



No. 30

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, April 17, 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, Wotherspoon, Broten, and Vermette.

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 Saskatchewan wildfire management policy.

(Sessional Paper No. 61)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to not increase the number of politicians in the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly and to continue including individuals under the age of 18 in determining constituency boundaries.

(Sessional Paper No. 62)

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 make education a top priority.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 40)

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. 298 to 349, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 350, pursuant to Rule 20(5), the question was converted and an Order for Return was issued:

Ms. Sproule, for Return No. 14 showing:

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: (1) The money spent on outside contracts since Chief Commissioner Arnot began. (2) How this compares to all past Chief Commissioners.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 36 – The Constituency Boundaries Amendment Act, 2011

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 36 – The Constituency Boundaries Amendment Act, 2011 – be now read a second time,

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Vermette:

That all the words after the word “That” be deleted and the following be substituted therefor:

“this House declines to give second reading to Bill No. 36, An Act to amend *The Constituency Boundaries Act, 1993*, because:

- The Bill excludes, in determining the constituency boundaries, the counting of the young people of Saskatchewan, who deserve to be counted to determine the representation within this Legislative Assembly; and further,
- The Bill increases the number of Members of this Legislative Assembly by three, which is an unnecessary increase of politicians to represent 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 being resumed on the motion and the amendment, the Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 6(6).

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

Hon. Dan D’Autremont
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. McMillan:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Auto Fund for the year ended December 31, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 63)

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for SGI Canada for the year ended December 31, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 64)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Insurance Superannuation Plan for the year ended December 31, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 65)

Consolidated Financial Statements for SGI Canada Insurance Services Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 66)

Financial Statements for Insurance Company of Prince Edward Island for the year ended December 31, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 67)

Financial Statements for Coachman Insurance Company for the year ended December 31, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 68)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 298, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: What is the current wait time for the skilled workers category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Answer:

In 2011/12, as of March 31, 2012, the average processing time is 6 months.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 299, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: What is the current wait time for the entrepreneur category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Answer:

In 2011/12, as of March 31, 2012, the average processing time is 5.3 months.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 300, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: What is the current wait time for the family members category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Answer:

In 2011/12, as of March 31, 2012, the average processing time is 8.3 months.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 301, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: What is the current wait time for the health professions category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Answer:

In 2011/12, as of March 31, 2012, the average processing time is 2.2 months.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 302, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: What is the current wait time for the farm owners/operators category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Answer:

In 2011/12, as of March 31, 2012, the average processing time is 1.3 months.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 303, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: What is the current wait time for the hospitality sector category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Answer:

In 2011/12, as of March 31, 2012, the average processing time is 2.3 months.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 304, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: What is the current wait time for the long haul truck drivers category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Answer:

In 2011/12, as of March 31, 2012, the average processing time is 2.2 months.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 305, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: What is the current wait time for the students category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Answer:

In 2011/12, as of March 31, 2012, the average processing time is 2.5 months.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 306, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: How many applications are currently waiting to be processed in the skilled workers category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Answer:

2,320 at the end of the 2011/12 fiscal year.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 307, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: How many applications are currently waiting to be processed in the entrepreneurs category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Answer:

1,073 at the end of the 2011/12 fiscal year.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 308, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: How many applications are currently waiting to be processed in the family members category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Answer:

3,476 at the end of the 2011/12 fiscal year.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 309, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: How many applications are currently waiting to be processed in the farm owners/operators category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Answer:

13 at the end of the 2011/12 fiscal year.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 310, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: How many applications are currently waiting to be processed in the health professions category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Answer:

27 at the end of the 2011/12 fiscal year.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 311, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: How many applications are currently waiting to be processed in the hospitality sector category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Answer:

46 at the end of the 2011/12 fiscal year.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 312, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: How many applications are currently waiting to be processed in the long haul truck drivers category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Answer:

21 at the end of the 2011/12 fiscal year.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 313, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: How many applications are currently waiting to be processed in the students category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Answer:

396 at the end of the 2011/12 fiscal year.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 314, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: (1) How many children received child care subsidies in each month of 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 315, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: (1) What is the maximum child care subsidy available for families with one child? (2) Two children? (3) Three children?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 316, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: (1) How many families received the maximum subsidy in each month of 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 317, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: (1) What is the exit threshold for childcare subsidies for families with one child? (2) Two children? (3) Three children?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 318, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: (1) What is/was the average amount paid out in child care subsidies to families with 1 child, in 2011? (2) 1 child, in 2010? (3) 1 child, in 2009? (4) 1 child, in 2008? (5) 1 child, in 2007? (6) 2 children, in 2011? (7) 2 children, in 2010? (8) 2 children, in 2009? (9) 2 children, in 2008? (10) 2 children, in 2007? (11) 3 children, in 2011? (12) 3 children in 2010? (13) 3 children, in 2009? (14) 3 children, in 2008? (15) 3 children, in 2007?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 319, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: (1) How many families received the minimum subsidy in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 320, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: What was the range of subsidy paid in 2011?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 321, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: How many staff are currently employed in the childcare subsidy unit as of March 2012?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 322, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: (1) How many staff were employed in the childcare subsidy unit in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 323, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

How many managers are currently employed in the childcare subsidy unit as of March 2012?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 324, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: (1) How many managers were employed in the childcare subsidy unit as of March 2007? (2) March 2008? (3) March 2009? (4) March 2010? (5) March 2011?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 325, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: How many out of scope staff are currently employed in the childcare subsidy unit as of March 2012?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 326, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: (1) How many out of scope staff were employed in the childcare subsidy unit as of March 2007? (2) March 2008? (3) March 2009? (4) March 2010? (5) March 2011?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 327, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: (1) What was the caseload for subsidy workers (how many families are assigned to each staff person on average), in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 328, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: (1) How many childcare consultants are/were employed in the Ministry of Education as of March 2007? (2) March 2008? (3) March 2009? (4) March 2010? (5) March 2011? (6) March 2012?

Answer:

The following table provides information regarding childcare consultants employed in the Ministry of Education from 2007-2012. This table does not include childcare consultants at the Ministry of Social Services.

| Region | March 2007 | March 2008 | March 2009 | March 2010 | March 2011 | March 2012 |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| North | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Central | 9 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| South | 8 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Total # of Consultants | 17 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 |

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 329, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: (1) What was the total spent on childcare subsidies to families in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 330, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: When was the last increase to the maximum income eligibility point for childcare subsidies?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 331, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: (1) On March 1, 2011, how many children were in foster care where parental rights have been terminated and the children became permanent wards of the state in the Central Region of Saskatchewan? (2) South Region? (3) Northeast Region? (4) Northwest Region(s)?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 332, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: (1) On March 1, 2010, how many children were in foster care where parental rights have been terminated and the children became permanent wards of the state in the Central Region of Saskatchewan? (2) South Region? (3) Northeast Region? (4) Northwest Region(s)?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 333, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: (1) On March 1, 2009, how many children were in foster care where parental rights have been terminated and the children became permanent wards of the state in the Central Region of Saskatchewan? (2) South Region? (3) Northeast Region? (4) Northwest Region(s)?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 334, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: (1) On March 1, 2008, how many children were in foster care where parental rights have been terminated and the children became permanent wards of the state in the Central Region of Saskatchewan? (2) South Region? (3) Northeast Region? (4) Northwest Region(s)?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 335, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: (1) On March 1, 2007, how many children were in foster care where parental rights have been terminated and the children became permanent wards of the state in the Central Region of Saskatchewan? (2) South Region? (3) Northeast Region? (4) Northwest Region(s)?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 336, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: (1) On March 1, 2006, how many children were in foster care where parental rights have been terminated and the children became permanent wards of the state in the Central Region of Saskatchewan? (2) South Region? (3) Northeast Region? (4) Northwest Region(s)?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 337, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: Does the Ministry of Social Services lay out a prescribed time where children should move from being permanent wards to finding a permanent home – either family reunification or adoption?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 338, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: As of March 1, 2012, what was the average length of time a child spent as a ward of the state before a permanent home was found?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 339, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: As of March 1, 2011, what was the average length of time a child spent as a ward of the state before a permanent home was found?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 340, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: As of March 1, 2010, what was the average length of time a child spent as a ward of the state before a permanent home was found?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 341, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: As of March 1, 2009, what was the average length of time a child spent as a ward of the state before a permanent home was found?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 342, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: As of March 1, 2008, what was the average length of time a child spent as a ward of the state before a permanent home was found?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Chartier asked the Government the following Question No. 343, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Education: As of March 1, 2008, what was the average length of time a child spent as a ward of the state before a permanent home was found?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and should be directed to Social Services.

Ms. Sproule asked the Government the following Question No. 344, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: What are the names of the outside lawyers and law firms contracted to provide legal advice to Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission (SHRC) staff on complaint files?

Answer:

MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman – Leah Schatz
Scharfstein Gibbings Whalen Fisher – Grant Scharfstein
McDougall Gauley – Chris Boychuk

Ms. Sproule asked the Government the following Question No. 345, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: (1) Have any of the outside counsel contracted by the SHRC acted for respondents in the past? (2) If so, have they declared this information to the Chief Commissioner?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes. Outside lawyers may have acted for respondents or complainants in the past who are now parties to a human rights complaint. The SHRC established a process at the outset by which files are cleared for a conflict of interest before outside counsel deal with them. Where there is a conflict, another lawyer is assigned.

Ms. Sproule asked the Government the following Question No. 346, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: Has the Chief Commissioner done an analysis of the possibility of conflict of interest or bias if the outside counsel has represented respondents in previous hearings?

Answer:

Yes, see reply to Written Question No. 345(2).

Ms. Sproule asked the Government the following Question No. 347, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: What is the hourly rate being paid to outside lawyers/law firms?

Answer:

MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman – \$375

Scharfstein Gibbings Whalen Fisher – \$375

McDougall Gauley – \$325

Ms. Sproule asked the Government the following Question No. 348, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: (1) How much money was paid to outside lawyers/law firms in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011?

Answer:

(1) \$81,051.19

(2) \$9,017.59

(3) \$27,252.13

(4) \$59,670.02

(5) \$385,889.99

Ms. Sproule asked the Government the following Question No. 349, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: (1) How many files have been assigned to outside counsel in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011?

Answer:

(1) 3

(2) 4

(3) 1

(4) 2

(5) 1

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Mr. Wotherspoon to move the following motion:

That this Assembly recognizes that spending millions of public dollars on more politicians is unnecessary to effectively represent the current constituents of Saskatchewan; and further,

That this Assembly calls on the government to withdraw the measures set forth in Bill No. 36 because the government did not consult the people of Saskatchewan before its introduction and the legislation does not address the common sense priorities of Saskatchewan people.

NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

No. 1 (Government)

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Adjourned debate on the proposed **Motion No. 1** of Mr. Stewart:

That this Assembly calls upon all parties in the federal Parliament of Canada to unite in support of the Keystone XL pipeline project without further delay.

(Mr. Weekes)
Adjourned Twice

No. 2 (Opposition)

Not submitted – Item of business determined pursuant to Rule 23(3).