



No. 21

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Monday, March 26, 2012**

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, Belanger, Wotherspoon, Broten, and Chartier.

## READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

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

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to review the current legislation and regulations with respect to trapping and firearms.

(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 immediately enact Bill No. 601 – The Jimmy's Law Act, to ensure greater safety for retail workers who work late night hours.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 37)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide Saskatchewan people with a fair statement of the province's finances and provide trustworthy financial management.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 38)

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

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 41)

### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 225 to 248, they were answered. (See Appendix)

### BUDGET DEBATE

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

That the Assembly approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government.

The debate continuing, it was moved by Mr. Wotherspoon, seconded by Mr. Forbes, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after "That the Assembly" be deleted and the following be added:

disagrees with the budgetary policy of the Government of Saskatchewan because it fails to appropriately address the common sense priorities of the people of Saskatchewan.

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

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 6(6).

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

*Hon. Dan D'Autremont*  
*Speaker*

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 225, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many individuals were receiving SAP in December 2011? (2) January 2012? (3) February 2012?

Answer:

- (1) 35,250
- (2) 35,312
- (3) 35,369

**Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 226, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many children in families were receiving SAP in December 2011? (2) January 2012? (3) February 2012?

Answer:

- (1) 13,159
- (2) 13,194
- (3) 13,249

**Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 227, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many SAP cases were open in December 2011? (2) January 2012? (3) February 2012?

Answer:

- (1) 20,466
- (2) 20,484
- (3) 20,490

**Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 228, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many TEA cases were open December 2011? (2) January 2012? (3) February 2012?

Answer:

- (1) 2,192
- (2) 2,221
- (3) 2,305

**Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 229, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many SAID cases were open in December 2011? (2) January 2012? (3) February 2012?

Answer:

- (1) 3,494
- (2) 3,537
- (3) 3,549

**Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 230, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new SAP cases were opened in December 2011? (2) January 2012? (3) February 2012?

Answer:

- (1) 1,200
- (2) 1,092
- (3) 1,092

Please note: These numbers represent new cases (not paid in the previous month) and cases transferred from TEA.

**Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 231, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new TEA cases were opened in December 2011? (2) January 2012? (3) February 2012?

Answer:

- (1) 484
- (2) 468
- (3) 533

**Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 232, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new SAID cases were opened in December 2011? (2) January 2012? (3) February 2012?

Answer:

- (1) 164
- (2) 81
- (3) 52

Please note: These numbers represent new cases (not paid in the previous month) and cases transferred from SAP.

**Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 233, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many SAP cases involved families with children were open in December 2011? (2) January 2012? (3) February 2012?

Answer:

- (1) 6,157
- (2) 6,163
- (3) 6,174

**Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 234, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many SAP cases involved people living with disabilities were open in December 2011? (2) January 2012? (3) February 2012?

Answer:

- (1) 11,860
- (2) 11,850
- (3) 11,845

**Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 235, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many SAP cases involved people who were employable were open in December 2011? (2) January 2012? (3) February 2012?

Answer:

- (1) 3,409
- (2) 3,385
- (3) 3,325

**Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 236, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many single individuals received the Seniors Income Plan in December 2011? (2) January 2012? (3) February 2012?

Answer:

- (1) 11,648
- (2) 11,673
- (3) 11,720

**Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 237, 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 December 2011? (2) January 2012? (3) February 2012?

Answer:

- (1) 43
- (2) 56
- (3) 66

**Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 238, 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 December 2011? (2) January 2012? (3) February 2012?

Answer:

- (1) 64
- (2) 62
- (3) 56

**Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 239, 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 December 2011? (2) January 2012? (3) February 2012?

Answer:

- (1) 83
- (2) 113
- (3) 125

**Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 240, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many couples received the Seniors Income Plan December 2011? (2) January 2012? (3) February 2012?

Answer:

	<b>Couples where both individuals received SIP</b>	<b>Couples where one individual received SIP</b>
(1) December 2011	2,145	902
(2) January 2012	2,157	905
(3) February 2012	2,156	892

**Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 241, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new couples received the Seniors Income Plan December 2011? (2) January 2012? (3) February 2012?

Answer:

	<b>Couples where both individuals received SIP</b>	<b>Couples where one individual received SIP</b>
(1) December 2011	8	11
(2) January 2012	17	23
(3) February 2012	16	6

**Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 242, 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 December 2011? (2) January 2012? (3) February 2012?

Answer:

- (1) 12
- (2) 37
- (3) 14

**Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 243, 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 December 2011? (2) January 2012? (3) February 2012?

Answer:

- (1) 27
- (2) 26
- (3) 38

**Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 244, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many people in total were receiving SIP in December 2011? (2) January 2012? (3) February 2012?

Answer:

- (1) 16,840
- (2) 16,892
- (3) 16,924

**Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 245, 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 December 2011? (2) January 2012? (3) February 2012?

Answer:

- (1) 6,050
- (2) 5,851
- (3) 5,952

**Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 246, 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 December 2011? (2) January 2012? (3) February 2012?

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.

**Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 247, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many families received the Rental Housing Supplement in December 2011? (2) January 2012? (3) February 2012?

Answer:

- (1) 5,676
- (2) 5,739
- (3) 5,804

A household can receive payments from both family and disability housing supplements.

**Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 248, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many people with disabilities received the Rental Housing Supplement in December 2011? (2) January 2012? (3) February 2012?

Answer:

- (1) 3,776
- (2) 3,888
- (3) 3,964

A household can receive payments from both family and disability housing supplements.