



No. 38

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, March 25, 2013

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 Forbes.

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 undertake to ensure SaskTel delivers cellular service to the Canoe Lake First Nation.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to not pass Bill No. 85 – The Saskatchewan Employment Act in this current session.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 46)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Leave of the Assembly having been granted and the Minister, 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, the following bill was received, read the first time and by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 72(1), ordered to be read a second time later this day:

Bill No. 88 – The Saskatchewan Medical Care Insurance Amendment Act, 2013

(Hon. Mr. Duncan)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Duncan: That Bill No. 88 – The Saskatchewan Medical Care Insurance Amendment Act, 2013 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said bill was, accordingly, read a second time, and by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 72(1), referred to a Committee of the Whole later this day.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The following bill was reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 88 – The Saskatchewan Medical Care Insurance Amendment Act, 2013

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

Unanimous consent having been granted, the Assembly reverted to Routine Proceedings – Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 213 to 227, they were answered. (See Appendix)

BUDGET DEBATE

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

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

And the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Wotherspoon, seconded by Mr. Belanger:

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

disagrees with the government for tabling a credit card budget that pushes costs on future generations, hurts health care, fails students and schools, rolls back the clock on environment progress, denies transparency, and relies on short-sighted privatization schemes.

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, it was on motion of the Hon. Mr. Duncan, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 10:09 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. 213, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Marchuk:

To the Minister of Social Services: Of the 500 licensed childcare spaces the government has budgeted to add in 2012/13, how many have been allotted as of March 1, 2013?

Answer:

All of the 500 new child care spaces announced in the 2012/13 budget have been allocated.

Ms. Chartier asked the government the following Question No. 214, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Marchuk:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) Of the 500 licensed childcare spaces the government has budgeted to add in 2012/13, how many have been built or created and are currently in operation as of March 1, 2013? (2) Where have these new childcare spaces been added? (3) How many have been allotted to each location?

Answer:

(1) 185 of the 500 new child care spaces allocated in 2012/13 were operational as of March 1, 2013.

(2) & (3)

Agency	Location	# of Spaces Allocated
Keyano Oma Early Learning Centre Inc.	Saskatoon	11
First Years Child Care Inc.	Regina	45
Swift Current Comprehensive High School Day Care Centre Inc.	Swift Current	2
Grenfell Child Care Centre Inc.	Grenfell	25
Little Explorers Daycare Inc.	Tisdale	30
Awasis Child care Co-operative Ltd.	Emerald Park	30
Nipawin Daycare Co-operative	Nipawin	10
St. Brieux Community Child Care Centre Inc.	St. Brieux	7
Children's Choice Child Development Co-operative	Prince Albert	5
Wynyardigans Child Care Centre Corporation	Wynyard	4
Dream Big Child Care Inc.	Rocanville	9
Heritage Christian School Inc.	Battleford	2
Kinistino Child Care Centre Inc.	Kinistino	5
Total Spaces Operational		185

Ms. Chartier asked the government the following Question No. 215, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Marchuk:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) Are there any of the 500 childcare spaces in the 2012/13 budget that have not been assigned yet? (2) Of these, where are they expected to be assigned?

Answer:

(1) No.

(2) N/A

Ms. Chartier asked the government the following Question No. 216, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many families received the maximum subsidy in each month for 2012?

Answer:

January – 2,043; February – 2,068; March – 2,060; April – 2,100; May – 1,968; June – 2,066; July – 1,551; August – 1,962; September – 1,805; October – 2,290; November – 2,039; December – 1,936.

Note: This data is based on how many families had income below the income turning point (including those with no income declared).

Ms. Chartier asked the government the following Question No. 217, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What is/was the average amount paid out in child care subsidies to families with 1 child in 2012? (2) 2 children? (3) 3 children?

Answer:

(1) \$354.19/month.

(2) \$703.16/month.

(3) \$1,075.81/month.

Ms. Chartier asked the government the following Question No. 218, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many families received the minimum subsidy in 2012?

Answer:

There is no minimum subsidy.

Ms. Chartier asked the government the following Question No. 219, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of Social Services: What was the range of subsidy paid in 2012?

Answer:

The range for one licensed space was \$0.25 to \$1,300/month.

Ms. Chartier asked the government the following Question No. 220, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many staff are currently employed in the childcare subsidy unit as of March 2013?

Answer:

13.5 staff positions.

Ms. Chartier asked the government the following Question No. 221, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many managers are currently employed in the childcare subsidy unit as of March 2013?

Answer:

One assistant manager oversees three program units.

Ms. Chartier asked the government the following Question No. 222, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many out-of-scope staff are currently employed in the childcare subsidy unit as of March 2013?

Answer:

Refer to answer to Written Question No. 221.

Ms. Chartier asked the government the following Question No. 223, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of Social Services: What was the caseload for subsidy workers (how many families are assigned to each staff person on average) in the year 2012?

Answer:

350

Ms. Chartier asked the government the following Question No. 224, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Marchuk:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many childcare consultants are/were employed in the Ministry of Education as of March 2013?

Answer:

As of March 2013, there are 22 early learning and child care consultants employed in the Ministry of Education.

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

To the Minister of Social Services: What was the total spent on childcare subsidies to families in the year 2012?

Answer:

\$15,663,302

Ms. Chartier asked the government the following Question No. 226, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Marchuk:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many families in Saskatchewan are currently looking for licensed childcare spaces?

Answer:

The ministry has no way of determining the number of families in Saskatchewan currently looking for licensed child care spaces.

Ms. Chartier asked the government the following Question No. 227, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Marchuk:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many families in Saskatchewan are on a waiting list for licensed child care spaces?

Answer:

The ministry does not track the number of families on waiting lists for licensed child care spaces. Child care centres and homes maintain lists of individual families looking for child care.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 38 and are to be answered by day no. 43:

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 236:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) Where were the community living service delivery offices located in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2012? (6) 2013?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 237:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the full staffing levels at the Swift Current community living service delivery office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE (full-time equivalent) positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 238:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the vacancies at the Swift Current community living service delivery office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 239:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the full staffing levels at the Meadow Lake community living service delivery office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 240:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the vacancies at the Meadow Lake community living service delivery office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 241:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the full staffing levels at the North Battleford community living service delivery office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 242:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the vacancies at the North Battleford community living service delivery office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 243:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the full staffing levels at the La Ronge community living service delivery office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 244:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the vacancies at the La Ronge community living service delivery office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 245:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the full staffing levels at the Prince Albert community living service delivery office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 246:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the vacancies at the Prince Albert community living service delivery office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 247:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the full staffing levels at the Weyburn community living service delivery office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 248:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the vacancies at the Weyburn community living service delivery office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 249:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) Where were the Social Services child protection offices located in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2012? (6) 2013?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 250:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many Social Services child protections officer FTE positions exist in the province as of March 31, 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2012? (6) 2013?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 251:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many Social Services child protections officer FTE positions were vacant in the province as of March 31, 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2012? (6) 2013?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 252:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What was the average length that a Social Services child protections officer position was vacant in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2012? (6) 2013?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 253:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What was the longest length of time that a Social Services child protections officer position was vacant in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2012? (6) 2013? (7) Where was this vacancy located?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 254:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the full staffing levels at the La Loche Social Services child protection office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 255:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the vacancies at the La Loche Social Services child protection office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 256:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the full staffing levels at the La Ronge Social Services child protection office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 257:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the vacancies at the La Ronge Social Services child protection office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 258:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the full staffing levels at the Buffalo Narrows Social Services child protection office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 259:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the vacancies at the Buffalo Narrows Social Services child protection office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 260:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the full staffing levels at the Meadow Lake Social Services child protection office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 261:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the vacancies at the Meadow Lake Social Services child protection office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 262:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the full staffing levels at the North Battleford Social Services child protection office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 263:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the vacancies at the North Battleford Social Services child protection office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 264:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the full staffing levels at the Creighton Social Services child protection office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 265:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the vacancies at the Creighton Social Services child protection office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 266:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the full staffing levels at the Nipawin Social Services child protection office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 267:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the vacancies at the Nipawin Social Services child protection office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 268:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the full staffing levels at the Melfort Social Services child protection office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 269:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the vacancies at the Melfort Social Services child protection office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 270:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the full staffing levels at the Prince Albert Social Services child protection office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 271:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the vacancies at the Prince Albert Social Services child protection office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 272:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the full staffing levels at the Weyburn Social Services child protection office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 273:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What were the vacancies at the Weyburn Social Services child protection office in 2005? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) How many were FTE positions? (10) How many less than FTE positions?