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Tuesday, March 15, 2011

1:30 p.m.

## *PRAYERS*

### PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Forbes, Junor, Broten, Quennell and Wotherspoon.

### READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the following Petitions were favourably examined and pursuant to Rule 16(7) read and received:

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide funding to assist Seniors' Recreation Centres to remain open and active in their communities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 27)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to enact some form of rent control to protect Saskatchewan renters from unreasonable increases in rent.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 29)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to devote the necessary resources for the construction of an elementary school in Hampton Village.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 77)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill No. 160 and hold public consultations.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 78)

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

I am prepared to make a statement on a point of order raised by the Government House Leader (Mr. D'Autremont). The point of order relates to the comments made by the Member from Athabasca (Mr. Belanger) during debate on Bill No. 144 on Wednesday, March 9, 2011. The Government House Leader asserts that the Member from Athabasca made profane remarks across the floor to another member. In response, the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Yates) argued that the matter should have been raised at the time and not two sitting days later.

I would like to remind members it is the practice of this Assembly in raising a point of order that it must be brought at the earliest possible time. *Beauchesne's* 6<sup>th</sup> edition at paragraph 321 states "a point of order against procedure must be raised promptly." The remarks in question are not published in *Hansard* but are clearly audible on the video record. The Government House Leader contends that it was not possible to review the video proceedings until after the House adjourned on Thursday afternoon. I have confirmed that there was a network connectivity problem that delayed the posting of the video record until after 1 p.m. on March 10.

I agree with the Opposition House Leader that points of order should be raised promptly and at the first opportunity. Most often points of order are raised in the course of debate but it is not uncommon for matters to be raised the next sitting day after a review of the record. In this case, I have confirmed that the first opportunity to raise the issue in the Assembly, after a review of the video record, was yesterday's sitting. I remind members that they are able to ask the Chair to review the record for comments that they believe to be out of order. Members do not need to wait for the publication of proceedings before raising a point of order.

Aside from the timing of the point of order, I do find that the remarks made across the floor were unparliamentary. I have reviewed *Hansard* and found the Deputy Speaker (Mr. Brkich) did intervene when the remarks were made. I would like to direct members to page 6604 of *Hansard* where the Deputy Speaker asked the member to watch his language and not to talk across the floor. I also note that last evening, at the beginning of proceedings, the Member from Athabasca withdrew the offensive remarks. Given that the Deputy Speaker dealt with the matter at the time of the incident and the subsequent withdrawal of the remark, I do not believe the Speaker needs to make further comment.

I want to close by reinforcing what the Deputy Speaker said at the time of the incident and encourage members to be mindful of Rule 46(2) that prohibits loud private conversations and offensive language in this Assembly. This behaviour makes it difficult to maintain order and decorum.

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 668 to 704, 706, 708 and 709, 711 and 712, 714, 717, 719 and 720, 722 to 724, 726 and 727, 729 and 730, 732, 734 and 735, 737, 739 and 740, 742, 744 and 745, 747, 749 and 750, 752, 754 and 755, 757, 759 and 760, 762, 764 and 765, 767, 769 and 770, 772, 774 and 775, and 777 to 804, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 705, 707, 710, 713, 715 and 716, 718, 721, 725, 728, 731, 733, 736, 738, 741, 743, 746, 748, 751, 753, 756, 758, 761, 763, 766, 768, 771, 773, and 776, pursuant to Rule 20(5), the questions were converted and Orders for Returns were issued:

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 12 showing:

To the Premier: (1) With regard to all Order in Council appointments, the criteria that are used to determine the suitability of appointees. (2) Whether any organizations with appointed directors have adopted a gender-parity policy for their boards of directors. (3) Whether there is a government policy on gender representation on boards appointed through Order in Council. (4) Whether the Executive Council office has designated responsibility for monitoring gender representation on boards appointed through Order in Council. (5) The percentage of all appointments made since December 2007 that were of female appointees, broken down by organization.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 13 showing:

To the Minister of Education: (1) The number of purchase cards that have been issued within the ministry. (2) The name of each person who has been issued a card. (3) The job title of each person. (4) The expected use of each card for each person. (5) The maximum limit per purchase per month for each card.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 14 showing:

To the Minister of Education: The total usage of purchase cards in the budget 2009/10 and 2010/11 (to date) by number of transactions and dollar value in this ministry.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 15 showing:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: (1) The number of purchase cards that have been issued within the ministry. (2) The name of each person who has been issued a card. (3) The job title of each person. (4) The expected use of each card for each person. (5) The maximum limit per purchase per month for each card.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 16 showing:

To the Minister of Agriculture: (1) The number of purchase cards that have been issued within the ministry. (2) The name of each person who has been issued a card. (3) The job title of each person. (4) The expected use of each card for each person. (5) The maximum limit per purchase per month for each card.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 17 showing:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: The total usage of purchase cards in the budget 2009/10 and 2010/11 (to date) by number of transactions and dollar value in this ministry.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 18 showing:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) The number of purchase cards that have been issued within the ministry. (2) The name of each person who has been issued a card. (3) The job title of each person. (4) The expected use of each card for each person. (5) The maximum limit per purchase per month for each card.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 19 showing:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: The total usage of purchase cards in the budget 2009/10 and 2010/11 (to date) by number of transactions and dollar value in this ministry.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 20 showing:

To the Minister of Agriculture: The total usage of purchase cards in the budget 2009/10 and 2010/11 (to date) by number of transactions and dollar value in this ministry.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 21 showing:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) The number of purchase cards that have been issued within the ministry. (2) The name of each person who has been issued a card. (3) The job title of each person. (4) The expected use of each card for each person. (5) The maximum limit per purchase per month for each card.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 22 showing:

To the Minister of Finance: The total usage of purchase cards in the budget 2009/10 and 2010/11 (to date) by number of transactions and dollar value in this ministry.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 23 showing:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) The number of purchase cards that have been issued within the ministry. (2) The name of each person who has been issued a card. (3) The job title of each person. (4) The expected use of each card for each person. (5) The maximum limit per purchase per month for each card.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 24 showing:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: The total usage of purchase cards in the budget 2009/10 and 2010/11 (to date) by number of transactions and dollar value in this ministry.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 25 showing:

To the Minister of Health: (1) The number of purchase cards that have been issued within the ministry. (2) The name of each person who has been issued a card. (3) The job title of each person. (4) The expected use of each card for each person. (5) The maximum limit per purchase per month for each card.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 26 showing:

To the Minister of Health: The total usage of purchase cards in the budget 2009/10 and 2010/11 (to date) by number of transactions and dollar value in this ministry.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 27 showing:

To the Minister of Government Services: (1) The number of purchase cards that have been issued within the ministry. (2) The name of each person who has been issued a card. (3) The job title of each person. (4) The expected use of each card for each person. (5) The maximum limit per purchase per month for each card.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 28 showing:

To the Minister of Government Services: The total usage of purchase cards in the budget 2009/10 and 2010/11 (to date) by number of transactions and dollar value in this ministry.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 29 showing:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) The number of purchase cards that have been issued within the ministry. (2) The name of each person who has been issued a card. (3) The job title of each person. (4) The expected use of each card for each person. (5) The maximum limit per purchase per month for each card.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 30 showing:

To the Minister of Environment: The total usage of purchase cards in the budget 2009/10 and 2010/11 (to date) by number of transactions and dollar value in this ministry.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 31 showing:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: (1) The number of purchase cards that have been issued within the ministry. (2) The name of each person who has been issued a card. (3) The job title of each person. (4) The expected use of each card for each person. (5) The maximum limit per purchase per month for each card.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 32 showing:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: The total usage of purchase cards in the budget 2009/10 and 2010/11 (to date) by number of transactions and dollar value in this ministry.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 33 showing:

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: (1) The number of purchase cards that have been issued within the ministry. (2) The name of each person who has been issued a card. (3) The job title of each person. (4) The expected use of each card for each person. (5) The maximum limit per purchase per month for each card.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 34 showing:

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: The total usage of purchase cards in the budget 2009/10 and 2010/11 (to date) by number of transactions and dollar value in this ministry.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 35 showing:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) The number of purchase cards that have been issued within the ministry. (2) The name of each person who has been issued a card. (3) The job title of each person. (4) The expected use of each card for each person. (5) The maximum limit per purchase per month for each card.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 36 showing:

To the Minister of Justice: The total usage of purchase cards in the budget 2009/10 and 2010/11 (to date) by number of transactions and dollar value in this ministry.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 37 showing:

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs: (1) The number of purchase cards that have been issued within the ministry. (2) The name of each person who has been issued a card. (3) The job title of each person. (4) The expected use of each card for each person. (5) The maximum limit per purchase per month for each card.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 38 showing:

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs: The total usage of purchase cards in the budget 2009/10 and 2010/11 (to date) by number of transactions and dollar value in this ministry.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 39 showing:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: (1) The number of purchase cards that have been issued within the ministry. (2) The name of each person who has been issued a card. (3) The job title of each person. (4) The expected use of each card for each person. (5) The maximum limit per purchase per month for each card.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 40 showing:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: The total usage of purchase cards in the budget 2009/10 and 2010/11 (to date) by number of transactions and dollar value in this ministry.

#### **ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS**

##### **Bill No. 161 – The Election Amendment Act, 2010**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 161 – The Election Amendment Act, 2010 – be now read a second time.

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

##### **Bill No. 162 – The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2010**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hickie: That Bill No. 162 – The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2010 – be now read a second time.

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

##### **Bill No. 159 – The University of Regina Amendment Act, 2010**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Norris: That Bill No. 159 – The University of Regina Amendment Act, 2010 – be now read a second time.

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

##### **Bill No. 144 – The Litter Control Amendment Act, 2010**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Duncan: That Bill No. 144 – The Litter Control Amendment Act, 2010 – be now read a second time.

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

##### **Bill No. 155 – The Natural Resources Amendment Act, 2010**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Duncan: That Bill No. 155 – The Natural Resources Amendment Act, 2010 – be now read a second time.

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

**Bill No. 160 – The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code Amendment Act, 2010**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 160 – The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code Amendment Act, 2010 – be now read a second time.

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

**Bill No. 157 – The Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 2010**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 157 – The Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 2010 – be now read a second time.

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

The debate being resumed on Second Reading of Bill No. 157 – The Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 2010, it was on motion of Mr. Nilson, adjourned.

**Bill No. 149 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2010**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Krawetz: That Bill No. 149 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2010 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Junor, adjourned.

**Bill No. 150 – The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2010**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Krawetz: That Bill No. 150 – The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2010 – be now read a second time.

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

**Bill No. 147 – The Public Interest Disclosure Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Draude: That Bill No. 147 – The Public Interest Disclosure Act – be now read a second time.

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

**Bill No. 153 – The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2010**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 153 – The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2010 – be now read a second time.

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

**Bill No. 154 – The Provincial Court Consequential Amendment Act, 2010**  
**Projet de loi n° 154 – Loi de 2010 portant modification corrélative à la loi intitulée The**  
**Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2010**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 154 – The Provincial Court Consequential Amendment Act, 2010 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Morgan: Que le projet de loi n° 154 – Loi de 2010 portant modification corrélative à la loi intitulée The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2010 – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Belanger, il est ajourné.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 7:52 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

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



## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 668, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: How many acres of crop land went unseeded due to flooding or excessive moisture in the 2010 crop year?

Answer:

8.3 million acres.

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 669, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: How many claims were sent in to the Canada Saskatchewan excessive moisture program in 2010?

Answer:

21,341 claims.

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 670, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: What was the total dollar amount paid out under the Canada Saskatchewan excessive moisture program in 2010?

Answer:

\$252 million.

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 671, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: What was the total number of claims for unseeded or flooded acres sent to crop insurance?

Answer:

12,314 claims for unseeded acreage.

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 672, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: (1) What was the amount of the average crop insurance producer premium in 2010? (2) 2009? (3) 2008? (4) 2007? (5) 2006? (6) 2005?

Answer:

- (1) \$6.98 per acre.
- (2) \$7.10 per acre.
- (3) \$7.34 per acre.
- (4) \$4.92 per acre.
- (5) \$3.65 per acre.
- (6) \$4.07 per acre.

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 673, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: (1) What was the amount of the average crop insurance producer premium for chick peas in 2010? (2) 2009? (3) 2008? (4) 2007? (5) 2006? (6) 2005?

Answer:

	Average Customer Net Premium (\$/ac)					
Crop	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Desi Chickpeas	13.78	10.69	14.59	8.49	6.34	7.26
Large Kabuli Chickpeas	17.35	15.57	17.05	14.26	14.29	12.04
Small Kabuli Chickpeas	14.68	14.66	16.87	14.11	10.84	10.44

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 674, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: (1) What was the amount of the average crop insurance producer premium for canola in 2010? (2) 2009? (3) 2008? (4) 2007? (5) 2006? (6) 2005?

Answer:

- (1) \$8.87 per acre.
- (2) \$8.57 per acre.
- (3) \$7.43 per acre.
- (4) \$6.28 per acre.
- (5) \$4.05 per acre.
- (6) \$4.78 per acre.

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 675, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: (1) What was the amount of the average crop insurance producer premium for lentils in 2010? (2) 2009? (3) 2008? (4) 2007? (5) 2006? (6) 2005?

Answer:

	Average Customer Net Premium (\$/ac)					
Crop	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Lentils – Large Green	15.42	13.09	14.78	9.87	7.84	10.66
Lentils – Other	14.95	17.38	17.37	9.22	10.50	12.01
Lentils – Red	17.37	16.02	16.05	10.91	9.49	11.74

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 676, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: (1) What was the amount of the average crop insurance producer premium for mustard in 2010? (2) 2009? (3) 2008? (4) 2007? (5) 2006? (6) 2005?

Answer:

	Average Customer Net Premium (\$/ac)					
Crop	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Yellow Mustard	9.05	13.94	12.66	7.10	5.33	6.26
Brown Mustard	7.25	11.28	12.45	6.41	5.03	6.14
Oriental Mustard	8.69	12.76	10.67	6.04	5.26	6.33

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 677, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: (1) What was the total amount collected from community pasture grazing fees in 2010? (2) 2009? (3) 2008? (4) 2007? (5) 2006? (6) 2005? (7) 2004? (8) 2003?

Answer:

- (1) \$5,402,051
- (2) \$5,443,715
- (3) \$5,577,807

- (4) \$5,546,660
- (5) \$5,648,179
- (6) \$5,672,677
- (7) \$5,334,841
- (8) \$5,136,891

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 678, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: (1) What was the community pasture grazing fee cost per animal in 2010? (2) 2009? (3) 2008? (4) 2007? (5) 2006? (6) 2005? (7) 2004? (8) 2003?

Answer:

Community Pasture Grazing Fees per Animal								
	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Cows (\$/day)	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38
Calves & Colts (\$/season)	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Bulls (\$/day)	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Horses (\$/day)	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48
Sheep (\$/day)	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 679, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: (1) What was the total amount collected by the province for the brand inspection fee in 2010? (2) 2009? (3) 2008? (4) 2007? (5) 2006? (6) 2005? (7) 2004? (8) 2003?

Answer:

Year	Total Amount Collected
2009/10	2,933,862
2008/09	3,396,347
2007/08	3,189,800
2006/07	3,185,014
2005/06	3,430,197
2004/05	2,953,399
2003/04	2,301,841

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 680, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: (1) What was the average cost per head for brand inspection fees in 2010? (2) 2009? (3) 2008? (4) 2007? (5) 2006? (6) 2005? (7) 2004? (8) 2003?

Answer:

Year	Average Cost per Head
2009/10	1.65
2008/09	1.65
2007/08	1.65
2006/07	1.65
2005/06	1.65
2004/05	1.65
2003/04	1.65

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 681, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What was the total cost of the Saskatchewan child welfare panel and its report? (2) How much money did Bob Pringle receive for salary and expenses? (3) How much money did other panel members receive for salary and expenses? (4) How much did the printing of the final report of the panel cost? (5) What were other expenses incurred in the Saskatchewan child welfare panel's work?

Answer:

- (1) \$651,899.66
- (2) Bob Pringle: Per Diem - \$120,600.00; Expenses - \$16,858.74
- (3) Panel members: Per Diem - \$ 47,925.00; Expenses - \$ 10,800.27
- (4) \$23,781.49
- (5) \$431,934.16

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 682, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many individuals were receiving SAP in October 2010? (2) November 2010? (3) December 2010? (4) January 2011? (5) February 2011?

Answer:

- (1) 35,614
- (2) 35,407
- (3) 35,232
- (4) 35,055
- (5) 35,526

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 683, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many children in families were receiving SAP in October 2010? (2) November 2010? (3) December 2010? (4) January 2011? (5) February 2011?

Answer:

- (1) 13,138
- (2) 12,936
- (3) 12,810
- (4) 12,681
- (5) 12,850

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 684, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many SAP cases were open in October 2010? (2) November 2010? (3) December 2010? (4) January 2011? (5) February 2011?

Answer:

- (1) 20,650
- (2) 20,631
- (3) 20,583
- (4) 20,548
- (5) 20,801

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 685, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many TEA cases were open in October 2010? (2) November 2010? (3) December 2010? (4) January 2011? (5) February 2011?

Answer:

- (1) 3,131
- (2) 3,131
- (3) 3,295
- (4) 3,326
- (5) 3,337

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 686, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many SAID cases were open in October 2010? (2) November 2010? (3) December 2010? (4) January 2011? (5) February 2011?

Answer:

- (1) 2,694
- (2) 2,700
- (3) 2,707
- (4) 2,706
- (5) 2,728

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 687, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new SAP cases were opened in October 2010? (2) November 2010? (3) December 2010? (4) January 2011? (5) February 2011?

Answer:

- (1) 943
- (2) 1,190
- (3) 1,201
- (4) 996
- (5) 1,077

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 688, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new TEA cases were opened in October 2010? (2) November 2010? (3) December 2010? (4) January 2011? (5) February 2011?

Answer:

- (1) 527
- (2) 691
- (3) 697
- (4) 642
- (5) 601

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 689, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new SAID cases were opened in October 2010? (2) November 2010? (3) December 2010? (4) January 2011? (5) February 2011?

Answer:

- (1) 26
- (2) 15
- (3) 14
- (4) 29
- (5) 28

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 690, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many SAP cases involving families with children were open in October 2010? (2) November 2010? (3) December 2010? (4) January 2011? (5) February 2011?

Answer:

- (1) 6,214
- (2) 6,139
- (3) 6,088
- (4) 6,030
- (5) 6,106

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 691, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many SAP cases involving people living with disabilities were open in October 2010? (2) November 2010? (3) December 2010? (4) January 2011? (5) February 2011?

Answer:

- (1) 11,950
- (2) 12,031
- (3) 12,040
- (4) 12,115
- (5) 12,224

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 692, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many SAP cases involving people who were employable were open in October 2010? (2) November 2010? (3) December 2010? (4) January 2011? (5) February 2011?

Answer:

- (1) 4,508
- (2) 4,259
- (3) 4,037
- (4) 3,905
- (5) 3,894

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 693, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: How many single individuals received the Seniors Income Plan in (1) October 2010? (2) November 2010? (3) December 2010? (4) January 2011? (5) February 2011?

Answer:

- (1) 11,496
- (2) 11,635

- (3) 11,640
- (4) 11,644
- (5) 11,665

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 694, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many single individuals were cut off from the Seniors Income Plan in October 2010? (2) November 2010? (3) December 2010? (4) January 2011? (5) February 2011?

Answer:

- (1) 59
- (2) 62
- (3) 65
- (4) 63
- (5) 70

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 695, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many single individuals had their Seniors Income Plan benefits reduced in October 2010? (2) November 2010? (3) December 2010? (4) January 2011? (5) February 2011?

Answer:

- (1) 14
- (2) 15
- (3) 12
- (4) 17
- (5) 29

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 696, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new single individuals received the Seniors Income Plan in October 2010? (2) November 2010? (3) December 2010? (4) January 2011? (5) February 2011?

Answer:

- (1) 98
- (2) 111
- (3) 74
- (4) 73
- (5) 93

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 697, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many couples received the Seniors Income Plan in October 2010? (2) November 2010? (3) December 2010? (4) January 2011? (5) February 2011?

Answer:

	Couples where both individuals received SIP	Couples where one individual received SIP
(1) October 2010	2,157	940
(2) November 2010	2,169	938
(3) December 2010	2,181	926
(4) January 2011	2,178	923
(5) February 2011	2,180	928

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 698, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new couples received the Seniors Income Plan in October 2010? (2) November 2010? (3) December 2010? (4) January 2011? (5) February 2011?

Answer:

	Couples where both individuals received SIP	Couples where one individual received SIP
(1) October 2010	13	20
(2) November 2010	14	18
(3) December 2010	11	9
(4) January 2011	12	15
(5) February 2011	13	34

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 699, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many couples were cut off from the Seniors Income Plan in October 2010? (2) November 2010? (3) December 2010? (4) January 2011? (5) February 2011?

Answer:

- (1) 10
- (2) 25
- (3) 14
- (4) 24
- (5) 19

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 700, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many couples had their Seniors Income Plan benefits reduced in October 2010? (2) November 2010? (3) December 2010? (4) January 2011? (5) February 2011?

Answer:

- (1) 28
- (2) 22
- (3) 23
- (4) 32
- (5) 31

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 701, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many people in total were receiving SIP in October 2010? (2) November 2010? (3) December 2010? (4) January 2011? (5) February 2011?



Answer:

- (1) 16,750
- (2) 16,911
- (3) 16,928
- (4) 16,923
- (5) 16,953

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 702, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many families qualified for the Saskatchewan Employment Supplement in October 2010? (2) November 2010? (3) December 2010? (4) January 2011? (5) February 2011?

Answer:

- (1) 6,009
- (2) 5,895
- (3) 6,186
- (4) 5,932
- (5) 5,893

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 703, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many families qualified for the Saskatchewan Family Health Benefits in October 2010? (2) November 2010? (3) December 2010? (4) January 2011? (5) February 2011?

Answer:

As of March 2010, this information is no longer available within the Ministry of Social Services. This question now falls under the mandate of the Ministry of Health.

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 704, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many recipients for Rental Housing Supplements were open in October 2010? (2) November 2010? (3) December 2010? (4) January 2011? (5) February 2011?

Answer:

The answers are separated between those who qualify for Family Housing Supplement (FHS) and Disability Housing Supplement (DHS).

- (1) FHS 4,846      DHS 2,820
- (2) FHS 4,929      DHS 2,881
- (3) FHS 5,113      DHS 2,977
- (4) FHS 5,162      DHS 3,075
- (5) FHS 5,149      DHS 3,142

A household can receive payments from both housing supplements.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 706, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:**

To the Minister of Education: (1) What policy has the ministry put in place to cover use of government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards? (2) Is this policy consistent across provincial government ministries and contain the same limits and restrictions? (3) If not, where do policies specifically differ?

Answer:

- (1) The government's purchase card policy is outlined in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual.
- (2) The purchase card policy regarding transaction and monthly limits and restrictions on use of the card applies to all government ministries. The cardholder transaction and monthly limits are set by ministries in accordance with the purchase card policy based on expected card use. Treasury Board policy has set the maximum transaction limit at \$5,000. Exceptions to the maximum transaction limit have been approved for certain ministry cardholders to meet operational requirements for delivery of government services.
- (3) Not applicable – the purchase card policy applies to all government ministries.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 708, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:**

To the Minister of Education: Which financial institution has been awarded the contract for procurement of the government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards in the ministry?

Answer:

In 2010, following a request for proposal, the Bank of Montreal was awarded a contract for a one-card solution which includes government purchase cards, travel cards, and air billing accounts.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 709, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:**

To the Minister of Education: Was the contract for purchase cards and credit cards for government issue tendered or sole-sourced?

Answer:

An agreement was signed in May 2010 with the Bank of Montreal after the conclusion of a tendering process.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 711, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:**

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: (1) What policy has the ministry put in place to cover use of government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards? (2) Is this policy consistent across provincial government ministries and contain the same limits and restrictions? (3) If not, where do policies specifically differ?

Answer:

- (1) The government's purchase card policy is outlined in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual.
- (2) The purchase card policy regarding transaction and monthly limits and restrictions on use of the card applies to all government ministries. The cardholder transaction and monthly limits are set by ministries in accordance with the purchase card policy based on expected card use. Treasury Board policy has set the maximum transaction limit at \$5,000. Exceptions to the maximum transaction limit have been approved for certain ministry cardholders to meet operational requirements for delivery of government services.
- (3) Not applicable – the purchase card policy applies to all government ministries.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 712, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:**

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: Which financial institution has been awarded the contract for procurement of the government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards in the ministry?

Answer:

In 2010, following a request for proposal, the Bank of Montreal was awarded a contract for a one-card solution which includes government purchase cards, travel cards, and air billing accounts.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 714, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:**

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: Was the contract for purchase cards and credit cards for government issue tendered or sole-sourced?

Answer:

An agreement was signed in May 2010 with the Bank of Montreal after the conclusion of a tendering process.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 717, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Huyghebaert:**

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) What policy has the ministry put in place to cover use of government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards? (2) Is this policy consistent across provincial government ministries and contain the same limits and restrictions? (3) If not, where do policies specifically differ?

Answer:

- (1) The government's purchase card policy is outlined in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual.
- (2) The purchase card policy regarding transaction and monthly limits and restrictions on use of the card applies to all government ministries. The cardholder transaction and monthly limits are set by ministries in accordance with the purchase card policy based on expected card use. Treasury Board policy has set the maximum transaction limit at \$5,000. Exceptions to the maximum transaction limit have been approved for certain ministry cardholders to meet operational requirements for delivery of government services.
- (3) Not applicable – the purchase card policy applies to all government ministries.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 719, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Huyghebaert:**

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: Which financial institution has been awarded the contract for procurement of the government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards in the ministry?

Answer:

In 2010, following a request for proposal, the Bank of Montreal was awarded a contract for a one-card solution which includes government purchase cards, travel cards, and air billing accounts.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 720, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Huyghebaert:**

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: Was the contract for purchase cards and credit cards for government issue tendered or sole-sourced?

Answer:

An agreement was signed in May 2010 with the Bank of Montreal after the conclusion of a tendering process.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 722, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: (1) What policy has the ministry put in place to cover use of government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards? (2) Is this policy consistent across provincial government ministries and contain the same limits and restrictions? (3) If not, where do policies specifically differ?

Answer:

- (1) The government's purchase card policy is outlined in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual.
- (2) The purchase card policy regarding transaction and monthly limits and restrictions on use of the card applies to all government ministries. The cardholder transaction and monthly limits are set by ministries in accordance with the purchase card policy based on expected card use. Treasury Board policy has set the maximum transaction limit at \$5,000. Exceptions to the maximum transaction limit have been approved for certain ministry cardholders to meet operational requirements for delivery of government services.
- (3) Not applicable – the purchase card policy applies to all government ministries.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 723, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: Which financial institution has been awarded the contract for procurement of the government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards in the ministry?

Answer:

In 2010, following a request for proposal, the Bank of Montreal was awarded a contract for a one-card solution which includes government purchase cards, travel cards, and air billing accounts.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 724, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: Was the contract for purchase cards and credit cards for government issue tendered or sole-sourced?

Answer:

An agreement was signed in May 2010 with the Bank of Montreal after the conclusion of a tendering process.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 726, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:**

To the Minister of Finance: (1) What policy has the ministry put in place to cover use of government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards? (2) Is this policy consistent across provincial government ministries and contain the same limits and restrictions? (3) If not, where do policies specifically differ?

Answer:

- (1) The government's purchase card policy is outlined in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual.
- (2) The purchase card policy regarding transaction and monthly limits and restrictions on use of the card applies to all government ministries. The cardholder transaction and monthly limits are set by ministries in accordance with the purchase card policy based on expected card use. Treasury Board policy has set the maximum transaction limit at \$5,000. Exceptions to the maximum transaction limit have been approved for certain ministry cardholders to meet operational requirements for delivery of government services.
- (3) Not applicable – the purchase card policy applies to all government ministries.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 727, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:**

To the Minister of Finance: Which financial institution has been awarded the contract for procurement of the government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards in the ministry?

Answer:

In 2010, following a request for proposal, the Bank of Montreal was awarded a contract for a one-card solution which includes government purchase cards, travel cards, and air billing accounts.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 729, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:**

To the Minister of Finance: Was the contract for purchase cards and credit cards for government issue tendered or sole-sourced?

Answer:

An agreement was signed in May 2010 with the Bank of Montreal after the conclusion of a tendering process.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 730, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:**

To the Minister of Finance: (1) In the contract with the financial institution regarding purchasing cards and/or credit cards, are there cash back, rebate or reduced interest rate options? (2) If so, are these savings received by individual ministries or by the Ministry of Finance? (3) At what percentage are these savings calculated? (4) What was the total of these savings for each ministry in 2009/10 and 2010/11 (to date)?

Answer:

- (1) Under the agreement with the Bank of Montreal, all purchasing and travel related transactions are eligible for an annual volume rebate based on the dollar value of the purchases.
- (2) This rebate is provided to the Ministry of Finance and deposited in the General Revenue Fund as revenue.
- (3) The percentage used to calculate the annual rebate varies based on the total dollar value of purchases by ministries during the year.
- (4) For the period from February 1, 2009 to January 31, 2010, the government received a rebate of \$413,192. Data for 2010/11 to date cannot be provided as it is currently in the finalization process.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 732, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) What policy has the ministry put in place to cover use of government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards? (2) Is this policy consistent across provincial government ministries and contain the same limits and restrictions? (3) If not, where do policies specifically differ?

Answer:

- (1) The government's purchase card policy is outlined in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual.
- (2) The purchase card policy regarding transaction and monthly limits and restrictions on use of the card applies to all government ministries. The cardholder transaction and monthly limits are set by ministries in accordance with the purchase card policy based on expected card use. Treasury Board policy has set the maximum transaction limit at \$5,000. Exceptions to the maximum transaction limit have been approved for certain ministry cardholders to meet operational requirements for delivery of government services.
- (3) Not applicable – the purchase card policy applies to all government ministries.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 734, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: Which financial institution has been awarded the contract for procurement of the government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards in the ministry?

Answer:

In 2010, following a request for proposal, the Bank of Montreal was awarded a contract for a one-card solution which includes government purchase cards, travel cards, and air billing accounts.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 735, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: Was the contract for purchase cards and credit cards for government issue tendered or sole-sourced?

Answer:

An agreement was signed in May 2010 with the Bank of Montreal after the conclusion of a tendering process.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 737, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: (1) What policy has the ministry put in place to cover use of government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards? (2) Is this policy consistent across provincial government ministries and contain the same limits and restrictions? (3) If not, where do policies specifically differ?

Answer:

- (1) The government's purchase card policy is outlined in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual.
- (2) The purchase card policy regarding transaction and monthly limits and restrictions on use of the card applies to all government ministries. The cardholder transaction and monthly limits are set by ministries in accordance with the purchase card policy based on expected card use. Treasury Board policy has set the maximum transaction limit at \$5,000. Exceptions to the maximum transaction limit have been approved for certain ministry cardholders to meet operational requirements for delivery of government services.
- (3) Not applicable – the purchase card policy applies to all government ministries.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 739, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: Which financial institution has been awarded the contract for procurement of the government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards in the ministry?

Answer:

In 2010, following a request for proposal, the Bank of Montreal was awarded a contract for a one-card solution which includes government purchase cards, travel cards, and air billing accounts.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 740, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: Was the contract for purchase cards and credit cards for government issue tendered or sole-sourced?

Answer:

An agreement was signed in May 2010 with the Bank of Montreal after the conclusion of a tendering process.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 742, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Ross:**

To the Minister of Government Services: (1) What policy has the ministry put in place to cover use of government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards? (2) Is this policy consistent across provincial government ministries and contain the same limits and restrictions? (3) If not, where do policies specifically differ?

Answer:

With respect to the government's purchase card program, please refer to the Minister of Finance's response to Written Question No.726. With respect to government Services' Central Vehicle Agency fleet cards:

- (1) Fleet card usage policy is outlined in the current Central Vehicle Agency Operator's Handbook and is applicable to all drivers of Central Vehicle Agency vehicles that use the cards.
- (2) The usage policy is consistently applied to all Central Vehicle Agency customers. The same limits and restrictions apply to all.
- (3) N/A

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 744, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Ross:**

To the Minister of Government Services: Which financial institution has been awarded the contract for procurement of the government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards in the ministry?

Answer:

With respect to the government's purchase card program, please refer to the Minister of Finance's response to Written Question No.727.

With respect to government Services' Central Vehicle Agency fleet cards, the current fleet cards are produced and administered by the Central Vehicle Agency within Government Services. Therefore, they do not involve a financial institution.

The Central Vehicle Agency will be implementing a new fleet card service in 2011/12. The new contract has been awarded to T-Check Systems, Inc.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 745, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Ross:**

To the Minister of Government Services: Was the contract for purchase cards and credit cards for government issue tendered or sole-sourced?

Answer:

With respect to the government's purchase card program, please refer to the Minister of Finance's response to Written Question No.729.

With respect to Government Services' Central Vehicle Agency fleet cards, they are currently administered by Government Services and have no service provider contract associated with them.

A service provider has been contracted to provide new fleet cards beginning in 2011/12. This contract, signed with T-Check Systems, Inc., was tendered.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 747, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:**

To the Minister of Environment: (1) What policy has the ministry put in place to cover use of government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards? (2) Is this policy consistent across provincial government ministries and contain the same limits and restrictions? (3) If not, where do policies specifically differ?

Answer:

- (1) The government's purchase card policy is outlined in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual.
- (2) The purchase card policy regarding transaction and monthly limits and restrictions on use of the card applies to all government ministries. The cardholder transaction and monthly limits are set by ministries in accordance with the purchase card policy based on expected card use. Treasury Board policy has set the maximum transaction limit at \$5,000. Exceptions to the maximum transaction limit have been approved for certain ministry cardholders to meet operational requirements for delivery of government services.
- (3) Not applicable – the purchase card policy applies to all government ministries.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 749, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:**

To the Minister of Environment: Which financial institution has been awarded the contract for procurement of the government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards in the ministry?

Answer:

In 2010, following a request for proposal, the Bank of Montreal was awarded a contract for a one-card solution which includes government purchase cards, travel cards, and air billing accounts.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 750, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:**

To the Minister of Environment: Was the contract for purchase cards and credit cards for government issue tendered or sole-sourced?

Answer:

An agreement was signed in May 2010 with the Bank of Montreal after the conclusion of a tendering process.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 752, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: (1) What policy has the ministry put in place to cover use of government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards? (2) Is this policy consistent across provincial government ministries and contain the same limits and restrictions? (3) If not, where do policies specifically differ?

Answer:

- (1) The government's purchase card policy is outlined in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual.
- (2) The purchase card policy regarding transaction and monthly limits and restrictions on use of the card applies to all government ministries. The cardholder transaction and monthly limits are set by ministries in accordance with the purchase card policy based on expected card use. Treasury Board policy has set the maximum transaction limit at \$5,000. Exceptions to the maximum transaction limit have been approved for certain ministry cardholders to meet operational requirements for delivery of government services.
- (3) Not applicable – the purchase card policy applies to all government ministries.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 754, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: Which financial institution has been awarded the contract for procurement of the government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards in the ministry?



Answer:

In 2010, following a request for proposal, the Bank of Montreal was awarded a contract for a one-card solution which includes government purchase cards, travel cards, and air billing accounts.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 755, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: Was the contract for purchase cards and credit cards for government issue tendered or sole-sourced?

Answer:

An agreement was signed in May 2010 with the Bank of Montreal after the conclusion of a tendering process.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 757, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:**

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: (1) What policy has the ministry put in place to cover use of government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards? (2) Is this policy consistent across provincial government ministries and contain the same limits and restrictions? (3) If not, where do policies specifically differ?

Answer:

- (1) The government's purchase card policy is outlined in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual.
- (2) The purchase card policy regarding transaction and monthly limits and restrictions on use of the card applies to all government ministries. The cardholder transaction and monthly limits are set by ministries in accordance with the purchase card policy based on expected card use. Treasury Board policy has set the maximum transaction limit at \$5,000. Exceptions to the maximum transaction limit have been approved for certain ministry cardholders to meet operational requirements for delivery of government services.
- (3) Not applicable – the purchase card policy applies to all government ministries.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 759, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:**

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: Which financial institution has been awarded the contract for procurement of the government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards in the ministry?

Answer:

In 2010, following a request for proposal, the Bank of Montreal was awarded a contract for a one-card solution which includes government purchase cards, travel cards, and air billing accounts.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 760, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:**

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: Was the contract for purchase cards and credit cards for government issue tendered or sole-sourced?

Answer:

An agreement was signed in May 2010 with the Bank of Montreal after the conclusion of a tendering process.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 762, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:**

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What policy has the ministry put in place to cover use of government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards? (2) Is this policy consistent across provincial government ministries and contain the same limits and restrictions? (3) If not, where do policies specifically differ?

Answer:

- (1) The government's purchase card policy is outlined in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual.
- (2) The purchase card policy regarding transaction and monthly limits and restrictions on use of the card applies to all government ministries. The cardholder transaction and monthly limits are set by ministries in accordance with the purchase card policy based on expected card use. Treasury Board policy has set the maximum transaction limit at \$5,000. Exceptions to the maximum transaction limit have been approved for certain ministry cardholders to meet operational requirements for delivery of government services.
- (3) Not applicable – the purchase card policy applies to all government ministries.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 764, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:**

To the Minister of Justice: Which financial institution has been awarded the contract for procurement of the government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards in the ministry?

Answer:

In 2010, following a request for proposal, the Bank of Montreal was awarded a contract for a one-card solution which includes government purchase cards, travel cards, and air billing accounts.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 765, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:**

To the Minister of Justice: Was the contract for purchase cards and credit cards for government issue tendered or sole-sourced?

Answer:

An agreement was signed in May 2010 with the Bank of Montreal after the conclusion of a tendering process.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 767, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:**

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs: (1) What policy has the ministry put in place to cover use of government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards? (2) Is this policy consistent across provincial government ministries and contain the same limits and restrictions? (3) If not, where do policies specifically differ?

Answer:

- (1) The government's purchase card policy is outlined in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual.
- (2) The purchase card policy regarding transaction and monthly limits and restrictions on use of the card applies to all government ministries. The cardholder transaction and monthly limits are set by ministries in accordance with the purchase card policy based on expected card use. Treasury Board policy has set the maximum transaction limit at \$5,000. Exceptions to the maximum transaction limit have been approved for certain ministry cardholders to meet operational requirements for delivery of government services.
- (3) Not applicable – the purchase card policy applies to all government ministries.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 769, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:**

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs: Which financial institution has been awarded the contract for procurement of the government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards in the ministry?

Answer:

In 2010, following a request for proposal, the Bank of Montreal was awarded a contract for a one-card solution which includes government purchase cards, travel cards, and air billing accounts.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 770, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:**

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs: Was the contract for purchase cards and credit cards for government issue tendered or sole-sourced?

Answer:

An agreement was signed in May 2010 with the Bank of Montreal after the conclusion of a tendering process.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 772, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:**

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: (1) What policy has the ministry put in place to cover use of government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards? (2) Is this policy consistent across provincial government ministries and contain the same limits and restrictions? (3) If not, where do policies specifically differ?

Answer:

- (1) The government's purchase card policy is outlined in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual.
- (2) The purchase card policy regarding transaction and monthly limits and restrictions on use of the card applies to all government ministries. The cardholder transaction and monthly limits are set by ministries in accordance with the purchase card policy based on expected card use. Treasury Board policy has set the maximum transaction limit at \$5,000. Exceptions to the maximum transaction limit have been approved for certain ministry cardholders to meet operational requirements for delivery of government services.
- (3) Not applicable – the purchase card policy applies to all government ministries.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 774, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:**

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: Which financial institution has been awarded the contract for procurement of the government-issued purchase cards and/or government-issued credit cards in the ministry?

Answer:

In 2010, following a request for proposal, the Bank of Montreal was awarded a contract for a one-card solution which includes government purchase cards, travel cards, and air billing accounts.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 775, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:**

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: Was the contract for purchase cards and credit cards for government issue tendered or sole-sourced?

Answer:

An agreement was signed in May 2010 with the Bank of Montreal after the conclusion of a tendering process.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 777, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:**

To the Minister of Education: What is the ministry's policy regarding use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

The government's policy for purchase cards is outlined in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual. Further details are provided in the response to Written Question No.726. Sections 3130 and 3134 of the Financial Administration Manual contain the policies for the government's air billing accounts and corporate travel cards. These cards will be phased out and replaced with Bank of Montreal purchase card products over the next year.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 778, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:**

To the Minister of Education: What process is in place for oversight and accountability for the use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

The purchase card policy in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual requires ministries to implement processes to ensure proper oversight and accountability over government purchase cards. This includes the following:

- Designating card coordinators to administer the purchase cards, and ensure they have received proper training. Card coordinators are responsible for ensuring transactions are reviewed, reconciled and approved according to government policy.
- Ensuring that cardholders and approvers of transactions have signed an acknowledgement of responsibility form, and that they have received proper training.
- Ensuring transactions are approved by persons with appropriate delegated authority. Approvers must ensure that government payment requirements and all relevant policies and procedures are complied with.
- Ensuring proper segregation of duties exists to prevent individuals from being able to initiate and approve transactions.
- Monitoring purchase card transactions to ensure they are reconciled and approved according to the purchase card policy.
- Ensuring compliance with applicable laws, policies and procedures of the government. This responsibility includes a post-audit of purchase card transactions and controls.

The Provincial Comptroller's Office also performs an audit of purchase card transactions.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 779, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:**

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: What is the ministry's policy regarding use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

The government's policy for purchase cards is outlined in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual. Further details are provided in the response to Written Question No.726. Sections 3130 and 3134 of the Financial Administration Manual contain the policies for the government's air billing accounts and corporate travel cards. These cards will be phased out and replaced with Bank of Montreal purchase card products over the next year.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 780, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:**

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: What process is in place for oversight and accountability for the use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

The purchase card policy in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual requires ministries to implement processes to ensure proper oversight and accountability over government purchase cards. This includes the following:

- Designating card coordinators to administer the purchase cards, and ensure they have received proper training. Card coordinators are responsible for ensuring transactions are reviewed, reconciled and approved according to government policy.
- Ensuring that cardholders and approvers of transactions have signed an acknowledgement of responsibility form, and that they have received proper training.
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- Ensuring proper segregation of duties exists to prevent individuals from being able to initiate and approve transactions.
- Monitoring purchase card transactions to ensure they are reconciled and approved according to the purchase card policy.
- Ensuring compliance with applicable laws, policies and procedures of the government. This responsibility includes a post-audit of purchase card transactions and controls.

The Provincial Comptroller's Office also performs an audit of purchase card transactions.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 781, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Huyghebaert:**

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: What is the ministry's policy regarding use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

The government's policy for purchase cards is outlined in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual. Further details are provided in the response to Written Question No. 726.

Sections 3130 and 3134 of the Financial Administration Manual contain the policies for the government's air billing accounts and corporate travel cards. These cards will be phased out and replaced with Bank of Montreal purchase card products over the next year.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 782, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Huyghebaert:**

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: What process is in place for oversight and accountability for the use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

The purchase card policy in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual requires ministries to implement processes to ensure proper oversight and accountability over government purchase cards. This includes the following:

- Designating card coordinators to administer the purchase cards, and ensure they have received proper training. Card coordinators are responsible for ensuring transactions are reviewed, reconciled and approved according to government policy.
- Ensuring that cardholders and approvers of transactions have signed an acknowledgement of responsibility form, and that they have received proper training.

- Ensuring transactions are approved by persons with appropriate delegated authority. Approvers must ensure that government payment requirements and all relevant policies and procedures are complied with.
- Ensuring proper segregation of duties exists to prevent individuals from being able to initiate and approve transactions.
- Monitoring purchase card transactions to ensure they are reconciled and approved according to the purchase card policy.
- Ensuring compliance with applicable laws, policies and procedures of the government. This responsibility includes a post-audit of purchase card transactions and controls.

The Provincial Comptroller's Office also performs an audit of purchase card transactions.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 783, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: What is the ministry's policy regarding use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

The government's policy for purchase cards is outlined in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual. Further details are provided in the response to Written Question No.726.

Sections 3130 and 3134 of the Financial Administration Manual contain the policies for the government's air billing accounts and corporate travel cards. These cards will be phased out and replaced with Bank of Montreal purchase card products over the next year.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 784, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: What process is in place for oversight and accountability for the use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

The purchase card policy in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual requires ministries to implement processes to ensure proper oversight and accountability over government purchase cards. This includes the following:

- Designating card coordinators to administer the purchase cards, and ensure they have received proper training. Card coordinators are responsible for ensuring transactions are reviewed, reconciled and approved according to government policy.
- Ensuring that cardholders and approvers of transactions have signed an acknowledgement of responsibility form, and that they have received proper training.
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- Monitoring purchase card transactions to ensure they are reconciled and approved according to the purchase card policy.
- Ensuring compliance with applicable laws, policies and procedures of the government. This responsibility includes a post-audit of purchase card transactions and controls.

The Provincial Comptroller's Office also performs an audit of purchase card transactions.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 785, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:**

To the Minister of Finance: What is the ministry's policy regarding use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

The government's policy for purchase cards is outlined in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual. Further details are provided in the response to Written Question No.726. Sections 3130 and 3134 of the Financial Administration Manual contain the policies for the government's air billing accounts and corporate travel cards. These cards will be phased out and replaced with Bank of Montreal purchase card products over the next year.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 786, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:**

To the Minister of Finance: What process is in place for oversight and accountability for the use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

The purchase card policy in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual requires ministries to implement processes to ensure proper oversight and accountability over government purchase cards. This includes the following:

- Designating card coordinators to administer the purchase cards, and ensure they have received proper training. Card coordinators are responsible for ensuring transactions are reviewed, reconciled and approved according to government policy.
- Ensuring that cardholders and approvers of transactions have signed an acknowledgement of responsibility form, and that they have received proper training.
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- Monitoring purchase card transactions to ensure they are reconciled and approved according to the purchase card policy.
- Ensuring compliance with applicable laws, policies and procedures of the government. This responsibility includes a post-audit of purchase card transactions and controls.

The Provincial Comptroller's Office also performs an audit of purchase card transactions.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 787, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What is the ministry's policy regarding use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

The government's policy for purchase cards is outlined in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual. Further details are provided in the response to Written Question No.726. Sections 3130 and 3134 of the Financial Administration Manual contain the policies for the government's air billing accounts and corporate travel cards. These cards will be phased out and replaced with Bank of Montreal purchase card products over the next year.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 788, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Reiter:**

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What process is in place for oversight and accountability for the use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

The purchase card policy in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual requires ministries to implement processes to ensure proper oversight and accountability over government purchase cards. This includes the following:

- Designating card coordinators to administer the purchase cards, and ensure they have received proper training. Card coordinators are responsible for ensuring transactions are reviewed, reconciled and approved according to government policy.
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- Monitoring purchase card transactions to ensure they are reconciled and approved according to the purchase card policy.
- Ensuring compliance with applicable laws, policies and procedures of the government. This responsibility includes a post-audit of purchase card transactions and controls.

The Provincial Comptroller's Office also performs an audit of purchase card transactions.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 789, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: What is the ministry's policy regarding use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

The government's policy for purchase cards is outlined in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual. Further details are provided in the response to Written Question No.726.

Sections 3130 and 3134 of the Financial Administration Manual contain the policies for the government's air billing accounts and corporate travel cards. These cards will be phased out and replaced with Bank of Montreal purchase card products over the next year.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 790, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: What process is in place for oversight and accountability for the use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

The purchase card policy in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual requires ministries to implement processes to ensure proper oversight and accountability over government purchase cards. This includes the following:

- Designating card coordinators to administer the purchase cards, and ensure they have received proper training. Card coordinators are responsible for ensuring transactions are reviewed, reconciled and approved according to government policy.
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- Ensuring compliance with applicable laws, policies and procedures of the government. This responsibility includes a post-audit of purchase card transactions and controls.

The Provincial Comptroller's Office also performs an audit of purchase card transactions.



**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 791, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Ross:**

To the Minister of Government Services: What is the ministry's policy regarding use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

With respect to the government's purchase card program, please refer to the Minister of Finance's response to Written Question No.785.

With respect to Government Services' Central Vehicle Agency fleet cards, the Agency has a fleet card usage policy, which is outlined in the current Central Vehicle Agency Operator's Handbook. Section 1(b) of the policy states: "The fleet credit card must only be used for the purchase of gasoline, oil, and minor repairs and supplies for the CVA vehicle to which it is assigned – not for purchase of personal items."

Furthermore, the handbook states that "the card is only valid at the vendors identified on the back of the card and for the purchase of services and minor repairs up to a value of \$50."

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 792, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Ross:**

To the Minister of Government Services: What process is in place for oversight and accountability for the use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

With respect to the government's purchase card program, please refer to the Minister of Finance's response to Written Question No.786.

The following are processes that the ministry undertakes for oversight and accountability for the Central Vehicle Agency issued fleet card.

- Manual billings (i.e. fleet card transactions that are manually rather than electronically processed by the vendor) are reviewed to ensure the card was present at the time of the transaction and the transaction was signed by the driver.
- The ministry reviews all transactions on an exception basis looking for the following situations:
  - A purchase for more litres of fuel than the vehicle should hold;
  - A purchase that has more than \$50 worth of non-fuel items on it; or
  - A purchase made using an invalid credit card number.
- Each vehicle's rate of fuel mileage is reviewed annually to identify vehicles that appear to use too much fuel based on the number of kilometers reported driven.
- Card stock is reconciled monthly to ensure all blank and created cards are accounted for properly.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 793, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:**

To the Minister of Environment: What is the ministry's policy regarding use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

The government's policy for purchase cards is outlined in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual. Further details are provided in the response to Written Question No.726.

Sections 3130 and 3134 of the Financial Administration Manual contain the policies for the government's air billing accounts and corporate travel cards. These cards will be phased out and replaced with Bank of Montreal purchase card products over the next year.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 794, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:**

To the Minister of Environment: What process is in place for oversight and accountability for the use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

The purchase card policy in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual requires ministries to implement processes to ensure proper oversight and accountability over government purchase cards. This includes the following:

- Designating card coordinators to administer the purchase cards, and ensure they have received proper training. Card coordinators are responsible for ensuring transactions are reviewed, reconciled and approved according to government policy.
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- Monitoring purchase card transactions to ensure they are reconciled and approved according to the purchase card policy.
- Ensuring compliance with applicable laws, policies and procedures of the government. This responsibility includes a post-audit of purchase card transactions and controls.

The Provincial Comptroller's Office also performs an audit of purchase card transactions.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 795, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: What is the ministry's policy regarding use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

The government's policy for purchase cards is outlined in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual. Further details are provided in the response to Written Question No. 726.

Sections 3130 and 3134 of the Financial Administration Manual contain the policies for the government's air billing accounts and corporate travel cards. These cards will be phased out and replaced with Bank of Montreal purchase card products over the next year.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 796, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: What process is in place for oversight and accountability for the use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

The purchase card policy in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual requires ministries to implement processes to ensure proper oversight and accountability over government purchase cards. This includes the following:

- Designating card coordinators to administer the purchase cards, and ensure they have received proper training. Card coordinators are responsible for ensuring transactions are reviewed, reconciled and approved according to government policy.
- Ensuring that cardholders and approvers of transactions have signed an acknowledgement of responsibility form, and that they have received proper training.

- Ensuring transactions are approved by persons with appropriate delegated authority. Approvers must ensure that government payment requirements and all relevant policies and procedures are complied with.
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- Ensuring compliance with applicable laws, policies and procedures of the government. This responsibility includes a post-audit of purchase card transactions and controls.

The Provincial Comptroller's Office also performs an audit of purchase card transactions.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 797, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:**

To the Minister of Justice: What process is in place for oversight and accountability for the use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

The purchase card policy in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual requires ministries to implement processes to ensure proper oversight and accountability over government purchase cards. This includes the following:

- Designating card coordinators to administer the purchase cards, and ensure they have received proper training. Card coordinators are responsible for ensuring transactions are reviewed, reconciled and approved according to government policy.
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- Ensuring compliance with applicable laws, policies and procedures of the government. This responsibility includes a post-audit of purchase card transactions and controls.

The Provincial Comptroller's Office also performs an audit of purchase card transactions.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 798, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:**

To the Minister of Justice: What is the ministry's policy regarding use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

The government's policy for purchase cards is outlined in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual. Further details are provided in the response to Written Question No. 726.

Sections 3130 and 3134 of the Financial Administration Manual contain the policies for the government's air billing accounts and corporate travel cards. These cards will be phased out and replaced with Bank of Montreal purchase card products over the next year.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 799, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:**

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: What process is in place for oversight and accountability for the use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

The purchase card policy in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual requires ministries to implement processes to ensure proper oversight and accountability over government purchase cards. This includes the following:

- Designating card coordinators to administer the purchase cards, and ensure they have received proper training. Card coordinators are responsible for ensuring transactions are reviewed, reconciled and approved according to government policy.
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- Ensuring compliance with applicable laws, policies and procedures of the government. This responsibility includes a post-audit of purchase card transactions and controls.

The Provincial Comptroller's Office also performs an audit of purchase card transactions.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 800, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:**

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: What is the ministry's policy regarding use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

The government's policy for purchase cards is outlined in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual. Further details are provided in the response to Written Question No.726.

Sections 3130 and 3134 of the Financial Administration Manual contain the policies for the government's air billing accounts and corporate travel cards. These cards will be phased out and replaced with Bank of Montreal purchase card products over the next year.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 801, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:**

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs: What is the ministry's policy regarding use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

The government's policy for purchase cards is outlined in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual. Further details are provided in the response to Written Question No.726.

Sections 3130 and 3134 of the Financial Administration Manual contain the policies for the government's air billing accounts and corporate travel cards. These cards will be phased out and replaced with Bank of Montreal purchase card products over the next year.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 802, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:**

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs: What process is in place for oversight and accountability for the use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

The purchase card policy in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual requires ministries to implement processes to ensure proper oversight and accountability over government purchase cards. This includes the following:

- Designating card coordinators to administer the purchase cards, and ensure they have received proper training. Card coordinators are responsible for ensuring transactions are reviewed, reconciled and approved according to government policy.
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- Ensuring compliance with applicable laws, policies and procedures of the government. This responsibility includes a post-audit of purchase card transactions and controls.

The Provincial Comptroller's Office also performs an audit of purchase card transactions.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 803, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:**

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: What is the ministry's policy regarding use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

The government's policy for purchase cards is outlined in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual. Further details are provided in the response to Written Question No.726.

Sections 3130 and 3134 of the Financial Administration Manual contain the policies for the government's air billing accounts and corporate travel cards. These cards will be phased out and replaced with Bank of Montreal purchase card products over the next year.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 804, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:**

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: What process is in place for oversight and accountability for the use of government-issued purchase cards and government-issued credit cards?

Answer:

The purchase card policy in Section 3154 of the Financial Administration Manual requires ministries to implement processes to ensure proper oversight and accountability over government purchase cards. This includes the following:

- Designating card coordinators to administer the purchase cards, and ensure they have received proper training. Card coordinators are responsible for ensuring transactions are reviewed, reconciled and approved according to government policy.
- Ensuring that cardholders and approvers of transactions have signed an acknowledgement of responsibility form, and that they have received proper training.
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The Provincial Comptroller's Office also performs an audit of purchase card transactions.

## NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Mr. D'Autremont to move the following motion:

That this Assembly call on the opposition NDP to support *The Election Amendment Act, 2010* and *The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2010*, as they are precisely in line with NDP policies regarding constituency rules and regulations for their nomination process.

## NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

On Thursday:

### No. 1 (Opposition)

#### ADJOURNED DEBATES

Adjourned debate on the proposed **Motion No. 2** of Mr. Forbes:

That this Assembly calls on the government to recognize the urgent nature of the housing and affordability crisis across the province, as evidenced by the fact that the Salvation Army is having to turn people away from its emergency shelters in Saskatoon due to over capacity for the first time;

And further, that in making this call, the Assembly urges the government to do the following:

- (1) To immediately assist emergency shelters to increase their capacity to provide desperately needed services during cold winter months;
- (2) To immediately begin the process of developing a comprehensive affordable housing strategy and a comprehensive poverty reduction strategy to address the underlying causes of this crisis.

*Adjourned Once*

### No. 2 (Government)

#### ADJOURNED DEBATES

Adjourned debate on the proposed **Motion No. 4** of Mr. Stewart:

That this Assembly commends the Saskatchewan Party government for its responsible handling of potash royalty rates, and condemns the NDP for its potash and resource royalty tax policies, which would put thousands of Saskatchewan people out of work.

*Adjourned Once*

### No. 3 (Opposition)

#### SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 614 – The Autism Spectrum Disorder Strategy Act

(Ms. Junor)

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 28 and are to be answered by day no. 33:**

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 869:

To the Minister of Government Services: (1) How much money was paid in total to the company that owned/owns the Parkridge Nursing Home? (2) The company was paid each year for the use of the facility. What is the yearly amount, going back to the beginning (the first year of operation) when the Parkridge Nursing Home was built? (3) What is each year's amount, as well as the total paid by the province?

Mr. Lingenfelter, to ask the Government the following Question No. 870:

To the Premier: (1) Regarding the Premier's trip to the United Kingdom, which began on February 22, who did the Premier meet with at each meeting? (2) Who else was in attendance at each meeting? (3) Where did he meet with each person and/or organization? (4) When did he meet with each person and/or organization? (5) What was the purpose of each meeting?

Mr. Lingenfelter, to ask the Government the following Question No. 871:

To the Premier: (1) Regarding the Premier's trip to India and Bangladesh, which began on March 8, who did the Premier meet with at each meeting? (2) Who else was in attendance at each meeting? (3) Where did he meet with each person and/or organization? (4) When did he meet with each person and/or organization? (5) What was the purpose of each meeting?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 30 and are to be answered by day no. 35:**

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 872:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: What were the key findings and/or recommendations of the Blackstrap Provincial Park report?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 873:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: (1) Where is the report on Blackstrap Provincial Park that former Minister Duncan said would be complete by late summer 2010? (2) Has the report been released publicly? (3) If not, is there a plan to release the report publicly? (4) If not, why not?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 874:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: How many businesses adjacent to provincial parks have no-competition clauses disallowing services within parks?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 875:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: (1) With whom did the consultant who created the Blackstrap Provincial Park report engage in consultations? (2) What is the number of groups and the number of individuals with which the consultant engaged in consultations? (3) How were people invited

to participate? (4) What was the format of the consultations? (5) When and where did these consultations take place?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 876:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: (1) How much money was spent on capital projects in Blackstrap Provincial Park in 2002? (2) 2003? (3) 2004? (4) 2005? (5) 2006? (6) 2007? (7) 2008? (8) 2009? (9) 2010?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 877:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: (1) How much money was spent on capital projects in Pike Lake Provincial Park in 2002? (2) 2003? (3) 2004? (4) 2005? (5) 2006? (6) 2007? (7) 2008? (8) 2009? (9) 2010?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 31 and are to be answered by day no. 36:**

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 878:

To the Minister of Education: (1) How many bidders were there for the request for proposals for competition #EDU-11272009? (2) What is the list of bidders? (3) What is the name of the winner? (4) What was their bid?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 879:

To the Minister of Education: What are the details of the request for proposals for competition #EDU-11272009?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 880:

To the Minister of Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: For what purpose is the proposed purchase of 80 acres of land described in Order in Council 86/2011 being advanced?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 881:

To the Minister of Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: For what project is the proposed purchase of 80 acres of land described in Order in Council 86/2011 being advanced?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 882:

To the Minister of Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How was the land parcel in the proposed purchase of 80 acres of land described in Order in Council 86/2011 selected as the location for the project or program?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 883:

To the Minister of Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: When was the decision made to advance an offer of purchase on the 80 acres of land described in Order in Council 86/2011?



Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 884:

To the Minister of Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What agencies were involved with the selection of the 80 acres of land described in Order in Council 86/2011 as a location for SaskPower to purchase?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 885:

To the Minister of Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What individuals were involved with the selection of the 80 acres of land described in Order in Council 86/2011 as a location for SaskPower to purchase?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 886:

To the Minister of Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What agencies were involved in finding the 80 acres of land described in Order in Council 86/2011 as a location for SaskPower to purchase?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 887:

To the Minister of Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What individuals were involved in finding the 80 acres of land described in Order in Council 86/2011 as a location for SaskPower to purchase?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 888:

To the Minister of Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What agencies were involved with the negotiations to purchase the 80 acres of land described in Order in Council 86/2011 as a location for SaskPower?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 889:

To the Minister of Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What individuals were involved with the negotiations to purchase the 80 acres of land described in Order in Council 86/2011 as a location for SaskPower?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 890:

To the Minister of Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What other properties were recommended as possible purchases previous to the selection of the 80 acres of land described in Order in Council 86/2011 for SaskPower?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 891:

To the Minister of Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What valuation procedure was used to determine the cost of purchase of the 80 acres of land described in Order in Council 86/2011 for SaskPower?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 892:

To the Minister of Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What agencies were involved in evaluating the purchase price of the 80 acres of land described in Order in Council 86/2011 for SaskPower?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 893:

To the Minister of Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What individuals were involved in evaluating the purchase price of the 80 acres of land described in Order in Council 86/2011 for SaskPower?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 894:

To the Minister of Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How long have negotiations over the 80 acres of land described in Order in Council 86/2011 taken?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 895:

To the Minister of Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Are the negotiations over the 80 acres of land described in Order in Council 86/2011 still ongoing?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 896:

To the Minister of Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How far distant is the next SaskPower-owned piece of property larger than one-quarter acre from the 80 acres of land described in Order in Council 86/2011?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 897:

To the Minister of Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What is the average price per acre paid by SaskPower over the last year for rural agricultural land?