



No. 78

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

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PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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Tuesday, November 3, 2015

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, Vermette, Belanger, McCall, Jurgens, and Michelson.

## READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

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

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to immediately undertake meaningful steps to improve the quality of seniors care.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 30)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to improve cellular coverage in northern communities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 224)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to pass *The Respect for Diversity – Student Bill of Rights Act*.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 987)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to immediately increase funding for post-secondary education.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 989)

### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 1001 to 1003 and 1018 to 1024, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 1004 to 1017, pursuant to Rule 21(6), the questions were converted and Orders for Returns were issued:

Mr. McCall, for Return No. 721 showing:

To the Minister of Social Services: The amount of the funding adjustment for each program, organization, or third party that has seen a funding adjustment since the 2015/16 budget was released.

Mr. McCall, for Return No. 722 showing:

To the Minister of Education: The amount of the funding adjustment for each program, organization, or third party that has seen a funding adjustment since the 2015/16 budget was released.

Mr. McCall, for Return No. 723 showing:

To the Minister of Advanced Education: The amount of the funding adjustment for each program, organization, or third party that has seen a funding adjustment since the 2015/16 budget was released.

Mr. McCall, for Return No. 724 showing:

To the Minister of Health: The amount of the funding adjustment for each program, organization, or third party that has seen a funding adjustment since the 2015/16 budget was released.

Mr. McCall, for Return No. 725 showing:

To the Minister of Environment: The amount of the funding adjustment for each program, organization, or third party that has seen a funding adjustment since the 2015/16 budget was released.

Mr. McCall, for Return No. 726 showing:

To the Minister of Parks, Culture, and Sport: The amount of the funding adjustment for each program, organization, or third party that has seen a funding adjustment since the 2015/16 budget was released.

Mr. McCall, for Return No. 727 showing:

To the Minister of Agriculture: The amount of the funding adjustment for each program, organization, or third party that has seen a funding adjustment since the 2015/16 budget was released.

Mr. McCall, for Return No. 728 showing:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: The amount of the funding adjustment for each program, organization, or third party that has seen a funding adjustment since the 2015/16 budget was released.

Mr. McCall, for Return No. 729 showing:

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: The amount of the funding adjustment for each program, organization, or third party that has seen a funding adjustment since the 2015/16 budget was released.

Mr. McCall, for Return No. 730 showing:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: The amount of the funding adjustment for each program, organization, or third party that has seen a funding adjustment since the 2015/16 budget was released.

Mr. McCall, for Return No. 731 showing:

To the Minister of Government Relations: The amount of the funding adjustment for each program, organization, or third party that has seen a funding adjustment since the 2015/16 budget was released.

Mr. McCall, for Return No. 732 showing:

To the Minister of Central Services: The amount of the funding adjustment for each program, organization, or third party that has seen a funding adjustment since the 2015/16 budget was released.

Mr. McCall, for Return No. 733 showing:

To the Minister of Economy: The amount of the funding adjustment for each program, organization, or third party that has seen a funding adjustment since the 2015/16 budget was released.

Mr. McCall, for Return No. 734 showing:

To the Minister of Finance: The amount of the funding adjustment for each program, organization, or third party that has seen a funding adjustment since the 2015/16 budget was released.

#### **ADJOURNED DEBATES**

##### **Bill No. 183 – The Saskatchewan Employment (Essential Services) Amendment Act, 2015**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 183 – The Saskatchewan Employment (Essential Services) Amendment Act, 2015 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff, in accordance with Rule 85, Bill No. 183 – The Saskatchewan Employment (Essential Services) Amendment Act, 2015 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

##### **Bill No. 187 – The Saskatchewan Farm Security Amendment Act, 2015**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Stewart: That Bill No. 187 – The Saskatchewan Farm Security Amendment Act, 2015 – be now read a second time.

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

**Bill No. 188 – The Best Value in Procurement Act, 2015**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 188 – The Best Value in Procurement Act, 2015 – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 3:29 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

***Hon. Dan D'Autremont***  
***Speaker***

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Mr. Nilson, asked the government the following Question No. 1001, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Moe:**

To the Minister of Advanced Education: How many lawyers are employed in the Ministry of Advanced Education?

Answer:

None.

**Mr. Nilson, asked the government the following Question No. 1002, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wyant:**

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: How many lawyers are employed in the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General?

Answer:

217 lawyers are employed in the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General.

**Mr. Nilson, asked the government the following Question No. 1003, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:**

To the Premier: How many lawyers are employed in Executive Council?

Answer:

None.

**Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following Question No. 1018, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:**

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What were the costs, including public consultation, public relations, legal services, and the costs of any work done by consultants, associated with the development and completion of Bill No. 5 – The Saskatchewan Public Services Act? (2) Bill No. 128 – An Act to amend The Saskatchewan Employment Act and to repeal The Public Service Essential Services Act? (3) Bill No. 183 – An Act respecting Employment Standards, Occupational Health and Safety, Labour Relations?

Answer:

- (1) Outside of ongoing salary costs, there was no cost to the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety for any services leading to the development and completion of Bill No. 5 – The Saskatchewan Public Service Essential Services Act.
- (2) Outside of ongoing salary costs, there was no cost to the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety for any services associated with the development and completion of Bill No. 128 – An Act to amend The Saskatchewan Employment Act and to repeal The Public Service Essential Services Act.
- (3) Outside of ongoing salary costs, there was no cost to the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety for any services associated with the development and completion of Bill No. 183 – The Saskatchewan Employment (Essential Services) Amendment Act.

**Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following Question No. 1019, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:**

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What was the cost to the ministry for any services, both in-house and outside services, leading up to decision of the International Labour Organization (ILO) on March 25, 2010 regarding The Saskatchewan Public Services Act? (2) What were the costs for follow-up services based on the decision?

Answer:

- (1) Outside of ongoing salary costs, there was no cost to the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety leading up to the decision of the ILO.
- (2) Outside of ongoing salary costs, there was no cost to the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety on follow-up services based on the ILO decision.

**Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following Question No. 1020, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wyant:**

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: (1) What was the cost to the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General for any services, both in-house and outside services, leading up to the decision of Regina Court of Queen's Bench of February 2012 regarding Bill No. 5 – The Saskatchewan Public Services Act? (2) What were the costs for follow-up services based on the decision?

Answer:

- (1) Outside of ongoing salary costs, there was no cost to the Ministry of Justice for any services, both in-house and outside services, leading up to the decision of Regina Court of Queen's Bench of February 2012 regarding Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act.
- (2) Outside of ongoing salary costs, there were no costs for follow-up services based on the decision.

**Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following Question No. 1021, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wyant:**

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: (1) What was the cost to the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General for any services, both in-house and outside services, leading up to the decision of the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal in April 2013 regarding Bill No. 5 – The Saskatchewan Public Services Act? (2) What were the costs for follow-up services based on the decision?

Answer:

- (1) Outside of ongoing salary costs, there was no cost to the Ministry of Justice for any services, both in-house and outside services, leading up to the decision of the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal in April 2013 regarding Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act.
- (2) Outside of ongoing salary costs, there were no costs for follow-up services based on the decision.

**Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following Question No. 1022, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wyant:**

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: (1) What was the cost to the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General for any services, both in-house and outside services, leading up to the Supreme Court decision of January 30, 2015 regarding Bill No. 5 – The Saskatchewan Public Services Act? (2) What were the costs for follow-up services based on the decision?

Answer:

- (1) Outside of ongoing salary costs, the costs to the Ministry of Justice for any services, both in-house and outside services, leading up to the Supreme Court decision of January 30, 2015 regarding Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act were \$40,689.23.
- (2) Outside of ongoing salary costs, there were no costs for follow-up services based on the decision.

**Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following Question No. 1023, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wyant:**

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: (1) What was the cost to the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General for any services, both in-house and outside services leading up to the decision of the ILO on March 25, 2010 regarding The Saskatchewan Public Services Act? (2) What were the costs for follow-up services based on the decision?

Answer:

- (1) Outside of ongoing salary costs, there was no cost to the Ministry of Justice for any services, both in-house and outside services leading up to the decision of the ILO on March 25, 2010 regarding Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act.
- (2) Outside of ongoing salary costs, there were no costs for follow-up services based on the decision.

**Mr. Vermette, asked the government the following Question No. 1024, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Ottenbreit:**

To the Minister of Rural and Remote Health: (1) How many trips has the minister taken into Northern Saskatchewan Administrative District since becoming the Minister of Rural and Remote Health? (2) What were the dates of each visit? (3) Which communities were visited on each trip? (4) What activities and meetings were engaged in while on each trip?

Answer:

- (1) 3
- (2) See answer (4).
- (3) See answer (4).
- (4) The Minister of Rural and Remote Health has travelled to the following northern communities:  
La Ronge (October 9, 2014) – Toured the La Ronge long-term care facility and met with facility administration and frontline staff, engaged in discussions with the regional health authority board of Mamawetan Churchill River, the Chamber of Commerce board for La Ronge, Lac La Ronge Indian Band, representatives from Air Ronge and La Ronge, as well as representatives from New North.  
Pinehouse Lake (June 17, 2015) – Toured the community of Pinehouse and attended the Pinehouse Elder's Gathering. Toured the Pinehouse community health centre and met with facility administration and frontline staff.  
Creighton (October 9, 2015) – Toured the community of Creighton, followed by a meeting with community leaders from Creighton, Denare Beach, Pelican Narrows, and Deschambault Lake.  
Cumberland House (October 9, 2015) – Toured Cumberland House Health Centre, followed by a meeting with community leaders from the town of Cumberland House and Cumberland House Cree Nation.

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

On Thursday:

Ms. Sproule to move the following motion:

That this Assembly condemns the Premier and SaskPower Minister for not giving Saskatchewan people the facts about the \$1.5 billion carbon capture project.

## **NOTICE OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

On Thursday:

Mr. McCall to move the following motion:

That this Assembly censures Mr. Speaker, for his unprecedented and unacceptable actions during the sitting on Thursday, October 29, 2015 by:

- (1) refusing to recognize the Leader of the Opposition when he was the only Member seeking to enter the proceedings during Question Period, when Rules 20(4) and 49 of this Assembly provide that he had a right to be heard, and
- (2) forcing the Member for Saskatoon Centre to enter the debate during Question Period against his will, in direct violation of well-established parliamentary procedures and Rule 49 of this Assembly; and further

That this Assembly resolves with grave regret but solemn conviction that it has lost confidence in Mr. Speaker.

## NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

### No. 1 (Government)

#### ADJOURNED DEBATES

On the proposed motion of Ms. Draude:

That this Assembly supports the use of Social Impact Bonds to leverage private funding in order to provide specific services for our province's most vulnerable. Furthermore, that this new type of social innovation will break down barriers between ministries and will provide tangible benefits for human services.

(Mr. Merriman)  
*Adjourned twice*

### No. 2 (Opposition)

#### PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

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- (2) forcing the Member for Saskatoon Centre to enter the debate during Question Period against his will, in direct violation of well-established parliamentary procedures and Rule 49 of this Assembly; and further

That this Assembly resolves with grave regret but solemn conviction that it has lost confidence in Mr. Speaker.

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following questions were given notice on day no. 75 and are to be answered by day no. 80:**

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1025:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: How much money did the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board pay to each Saskatchewan school division as a result of the financial distribution of the excess investment surplus this year?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1026:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: How much money did the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board pay to each ministry of the Government of Saskatchewan as a result of the financial distribution of the excess investment surplus this year?



Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1027:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: How much money did the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board pay to each Crown corporation as a result of the financial distribution of the excess investment surplus for this year?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1028:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: How much money did Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board pay to each health region as a result of the financial distribution of the excess investment surplus for this year?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the government the following Question No. 1029:

To the Minister of Economy: (1) How much was spent through Labour Market Services on career and employment services for the Weyburn, Estevan, and surrounding municipalities in 2006? (2) 2007? (3) 2008? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) 2014? (10) 2015 (to date)?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the government the following Question No. 1030:

To the Minister of Economy: Which organizations, companies, and/or third parties have been awarded contracts through Labour Market Services for career and employment services for the Weyburn, Estevan, and surrounding municipalities in 2006? (2) 2007? (3) 2008? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) 2014? (10) 2015 (to date)?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the government the following Question No. 1031:

To the Minister of Economy: What was the value of any contracts with organizations, companies, and/or third parties that were awarded contracts through Labour Market Services for career and employment services for the Weyburn, Estevan, and surrounding municipalities in 2006? (2) 2007? (3) 2008? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012? (8) 2013? (9) 2014? (10) 2015 (to date)?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 1032:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) How many tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> were generated or produced (pre-capture) by Boundary Dam's Unit #3 in August 2014? (2) September 2014? (3) October 2014? (4) November 2014? (5) December 2014? (6) January 2015? (7) February 2015? (8) March 2015? (9) April 2015? (10) May 2015? (11) June 2015? (12) July 2015? (13) August 2015? (14) September 2015? (15) October 2015 (to date)?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 1033:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) How many tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> were captured by Boundary Dam's Unit #3 in August 2014? (2) September 2014? (3) October 2014? (4) November 2014? (5) December 2014? (6) January 2015? (7) February 2015? (8) March 2015? (9) April 2015? (10) May 2015? (11) June 2015? (12) July 2015? (13) August 2015? (14) September 2015? (15) October 2015 (to date)?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 1034:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) How many tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> captured by Boundary Dam's Unit #3 were sold in August 2014? (2) September 2014? (3) October 2014? (4) November 2014? (5) December 2014? (6) January 2015? (7) February 2015? (8) March 2015? (9) April 2015? (10) May 2015? (11) June 2015? (12) July 2015? (13) August 2015? (14) September 2015? (15) October 2015 (to date)?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 1035:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) How many days were Boundary Dam's Unit #3 offline in August 2014? (2) September 2014? (3) October 2014? (4) November 2014? (5) December 2014? (6) January 2015? (7) February 2015? (8) March 2015? (9) April 2015? (10) May 2015? (11) June 2015? (12) July 2015? (13) August 2015? (14) September 2015? (15) October 2015 (to date)?