



No. 39

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

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: Chartier, Cox, Belanger, Sproule, Forbes, Rancourt, Beck, Sarauer, and Ross.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

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

Residents of the province of Saskatchewan request that the Legislative Assembly cause the government to protect wetlands by increasing funding to do proper inventory work, putting Saskatchewan in a better position to manage the resource, speed up the evaluation of high risk watersheds where there is a significant damage annually from flooding, and create a sound and transparent mitigation process.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 47)

Residents of the province of Saskatchewan request that the Legislative Assembly cause the government to take the necessary steps and actions to stop the federal government from imposing a carbon tax on the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 225)

Residents of the province of Saskatchewan request that the Legislative Assembly cause the government to stop the plan to sell SaskTel and keep our Crown corporations of the people of Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 227)

Residents of the province of Saskatchewan request that the Legislative Assembly cause the government to immediately restore the agreement to fund the Northern Teacher Education Program Council Inc. and continue to fund NORTEP/NORPAC programs in La Ronge.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 228)

Residents of the province of Saskatchewan request that the Legislative Assembly cause the government to immediately repeal *The Wakamow Valley Authority Amendment Act, 2016* and reinstate statutory funding to the Wakamow Valley Authority.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 229)

Residents of the province of Saskatchewan request that the Legislative Assembly cause the government to stop the plan to cut the Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID) funding and restore funding for those living with disability, ensure shelter allowance is reflective with current rental costs, and implement the recommendations of the advisory group on poverty reduction.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 230)

Residents of the province of Saskatchewan request that the Legislative Assembly cause the government to reverse its short-sighted and counterproductive cuts to the Aboriginal court worker program.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 231)

Residents of the province of Saskatchewan request that the Legislative Assembly cause the government to immediately reverse their cuts to funding to the Lighthouse Stabilization unit in Saskatoon, revisit the definition of “homelessness”, and take immediate steps to ensure homeless people in Saskatchewan have emergency shelter, clothing, and food.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 233)

Residents of the province of Saskatchewan request that the Legislative Assembly cause the government to exempt all licensed, non-profit childcare centres from property tax through the changes to the appropriate legislations, and include them in *The Saskatchewan Education Act*.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 234)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 146 to 171, they were answered. (see Appendix)

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

Bill No. 13 – The Cancer Agency Amendment Act, 2016

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Duncan: That Bill No. 13 – The Cancer Agency Amendment Act, 2016 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. Merriman, in accordance with Rule 85, Bill No. 13 – The Cancer Agency Amendment Act, 2016 was committed to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Bill No. 40 – The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2016
Projet de loi n° 40 – Loi modificative de 2016 sur l'interprétation

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 40 – The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Wyant: Que le projet de loi n° 40 – Loi modificative de 2016 sur l'interprétation soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de Mme Chartier, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 37 – The Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2016

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. McMorris: That Bill No. 37 – The Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2016 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. Merriman, in accordance with Rule 85, Bill No. 37 – The Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2016 was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

Bill No. 17 – The Power Corporation Amendment Act, 2016

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 17 – The Power Corporation Amendment Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 19 – The Film and Video Classification Act, 2016

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 19 – The Film and Video Classification Act, 2016 be now read a second time.

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

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 6(7).

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Corey Tochor
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following question no. 146, which was answered by the Hon.

Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many individuals were receiving Saskatchewan Assistance Program (SAP) in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Answer:

- (1) 25,841
- (2) 26,349
- (3) 26,249
- (4) 26,569
- (5) 26,571

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following question no. 147, which was answered by the Hon.

Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many children in families were receiving SAP in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Answer:

- (1) 11,573
- (2) 11,823
- (3) 11,829
- (4) 11,919
- (5) 11,979

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following question no. 148, which was answered by the Hon.

Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many children in families were receiving SAP, Transitional Employment Assistance (TEA), or Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID) in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Answer:

- (1) 17,758
- (2) 18,356
- (3) 18,857
- (4) 19,160
- (5) 18,987

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following question no. 149, which was answered by the Hon.

Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many SAP cases were open May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Answer:

- (1) 13,081
- (2) 13,318
- (3) 13,234
- (4) 13,475
- (5) 13,410

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following question no. 150, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many TEA cases were open in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Answer:

- (1) 4993
- (2) 5034
- (3) 5028
- (4) 5255
- (5) 5184

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following question no. 151, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many SAID cases were open in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Answer:

- (1) 14,847
- (2) 14,936
- (3) 14,892
- (4) 14,978
- (5) 14,928

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following question no. 152, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new SAP cases were opened in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Answer:

- (1) 692
- (2) 871
- (3) 701
- (4) 829
- (5) 813

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following question no. 153, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new TEA cases were opened in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Answer:

- (1) 1046
- (2) 944
- (3) 1001
- (4) 887
- (5) 894

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following question no. 154, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new SAID cases were opened in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Answer:

- (1) 322
- (2) 321
- (3) 293
- (4) 332
- (5) 297

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following question no. 155, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many SAP cases involved families with children were open in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Answer:

- (1) 5234
- (2) 5305
- (3) 5306
- (4) 5368
- (5) 5375

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following question no. 156, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many SAP cases involved people living with disabilities were open in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Answer:

- (1) 6125
- (2) 6218
- (3) 6253
- (4) 6235
- (5) 6290

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following question no. 157, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many SAP cases involved people who were employable were open in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Answer:

- (1) 1914
- (2) 1954
- (3) 1849
- (4) 1939
- (5) 1863

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following question no. 158, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many single individuals received the Seniors Income Plan (SIP) in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Answer:

- (1) 10,470
- (2) 10,494
- (3) 9537
- (4) 9683
- (5) 9872

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following question no. 159, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many single individuals were cut off from SIP in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Answer:

- (1) 71
- (2) 49
- (3) N/A*
- (4) 27
- (5) 32

*Due to the potential Canada Post strike, July 2016 payments for SIP were generated early. This resulted in the inability to collect accurate statistics for the July 2016 payroll.

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following question no. 160, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many single individuals had their SIP benefits reduced in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Answer:

- (1) 12
- (2) 9
- (3) N/A*
- (4) 25
- (5) 33

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Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following question no. 161, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new single individuals started to receive SIP in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Answer:

- (1) 85
- (2) 83
- (3) N/A*
- (4) 64
- (5) 85

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Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following question no. 162, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many couples received SIP May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Answer:

- (1) 1778
- (2) 1780
- (3) 1672
- (4) 1699
- (5) 1720

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following question no. 163, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new couples started to receive SIP in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Answer:

- (1) 12
- (2) 10
- (3) N/A*
- (4) 17
- (5) 6

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Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following question no. 164, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many couples were cut off from SIP in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Answer:

- (1) 11
- (2) 11
- (3) N/A*
- (4) 9
- (5) 7

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Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following question no. 165, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many couples had their SIP benefits reduced in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Answer:

- (1) 1
- (2) 2
- (3) N/A*
- (4) 0
- (5) 1

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Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following question no. 166, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many people in total were receiving SIP in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Answer:

- (1) 14,733
- (2) 14,759
- (3) 13,514
- (4) 13,734
- (5) 13,978

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following question no. 167, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many families qualified for the Saskatchewan Employment Supplement (SES) in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Answer:

- (1) 4547
- (2) 4735
- (3) 4128
- (4) 4438
- (5) 4276

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following question no. 168, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many recipients for rental housing supplements were there in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Answer:

- (1) 13,318
- (2) 13,610
- (3) 12,543
- (4) 13,052
- (5) 12,738

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following question no. 169, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many heads of families personally qualified for SAID benefits in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Answer:

- (1) 1248
- (2) 1260
- (3) 1267
- (4) 1271
- (5) 1264

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following question no. 170, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many heads of single parent families personally qualified for SAID benefits in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Answer:

- (1) 936
- (2) 944
- (3) 947
- (4) 956
- (5) 943

Mr. Forbes, asked the government the following question no. 171, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Beaudry-Mellor:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many people qualified for SAID benefits are living independently in May 2016? (2) June 2016? (3) July 2016? (4) August 2016? (5) September 2016?

Answer:

- (1) 10,798
- (2) 10,878
- (3) 10,843
- (4) 10,906
- (5) 10,870

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 37 and are to be answered by day no. 42:

Mr. Vermette, to ask the government the following question no. 174:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: How many contractors based in the northern administrative district are currently working on Ministry of Highways contracts?

Mr. Vermette, to ask the government the following question no. 175:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) What company was awarded the contract for the most recent repairs to the Pelican Narrows bridge? (2) Where is this company located? (3) What was the total cost of these repairs? (4) How many of the workers for this project are residents of the northern village of Pelican Narrows? (5) How many of the workers for this project are residents of the Pelican Narrows reserve of the Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation?

Mr. Vermette, to ask the government the following question no. 176:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) What company was awarded the contract for hauling silica sand near the Hanson Lake road? (2) Where is this company located? (3) What was the value of this contract?

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

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following question no. 177:

To the Minister of Agriculture: In 2015-16, how many transactions were completed selling Crown land through the Ministry of Agriculture's incentive program that was announced November 4, 2015?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following question no. 178:

To the Minister of Agriculture: In 2015-16, how many acres of Crown land did the Ministry of Agriculture sell?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following question no. 179:

To the Minister of Agriculture: How many acres of Crown land were sold between November 4, 2015 and March 31, 2016?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following question no. 180:

To the Minister of Agriculture: In 2015-16, what percentage of Crown land sales were associated with the incentive program announced on November 4, 2015?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following question no. 181:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What was the total revenue generated in fiscal year 2015-16 through the sale of Crown land under the incentive program announced November 4, 2015?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following question no. 182:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What was the total foregone revenue due to the discount applied to the Crown land sold in the 2015-16 fiscal year under the incentive program announced November 4, 2015?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following question no. 183:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What was the total revenue generated from Crown land sales by the Ministry of Agriculture in the 2015-16 fiscal year?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following question no. 184:

To the Minister of Agriculture: In 2014-15, what was the revenue generated from the rental of the Crown land that was sold by the Ministry of Agriculture in the fiscal year 2015-16?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following question no. 185:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What was the revenue generated in the 2014-15 fiscal year from the rental of the Crown land that was sold by the Ministry of Agriculture in the fiscal year 2015-16 under the incentive program announced November 4, 2015?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 39 and are to be answered by day no. 44:

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following question no. 186:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) What is the name and court number of the legal case referred to by the Member for Kindersley on page 207 of the debates of the April 23, 2013 meeting of the Standing Committee on the Economy? (2) Is this case still active? (3) If not, how was it resolved?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following question no. 187:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) What are the names and court numbers of each legal case related to land purchased for the Regina bypass project and/or the Global Transportation Hub since 2009? (2) Are each of these cases still active? (3) If not, how was each case resolved?