



No. 84

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

SPEAKER TABLES REPORTS

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Legislative Library for the year ended March 31, 2015.

(Sessional Paper No. 1025)

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Forbes, Vermette, Belanger, Chartier, and Nilson.

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 cease the privatization of Saskatchewan public services, including Crown corporations, and disclose all un-redacted contracts and documentation related to public-private partnerships or any other form of privatization.

(Sessional Paper No. 1024)

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 stop ignoring schools and start prioritizing students.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 153)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to invest in a new long-term care facility in the Creighton/Denare Beach area.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 225)

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)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

The following bills were reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bills having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, they were read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 184 – The Automobile Accident Insurance (Motorcycles) Amendment Act, 2015

Bill No. 185 – The Traffic Safety (Miscellaneous Measures) Amendment Act, 2015

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE

The following bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bills having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 186 – The Municipal Conflict of Interest Amendment Act, 2015

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 1036 to 1042, they were answered. (See Appendix)

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:38 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Dan D'Autremont
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following Question No. 1036, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) How many person-hours were devoted to the development and completion of Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential 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 – The Saskatchewan Employment (Essential Services) Amendment Act?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety does not track person-hours devoted to particular files.
- (2) The Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety does not track person-hours devoted to particular files.
- (3) The Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety does not track person-hours devoted to particular files.

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following Question No. 1037, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What is the average wage (\$/hour) earned by the staff who worked on the development and completion of Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential 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 – The Saskatchewan Employment (Essential Services) Amendment Act?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety does not track person-hours devoted to particular files; therefore, it is not possible to calculate an average wage.
- (2) The Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety does not track person-hours devoted to particular files; therefore, it is not possible to calculate an average wage.
- (3) The Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety does not track person-hours devoted to particular files; therefore, it is not possible to calculate an average wage.

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following Question No. 1038, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) How many person-hours were devoted to preparation for the decision of the ILO on March 25, 2010 regarding The Saskatchewan Public Services Act? (2) How many person-hours were devoted to follow-up for the decision? (3) What is the average wage (\$/hour) earned by the staff who worked on the preparation and follow-up for the ILO decision?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety does not track person-hours devoted to particular files.
- (2) The Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety does not track person-hours devoted to particular files.
- (3) Without the information with respect to questions (1) and (2), it is not possible to calculate an average wage.

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following Question No. 1039, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wyant:

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: (1) How many person-hours were devoted to preparation for the decision of the International Labour Organization (ILO) on March 25, 2010 regarding The Saskatchewan Public Services Act? (2) How many person-hours were devoted to follow-up for the decision? (3) What is the average wage (\$/hour) earned by the staff who worked on the preparation and follow-up for the ILO decision?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Justice and Attorney General does not track person-hours devoted to particular files.
- (2) The Ministry of Justice and Attorney General does not track person-hours devoted to particular files.
- (3) Without the information with respect to questions (1) and (2), it is not possible for the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General to calculate an average wage of staff.

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following Question No. 1040, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wyant:

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: (1) How many person-hours were devoted to preparation for the decision of the Regina Court of Queen's Bench regarding Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act? (2) How many person-hours were devoted to follow-up based on the decision? (3) What is the average wage (\$/hour) earned by the staff who worked on the preparation and follow-up for the Court of Queen's Bench decision?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Justice and Attorney General does not track person-hours devoted to particular files.
- (2) The Ministry of Justice and Attorney General does not track person-hours devoted to particular files.
- (3) Without the information with respect to questions (1) and (2), it is not possible for the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General to calculate an average wage of staff.

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following Question No. 1041, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wyant:

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: (1) How many person-hours were devoted to preparation for the decision of the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal regarding Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act? (2) How many person-hours were devoted to follow-up based on the decision? (3) What is the average wage earned by the staff who worked on the preparation and follow-up for the Court of Appeal decision?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Justice and Attorney General does not track person-hours devoted to particular files.
- (2) The Ministry of Justice and Attorney General does not track person-hours devoted to particular files.
- (3) Without the information with respect to questions (1) and (2), it is not possible for the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General to calculate an average wage of staff.

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following Question No. 1042, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wyant:

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: (1) How many person-hours were devoted to preparation for the decision of the Supreme Court regarding Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act? (2) How many person-hours were devoted to follow-up based on the decision? (3) What is the average wage earned by the staff who worked on the preparation and follow-up for the Supreme Court decision?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Justice and Attorney General does not track person-hours devoted to particular files.
- (2) The Ministry of Justice and Attorney General does not track person-hours devoted to particular files.
- (3) Without the information with respect to questions (1) and (2), it is not possible for the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General to calculate an average wage of staff.

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Mr. Bjornerud to move the following motion:

That this Assembly supports the government's vision and plan for a growing Saskatchewan, most notably for its work and ongoing plan to invest in infrastructure projects across the province; for its work to foster economic opportunity; for its continuing work to keep taxes low for Saskatchewan families; for improving the lives of those living with a disability; and, for making Saskatchewan the best place to stay, work, and grow a family after post-secondary education; and further

That this Assembly condemns the opposition for not having a plan or vision for the future of Saskatchewan or its people.

NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

No. 1 (Opposition)

ADJOURNED DEBATES

On the proposed motion of Ms. Chartier:

That *Bill No. 609 – The Residents-in-Care Bill of Rights Act* – be now read a second time.

(Mr. Wotherspoon)

To be voted

No. 2 (Government)

Not submitted – Item of business determined pursuant to Rule 24(4).

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 81 and are to be answered by day no. 86:

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1043:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many children under the care of the Minister of Social Services were placed in hotel or motel rooms in each of the last twelve months?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1044:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many children under the care of the Minister of Social Services were placed in hotel or motel rooms in each of the last twelve months in Regina?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1045:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many children under the care of the Minister of Social Services were placed in hotel or motel rooms in each of the last twelve months in Saskatoon?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1046:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many children under the care of the Minister of Social Services were placed in hotel or motel rooms in each of the last twelve months in Prince Albert?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1047:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many children under the care of the Minister of Social Services were placed in hotel or motel rooms in each of the last twelve months in Moose Jaw?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1048:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many children under the care of the Minister of Social Services were placed in hotel or motel rooms in each of the last twelve months in Yorkton?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1049:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many children under the care of the Minister of Social Services were placed in hotel or motel rooms in each of the last twelve months in La Ronge?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1050:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What was the annual budget of WorkSafe for each of the last 10 years? (2) Who were the funding agencies for WorkSafe?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1051:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What was the annual budget of Mission Zero for each of the last 8 years? (2) Who were the funding agencies for Mission Zero?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1052:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: What was the annual advertising budget of Mission Zero for each of the last 8 years?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1053:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: How many summary tickets have been issued under *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1054:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: What has been the average fee called for in summary tickets issued under *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1055:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: What has been the total cost associated with issuing summary tickets under *The Saskatchewan Employment Act*?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1056:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: What are the new processes the Workers' Compensation Board has implemented to reduce the wait times for appeals to be heard by the Workers' Compensation Board?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1057:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What has been the wait time for appeals to be heard by the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board for each month of 2014? (2) Each month of 2015 (to date)?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 83 and are to be answered by day no. 88:

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 1058:

To the Minister of Agriculture: (1) Of the agricultural Crown lands being made available to lessees through the changes to the Agricultural Crown Land Sale program announced November 4, 2015, how many acres are former Land Bank lands? (2) How many acres are designated as having moderate WHPA (*The Wildlife Habitat Protection Act*) value? (3) How many acres are designated as having low WHPA value?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1059:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many individuals were receiving SAP (Saskatchewan Assistance Program) in March 2015? (2) April 2015? (3) May 2015? (4) June 2015? (5) July 2015? (6) August 2015? (7) September 2015? (8) October 2015?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1060:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many children in families were receiving SAP in March 2015? (2) April 2015? (3) May 2015? (4) June 2015? (5) July 2015? (6) August 2015? (7) September 2015? (8) October 2015?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1061:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many SAP cases were open in March 2015? (2) April 2015? (3) May 2015? (4) June 2015? (5) July 2015? (6) August 2015? (7) September 2015? (8) October 2015?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1062:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many TEA (Transitional Employment Allowance) cases were open in March 2015? (2) April 2015? (3) May 2015? (4) June 2015? (5) July 2015? (6) August 2015? (7) September 2015? (8) October 2015?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1063:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many SAID (Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability) cases were open in March 2015? (2) April 2015? (3) May 2015? (4) June 2015? (5) July 2015? (6) August 2015? (7) September 2015? (8) October 2015?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1064:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new SAP cases were opened in March 2015? (2) April 2015? (3) May 2015? (4) June 2015? (5) July 2015? (6) August 2015? (7) September 2015? (8) October 2015?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1065:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new TEA cases were opened in March 2015? (2) April 2015? (3) May 2015? (4) June 2015? (5) July 2015? (6) August 2015? (7) September 2015? (8) October 2015?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1066:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new SAID cases were opened in March 2015? (2) April 2015? (3) May 2015? (4) June 2015? (5) July 2015? (6) August 2015? (7) September 2015? (8) October 2015?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1067:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many SAP cases involving families with children were open in March 2015? (2) April 2015? (3) May 2015? (4) June 2015? (5) July 2015? (6) August 2015? (7) September 2015? (8) October 2015?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1068:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many SAP cases involving people living with disabilities were open in March 2015? (2) April 2015? (3) May 2015? (4) June 2015? (5) July 2015? (6) August 2015? (7) September 2015? (8) October 2015?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1069:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many SAP cases involving people who were employable were open in March 2015? (2) April 2015? (3) May 2015? (4) June 2015? (5) July 2015? (6) August 2015? (7) September 2015? (8) October 2015?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1070:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many single individuals received SIP (the Seniors Income Plan) in March 2015? (2) April 2015? (3) May 2015? (4) June 2015? (5) July 2015? (6) August 2015? (7) September 2015? (8) October 2015?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1071:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many single individuals were cut off from SIP in March 2015? (2) April 2015? (3) May 2015? (4) June 2015? (5) July 2015? (6) August 2015? (7) September 2015? (8) October 2015?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1072:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many single individuals had their SIP benefits reduced in March 2015? (2) April 2015? (3) May 2015? (4) June 2015? (5) July 2015? (6) August 2015? (7) September 2015? (8) October 2015?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1073:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new single individuals started to receive SIP in March 2015? (2) April 2015? (3) May 2015? (4) June 2015? (5) July 2015? (6) August 2015? (7) September 2015? (8) October 2015?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1074:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many couples received SIP in March 2015? (2) April 2015? (3) May 2015? (4) June 2015? (5) July 2015? (6) August 2015? (7) September 2015? (8) October 2015?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1075:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new couples started to receive SIP in March 2015? (2) April 2015? (3) May 2015? (4) June 2015? (5) July 2015? (6) August 2015? (7) September 2015? (8) October 2015?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1076:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many couples were cut off from SIP in March 2015? (2) April 2015? (3) May 2015? (4) June 2015? (5) July 2015? (6) August 2015? (7) September 2015? (8) October 2015?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1077:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many couples had their SIP benefits reduced March 2015? (2) April 2015? (3) May 2015? (4) June 2015? (5) July 2015? (6) August 2015? (7) September 2015? (8) October 2015?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1078:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many people in total were receiving SIP in March 2015? (2) April 2015? (3) May 2015? (4) June 2015? (5) July 2015? (6) August 2015? (7) September 2015? (8) October 2015?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1079:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many families qualified for SES (the Saskatchewan Employment Supplement) in March 2015? (2) April 2015? (3) May 2015? (4) June 2015? (5) July 2015? (6) August 2015? (7) September 2015? (8) October 2015?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1080:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many recipients for rental housing supplements were there in March 2015? (2) April 2015? (3) May 2015? (4) June 2015? (5) July 2015? (6) August 2015? (7) September 2015? (8) October 2015?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1081:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many heads of families personally qualified for SAID benefits in March 2015? (2) April 2015? (3) May 2015? (4) June 2015? (5) July 2015? (6) August 2015? (7) September 2015? (8) October 2015?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1082:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many heads of single parent families personally qualified for SAID benefits in March 2015? (2) April 2015? (3) May 2015? (4) June 2015? (5) July 2015? (6) August 2015? (7) September 2015? (8) October 2015?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 1083:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many people qualified for SAID benefits are living independently in March 2015? (2) April 2015? (3) May 2015? (4) June 2015? (5) July 2015? (6) August 2015? (7) September 2015? (8) October 2015?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 1084:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What are the year-to-date travel expenses incurred by the President, Carbon Capture and Storage Initiatives?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 1085:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What are the out-of-province locations for which expenses were submitted by the President, Carbon Capture and Storage Initiatives since January 1, 2015?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 1086:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What were the travel dates for out-of-province travel for which expenses were submitted by the President, Carbon Capture and Storage Initiatives since January 1, 2015?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 1087:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What are the year-to-date travel expenses incurred by SaskPower staff accompanying the President, Carbon Capture and Storage Initiatives?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 1088:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) For each day since November 1, 2015, how many hours was the carbon capture unit at the Boundary Dam Integrated Carbon Capture and Storage Project running? (2) For each day since November 1, 2015, how many tonnes of CO₂ were captured by the capture unit?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 1089:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What costs have been incurred at the Boundary Dam Integrated Carbon Capture and Storage Project excluding legal costs and basic daily operations costs since January 1, 2015?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 1090:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What was the site selection criteria that led to Chaplin being chosen for the location of the Chaplin wind project?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 1091:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What is the expected full commercial operation date for the Chaplin wind farm project?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 1092:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What is the most recent project cost estimate for the Chaplin wind farm project?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 1093:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What is the current status of the Chaplin wind farm project?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 1094:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What barriers have been faced in the development and implementation of the Chaplin wind farm project?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 84 and are to be answered by day no. 89:

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 1095:

To the Minister of Agriculture: (1) What revenue was generated from the leased land that is currently being offered for sale under the new agricultural Crown land sale incentive program for 2011? (2) 2012? (3) 2013? (4) 2014? (5) 2015 (to date)?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the government the following Question No. 1096:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: For the Meadow Lake area, how many times were tow-truck services contracted by SGI (Saskatchewan Government Insurance) from January 2014 to date?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the government the following Question No. 1097:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: For the Meadow Lake area, what are the names of each company utilized for tow-truck services contracted by SGI from January 2014 to date?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the government the following Question No. 1098:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: For the Meadow Lake area, how often was each company used for tow-truck services contracted by SGI from January 2014 to date?