,995
Enterprise	26,158
Environment	22,595
Finance	18,558
First Nations and Métis Relations	19,872
Government Services	25,552
Health	27,946
Highways and Infrastructure	21,995
Justice and Attorney General	29,463
Municipal Affairs	25,181
Public Service Commission	24,020
Social Services	34,151
Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport	29,384

Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 279, which was answered by the Government:

To the Government: (1) For each ministry, how many employees in your ministry 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:

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(1) The parties are still engaged in negotiations as envisioned by the legislation, thus no employees have been designated as essential.

(2) For the programs and services in Executive government listed as essential under *The Public Service Essential Service Regulations*, the employer estimates the number of employees that may ultimately be designated as essential is between 3,200 and 3,500 or up to approximately 30% of the in-scope staff.

CUPE

(1) The PSC and CUPE 600 have reached agreement on the numbers of positions (full-time, part-time and relief) that are deemed essential: 422 from Social Services and eight (8) from Government Services.

Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 280, which was answered by the Government:

To the Government: (1) For each ministry, how many businesses in your ministry received a contract for over \$50,000 in 2007/08? (2) What percentage of those businesses were based in Saskatchewan?

Answer:

- (1) The information requested can be found by ministry in Volume 2 of Public Accounts for 2007/08.
- (2) The information requested regarding businesses incorporated in Saskatchewan is available from the Corporations Branch, Ministry of Justice and is available to the public.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Thursday:

Hon. Mr. Bjornerud to move First Reading of Bill No. 107 – The Weed Control Act

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Mr. Ottenbreit to move the following motion:

That this Assembly recognizes the Government of Saskatchewan's bold new goal to reduce surgical wait times to three months or less as an effective part of our strategy to truly put patients first.

NOTICE OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

On Thursday:

Mr. Wotherspoon to move the following motion:

That due to this government's financial mismanagement resulting in a reduction of government services, most notably in primary health services, this government no longer enjoys the support of the Assembly and the people of Saskatchewan.

NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

On Thursday:

No. 1 (Opposition)

Mr. Wotherspoon to move the following Motion:

That due to this government's financial mismanagement resulting in a reduction of government services, most notably in primary health services, this government no longer enjoys the support of the Assembly and the people of Saskatchewan.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 8 and are to be answered by day no. 13:

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 281:

To the Minister of Government 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?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 282:

To the Minister of Government Services: (1) What money has been spent on SPM facilities in 2009 to date? (2) For each expenditure please provide the name of the facility and the community it is located in.

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 283:

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

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 284:

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

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 285:

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

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 286:

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

Mr. Furber, to ask the Government the following Question No. 287:

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: (1) What is the current projected, all-in-cost of a 1000 MW reactor? (2) What would the estimated decommissioning costs of such a reactor?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 288:

To the Minister of Finance: (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?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 289:

To the Minister of Finance: (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?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 290:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much was spent by SaskPower on all independent or external contracts as it relates to any or all aspects of nuclear power and on the transmission and distribution needs resulting from nuclear power in 2008?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 291:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How many FTEs and approximate total number of paid hours within SaskPower were utilized in 2008 for the study, evaluation and consideration of nuclear power and on the transmission and distribution needs resulting from nuclear power between January 1, 2009 and September 30, 2009?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 292:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much was spent, between January 1, 2009 and September 30, 2009, by SaskPower on all independent or external contracts as it relates to any or all aspects of nuclear power and on the transmission and distribution needs resulting from nuclear power?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 293:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: As it relates to the net metering program that can accumulate credits based on power generated to offset a power bill, what was the total dollar value of the accumulated credits, of all within the net metering program that was eliminated at year end, understanding that credits are not transferred to the next year?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 294:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: As it relates to the net metering program how many customers have subscribed as of September 30, 2009?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 295:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: As it relates to the net metering program, based on those that have subscribed and are producing power by September 30, 2009 what is the proportion of sources generating power, for example, wind, solar, biomass, or any other sources?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 296:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: As it relates to the net metering program what was the total amount of power produced in 2008 by subscribers?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 297:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How many FTEs and approximate total number of paid hours within SaskPower were utilized in 2008 for the study, evaluation and consideration of nuclear power and on the transmission and distribution needs resulting from nuclear power in 2008?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 298:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much has SaskPower spent (financial and human resources), approximately, to consider, evaluate, or study natural gas power and its specific transmission and distribution implications between November 7, 2007 and September 30, 2009?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 299:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) As it relates to the net metering program what is the projected total amount of power produced by subscribers in 2008? (2) 2009?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 300:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much did SaskPower 2009 spend, between January 1, 2009 and September 30, 2009, on programs for side management (dsm), conservation, or electrical efficiency?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 301:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much did SaskPower spend in 2008 on programs for side management (dsm), conservation, or electrical efficiency?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 302:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much has SaskPower spent (financial and human resources), approximately, to consider, evaluate, or study “clean coal” or coal power with reduced carbon emissions and its specific transmission and distribution implications between November 7, 2007 and September 30, 2009?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 303:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much has SaskPower spent (financial and human resources), approximately, to consider, evaluate, or study deep geothermal power and its specific transmission and distribution implications between November 7, 2007 and September 30, 2009?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 304:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation How much has SaskPower spent (financial and human resources), approximately, to consider, evaluate, or study photovoltaic power and its specific transmission and distribution implications between November 7, 2007 and September 30, 2009?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 305:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much has SaskPower spent (financial and human resources), approximately, to consider, evaluate, or study cogeneration and its specific transmission and distribution implications between November 7, 2007 and September 30, 2009?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 306:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What was the debt to equity ration for SaskPower for each year from 1978/79 to 2008/09?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 307:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much has SaskPower spent (financial and human resources), approximately, to consider, evaluate, or study nuclear power and its specific transmission and distribution implications between November 7, 2007 and September 30, 2009?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 308:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What is the average wait time (on hold) on the Saskatchewan Health line in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009 to date?

Ms. Morin, to ask the Government the following Question No. 309:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) For the upcoming trip to the climate change conference in Copenhagen, which Ministers are going? (2) How many staff will each Minister be taking? (3) How many department or crown officials will be going? (4) What is the total estimated cost of the trip be (including meals, accommodations, flights and any other expenses)? (5) Is any measure being taken by the Saskatchewan Government to offset the GHG emissions of the flights to reduce the carbon footprint of the trip? (6) If so, then what measures are being taken?