



No. 19

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, November 27, 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: Belanger and Wotherspoon.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

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

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to undertake to ensure SaskTel delivers cellular service to the northern hamlet of Dore Lake.

(Sessional Paper No. 13)

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. 11)

TABLING OF SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

The Hon. Mr. Krawetz delivered a message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which was read by the Speaker as follows:

November 27, 2012

The Lieutenant Governor transmits Supplementary Estimates – November of certain sums required for the service of the province for the twelve months ending March 31, 2013 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

VAUGHN SOLOMON SCHOFIELD
Lieutenant Governor

(Sessional Paper No. 14)

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE**Bill No. 73 – The Municipalities Amendment Act, 2012**

The Hon. Mr. Reiter, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 73 – The Municipalities Amendment Act, 2012 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Belanger, adjourned.

Bill No. 74 – The Cities Amendment Act, 2012

The Hon. Mr. Reiter, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 74 – The Cities Amendment Act, 2012 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Belanger, adjourned.

Bill No. 75 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2012

The Hon. Mr. Reiter, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 75 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2012 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Belanger, adjourned.

Bill No. 76 – The Municipal Board Amendment Act, 2012

The Hon. Mr. Reiter, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 76 – The Municipal Board Amendment Act, 2012– be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Belanger, adjourned.

Bill No. 79 – The Representation Act, 2012

The Hon. Mr. Wyant, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 79 – The Representation Act, 2012 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Belanger, adjourned.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 69 – The Information Services Corporation Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. McMorris: That Bill No. 69 – The Information Services Corporation Act – 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. 69 – The Information Services Corporation Act, it was on motion of Mr. Wotherspoon, adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Harrison:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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

Hon. Dan D'Autremont
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

2012/13 Saskatchewan Mid-Year Report

(Sessional Paper No. 15)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Thursday:

Hon. Mr. Krawetz to move First Reading of Bill No. 82 – The Saskatchewan Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2012

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Mr. McCall to move the following motion:

That this Assembly calls on the government to build a second bridge for Prince Albert.

NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

No. 1 (Government)

ADJOURNED DEBATES

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

That this Assembly expresses its disagreement with NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair's contention that the western Canadian energy and resource sector is responsible for the decline in central Canada's manufacturing sector which Mr. Mulcair has referred to as Dutch disease.

(Mr. Brkich)
Adjourned Twice

No. 2 (Opposition)

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

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 19 and are to be answered by day no. 24:

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 115:

To the Minister of the Economy: (1) How many migrant workers worked in Saskatchewan in 2012? (2) 2011? (3) 2010? (4) 2009? (5) 2008? (6) 2007? (7) 2006? (8) 2005? (9) 2004? (10) 2003? (11) 2002? (12) 2001? (13) 2000?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 116:

To the Minister of the Economy: (1) What was the country of origin of the migrant workers who worked in Saskatchewan in 2012? (2) 2011? (3) 2010? (4) 2009? (5) 2008? (6) 2007? (7) 2006? (8) 2005? (9) 2004? (10) 2003? (11) 2002? (12) 2001? (13) 2000?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 117:

To the Minister of the Economy: (1) How many temporary foreign workers worked in Saskatchewan in 2012? (2) 2011? (3) 2010? (4) 2009? (5) 2008? (6) 2007? (7) 2006? (8) 2005? (9) 2004? (10) 2003? (11) 2002? (12) 2001? (13) 2000?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 118:

To the Minister of the Economy: (1) What was the country of origin for the temporary foreign workers who worked in Saskatchewan in 2012? (2) 2011? (3) 2010? (4) 2009? (5) 2008? (6) 2007? (7) 2006? (8) 2005? (9) 2004? (10) 2003? (11) 2002? (12) 2001? (13) 2000?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 119:

To the Minister of the Economy: (1) What categories of employment (and how many in each) were temporary foreign workers employed in 2012? (2) 2011? (3) 2010? (4) 2009? (5) 2008? (6) 2007? (7) 2006? (8) 2005? (9) 2004? (10) 2003? (11) 2002? (12) 2001? (13) 2000?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 120:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #1 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "*The Workers' Compensation Act, 1979* apply to all employees in Saskatchewan with no exclusions"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 121:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #2 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "All self-employed people have the option of being covered by WCB, as is currently the case. Where no salary is paid, an income level of not less than 50% of the maximum assessable earnings be chosen by the self-employed and be the base on which premiums are set"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 122:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #3 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "The Workers Compensation Board examine all rate groups with a view to determining groups in as fairly and balanced a way as possible. The impacts of any changes be analyzed actuarially and a sensitivity analysis of any changes provided"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 123:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #4 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "The Government of Saskatchewan, working with WCB and all public sector employers, take steps to ensure that it is a model employer and an example to the private sector with respect to safe work places and working towards the elimination of claims and injuries"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 124:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #5 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "In those instances where an industry has a safety association, those safety associations have the primary responsibility to develop and deliver safety and prevention programming to support employers in creating a safe and injury free workplace"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 125:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #6 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "In cases where an industry has no safety associations, WCB actively pursue the formation of safety associations. Where no such associations are formed, WCB be responsible to ensure that employers have access to safety and prevention programming with the costs of these WCB activities borne by those participating rate groups"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 126:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #7 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "WCB continue to fully share information with OHS on claims histories and injury data by employer, so that OHS can apply its efforts in ways that lead to the greatest injury reduction and largest improvements in safety. WCB report to stakeholders and OHS on the effectiveness of OHS' activities"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 127:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #8 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "The maximum benefit level which is currently set at \$55,000 be raised immediately to \$59,000. Over the next 4 years, it be increased annually by a percentage of the annual average wage in Saskatchewan until it reaches 165% of that average annual wage. Henceforth, the maximum be adjusted yearly to remain at 165% of the annual average wage in the province"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 128:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #9 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "WCB develop processes to minimize moral hazard"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 129:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #10 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "Amend subsection 74(3) to allow the worker to choose to either purchase an annuity or receive a lump sum payment when the accumulated capital and interest is \$25,000 or less in 2012 and to adjust the \$25,000 in increments of \$1,000 annually in subsequent years to reflect the average percentage change in the Consumer Price Index"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 130:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #11 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "WCB inform claimants taking out annuities about the options and consequences of choosing an inflation protected annuity versus a flat rate option"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 131:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #12 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "WCB actively pursue enhancement of effective strategies for education and follow up with physicians and other healthcare providers with respect to return to work"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 132:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #13 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "WCB create one electronic physician's Return to Work form to ensure clarity and accountability and the timely distribution of relevant information to the employee, employer and WCB"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 133:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #14 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "WCB be able to accurately monitor return to work programs and ensure that they are being effectively applied and administered in alignment with duty to accommodate legislation and that the programs incorporate: objective medical and physical restrictions and limitations; manager and supervisor engagement; employee, and where applicable, union engagement; monitoring; and evaluation"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 134:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #15 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "All parties involved in a claim are to always be treated with respect and dignity"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 135:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #16 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "WCB executives recognize that fundamental changes need to occur with respect to organizational culture and employee satisfaction. WCB implement the identified changes"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 136:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #17 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "WCB staff receive enhanced training in customer service and recognize that these stakeholders are WCB's customers. WCB regularly monitor the effectiveness of the training provided"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 137:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #18 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "A program of continuous improvement using input from front line staff be developed and implemented. A Continuous Improvement Committee on Customer Service be set up and maintained within WCB to do this"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 138:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #19 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "All WCB decisions be explained in writing using plain language"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 139:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #20 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "Privacy considerations always be a priority and all applicable privacy legislation be respected"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 140:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #21 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "WCB make use of modern communication processes including electronic transfer of files to get

the right information to the right people at the right time. A Continuous Improvement Committee on Information Systems be established to keep communication technology as a focus, and up to date”? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers’ Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 141:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #22 (Workers’ Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: “All monitoring and evaluation measures including time to first cheque be examined for unintended consequences and amended if necessary”? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers’ Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 142:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #23 (Workers’ Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: “A comprehensive customer service survey be undertaken by the Committee for Continuous Improvement on Customer Service at WCB using an external surveyor prior to the set up each Committee of Review. The results of the survey be made known to stakeholders and used to plan further action”? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers’ Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 143:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #24 (Workers’ Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: “An additional two full-time members, one from labour and one from employers, be appointed to the WCB Board of Directors as soon as possible”? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers’ Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 144:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #25 (Workers’ Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: “A Board manual be created and provided to Board members outlining their duties and obligations and the timing and frequency of same. It should be updated regularly and make up a part of the orientation of any new Board members”? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers’ Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 145:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #26 (Workers’ Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: “Board members receive competitive compensation to attract and retain quality personnel”? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers’ Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 146:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #27 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "The terms of Board members be staggered to provide both renewal and continuity"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 147:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #28 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "Decisions made by the WCB Board with respect to appeals be consistent with WCB policies. Where policies are not appropriate, they be amended within 90 days. Section 25 of the Act be amended to require the board to consider policies in its decisions"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 148:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #29 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "The WCB continue to review its policies to ensure that its entire policy manual is reviewed regularly"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 149:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #30 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "A line by line legal review of the 1979 Workers' Compensation Act be undertaken to cover 'housekeeping' type items and ensure the Act is up to date and consistent. This report will be conducted using legal input and stakeholder feedback"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 150:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #31 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "Amend the Act to explicitly include the existing two levels of appeal, namely the Appeals Department within WCB and the Appeals Tribunal"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 151:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #32 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "Adequate resources, both in quantity and quality be provided at all levels of the appeal processes"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 152:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #33 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "The Board publish a report in the Compensation Reporter and Annual Report, showing the numbers of outstanding appeals and how long they have been in process, e.g. three to six months, six to nine months etc., and speak to this at Compensation Institute and other stakeholder events"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 153:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #34 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "Within two weeks of filing an appeal, all appellants be provided with a date on which they can expect their appeal to be heard"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 154:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #35 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "All appeal decisions be communicated in writing, written in plain language and include the rationale and references to all material used in making the decision"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 155:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #36 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "Each decision include the contact information of a WCB employee for any needed discussion. Claimants are entitled to a follow-up conversation"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 156:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #37 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "WCB adjudicators consult WCB's medical advisory services and ensure their involvement in the early stages of complex claims adjudication to confirm the quality and extent of the medical information presented by the claimant's health care provider, and adjudicator follow up"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 157:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #38 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "A continuous improvement program be implemented to cover the medical aspects of claims adjudication. It be conducted under the Continuous Improvement Committee on Customer Service and make use of input from WCB's medical advisory staff"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 158:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #39 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "The Board revise its pre-existing condition policy and procedures to ensure that the opinion of the injured worker's health care provider is obtained before making a decision to deny or terminate benefits"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 159:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #40 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "The Board ensure transparency so it is evident that medical staff have considered a claimant's work history and any recent medical assessments before reaching a conclusion"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 160:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #41 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "Wherever the Act specifies a penalty of \$1000 or less payable upon summary conviction, this penalty be replaced by an administrative penalty of an equal amount to be collected by WCB"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 161:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #42 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "As WCB is the sole funder to OHS, funding to OHS be based upon OHS needs and should be provided by WCB through Treasury Board. OHS is not to be subjected to the staffing limitations or financial restrictions applied to the taxpayer supported ministries or agencies"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 162:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #43 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "Training offered by OHS relate specifically to the Act and regulations. WCB should provide training related to prevention"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 163:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #44 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "WCB analyze, report claims and injury data and provide this information to OHS to inform and direct enforcement activities"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 164:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #45 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "WCB receive annual reports from OHS that demonstrate increased enforcement efficiencies due to the information received from WCB"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 165:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #46 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "As WCB is the sole funder to OWA, funding to OWA be based upon OWA needs and be provided by WCB through Treasury Board. OWA will not be subjected to the staffing limitations or financial restrictions applied to the taxpayer supported ministries or agencies. OWA will remain accountable to the Treasury Board"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 166:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #47 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "The Government of Saskatchewan value safety and prevention and act as a model employer throughout the public sector by building the culture of safety through the prevention of workplace injuries"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 167:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #48 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "The rate groups affecting sub codes and affiliates within large sectors such as mining and the health care industry be examined and adjusted for fairness"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 168:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #49 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "WCB be more diligent with respect to benefit control and advise employers of its efforts"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 169:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #50 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "Funds received from fines and administrative penalties imposed by WCB be retained by WCB and rerouted into primary prevention activities"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 170:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #51 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "Voluntary incentive programs be offered within industries and sectors and implemented on a gradual basis. Industries would be responsible for how the incentive program would be structured. Payment for the programs would come from within the industry"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 171:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #52 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "All workers and employers have timely access to files without the need to file an appeal. A good rationale such as privacy legislation must be provided for any access that is denied"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 172:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #53 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "WCB set up a dedicated process for privacy through which all requests for information from files should be passed, and responses to requests be provided in a timely manner"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 173:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #54 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "The rates for upcoming years be circulated to employer groups and large employers before finalizing them. Enhanced opportunities be offered to receive employer input prior to finalizing the rates. WCB ensure that information on all aspects of rate setting continue to be provided at the Comp Institute and by other means"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 174:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #55 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "WCB be required to seek stakeholder input before finalizing any changes in policy"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 175:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #56 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "Separate resources be established within WCB dedicated exclusively to serving employers, especially smaller employers and those new to WCB. It be adequately resourced with knowledgeable staff who can respond accurately in a timely manner"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 176:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, (1) What is the status of implementing recommendation #57 (Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2011) that states: "A progress report be published annually listing the recommendations from the report of the Committee of Review, their status (e.g. implemented or not) and an explanation for that status. This report be shared with stakeholders and posted on the WCB website"? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to this recommendation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 177:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the status of implementing the recommendations of the Workers' Compensation Act, Committee of Review, Final Report, 2006? (2) What specific sections of Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012 apply to these recommendations?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 178:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) How many people were injured in farm related accidents in 2011? (2) 2010? (3) 2009? (4) 2008? (5) 2007? (6) 2006? (7) 2005? (8) 2004? (9) 2003? (10) 2002? (11) 2001? (12) 2000? (13) How many people were killed in farm related accidents in 2011? (14) 2010? (15) 2009? (16) 2008? (17) 2007? (18) 2006? (19) 2005? (20) 2004? (21) 2003? (22) 2002? (23) 2001? (24) 2000?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 179:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) How many inquiries were made to the Saskatchewan Labours Standards branch regarding potential infractions in 2011? (2) 2010? (3) 2009? (4) 2008? (5) 2007? (6) 2006? (7) 2005? (8) 2004? (9) 2003? (10) 2002? (11) 2001? (12) 2000? (13) How many of these infractions were followed up in 2011? (14) 2010? (15) 2009? (16) 2008? (17) 2007? (18) 2006? (19) 2005? (20) 2004? (21) 2003? (22) 2002? (23) 2001? (24) 2000?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 180:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) How many Labour Standards inspectors are currently employed and actively working? (2) How many Occupational Health and Safety inspectors are currently employed and actively working?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 181:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) In terms of completing the labour legislation consultation and review, what is the total cost of meetings? (2) What are the addition ministry staff costs? (3) What are the costs of outside consultants? (4) What is the total forecasted cost of this review?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 182:

To the Minister of Environment: How many conservation officers are currently employed and actively working for the Ministry of Environment?