



SECOND SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 21

Thursday, December 2, 2021

10:00 a.m.

ABSENCE OF THE SPEAKER

The Clerk advised the Assembly that the Speaker would not be present to open the sitting. The Deputy Speaker took the chair.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Mowat, Young (Regina University), Conway, Nippi-Albright, and Ritchie.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to order and pursuant to rule 16(7), petitions from residents of the province of Saskatchewan, requesting the following action, were read and received:

To restore direct rent payment for income support clients.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 19)

To protect Saskatchewan's water supply.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 24)

To halt the sale of Crown lands and revise the Duty to Consult framework.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 33)

To fix the rural health care staffing crisis.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 49)

To fund In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) treatments in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 52)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE

Mr. Docherty, Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice, presented the committee's second report, which is as follows:

The committee considered the supplementary estimates no. 1 for the following ministries and adopted the following resolutions:

2021–22 Supplementary Estimates No. 1

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2022 the following sums:

Ministries and Agencies

For Corrections, Policing and Public Safety \$81,165,000

For Government Relations \$62,000,000

For Justice and Attorney General \$6,849,000

The committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the appropriation bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.

(Sessional paper no. 66)

On motion of Mr. Docherty:

Ordered, That the second report of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice be now concurred in.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

Mr. Dennis, Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, presented the committee's third report, which is as follows:

The committee considered the supplementary estimates no. 1 for Finance and adopted the following resolution:

2021-22 Supplementary Estimates No. 1

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2022 the following sums:

Ministries and Agencies

For Finance \$10,800,000

The committee considered the following supplementary estimates no. 1 for which no funds were requested or required to be voted:

Lending and Investing Activities

For Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation (Statutory)

For Saskatchewan Water Corporation (Statutory)

Debt Redemption, Sinking Fund and Interest Payments

For Debt Redemption (Statutory)

The committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the appropriation bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.

(Sessional paper no. 67)

On motion of Mr. Dennis:

Ordered, That the third report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies be now concurred in.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question no. 12, pursuant to rule 21(6), the question was converted and an order for return was issued. (see appendix)

SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

The order of the day being called for the following motion for a seventy-five minute debate, it was moved by Mr. Francis:

That the Assembly commends the Government of Saskatchewan for responding quickly and substantially increasing support to agriculture producers in response to severe and widespread drought this spring and summer.

A debate arising and the period of seventy-five minutes having expired, pursuant to rule 25(5) the Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings.

ADJOURNED DEBATES**Bill No. 606 — The Saskatchewan Employment (Paid Sick Days) Amendment Act, 2021**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. Bowes: That Bill No. 606 — The Saskatchewan Employment (Paid Sick Days) Amendment Act, 2021 be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake):

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:39 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Randy Weekes
Speaker

QUESTIONS ORDERED FOR RETURN

The following written question was converted and an order for return was issued:

Return no. 8 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):

To the Minister for Immigration and Career Training, since March 2020, (a) the number of jobseekers that have utilized career development professional services at SaskJobs for the purpose of job searching and job matching, (b) the number of jobseekers that have utilized career development professional services at SaskJobs for the purpose of job searching and job matching that have continued on to full-time employment in their desired field, (c) the number of jobseekers that have utilized career development professional services at SaskJobs for the purpose of career planning, (d) the number of jobseekers that have utilized career development professional services at SaskJobs for the purpose of career planning that have continued on to full-time employment in their desired field, (e) the number of jobseekers that have utilized career development professional services at SaskJobs for the purpose of acquiring additional skills or education, (f) the number of jobseekers that have utilized career development professional services at SaskJobs for the purpose of acquiring additional skills or education that have continued on to the employment in their desired field, (g) the number of jobseekers that have utilized any career development professional services at SaskJobs that have failed to gain employment in their desired field, and (h) the number of jobseekers that have utilized each of the ten Service Delivery Locations at SaskJobs for any in-person career development services.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

AVIS DE MOTIONS PORTANT PREMIÈRE LECTURE DE PROJETS DE LOI

On Tuesday / mardi:

Hon. Mr. Wyant to move first reading of Bill No. 75 — The Non-profit Corporations Act, 2021

L'hon. M. Wyant proposera la première lecture du projet de loi n° 75 — Loi de 2021 sur les organisations sans but lucratif

Hon. Mr. Wyant to move first reading of Bill No. 76 — The Non-profit Corporations Consequential Amendments Act, 2021

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following question was given notice on day no. 17 and is to be answered by day no. 22:

Question no. 13 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety, for each month since January 2021 to present, (a) how many reported incidents of threat to persons in the Saskatchewan Legislative Building were documented, and (b) how many security staff were consulted within the Saskatchewan Legislative Building regarding documented threats?

The following question was given notice on day no. 18 and is to be answered by day no. 23:

Question no. 14 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of SaskTel, for each month since January 2018 to present, internet services play in the modern world, and support SaskTel's continued participation in the Connecting Families program to ensure low-income seniors and families across Saskatchewan have the opportunity to connect and participate in the digital world, (a) how many eligible customers participated in the program during the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, and (b) how many computers were distributed to eligible families in Saskatchewan with respect to this program?

The following question was given notice on day no. 19 and is to be answered by day no. 24:

Question no. 15 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Finance, the 2021-22 supplementary estimates are prepared in accordance with subsection 12(1) of *The Financial Administration Act 1993*; for each month since January 2021 to present, (a) how many additional commitments have been undertaken during the fiscal year, and (b) how many estimates include any expenses required to be paid out of the GRF that are not required to be voted on by the legislature?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 20 and are to be answered by day no. 25:

Question no. 16 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Health, (a) does the Ministry or Saskatchewan Health Authority track instances of short staffing in health care and long-term care facilities, (b) how often are health care facilities operating short-staffed, (c) how often are long-term care facilities operating short-staffed, (d) how many hours of overtime have been worked by health care workers in health care facilities since July 11, 2021, (e) what is the total compensation for overtime worked by health care workers in health care facilities since July 11, 2021, (f) how many hours of overtime have been worked by health care workers in long-term care facilities since July 11, 2021, and (g) what is the total compensation for overtime worked by health care workers in health care facilities since July 11, 2021?

Question no. 17 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Health, (a) by job type, how many vacancies are there in Saskatchewan health care facilities, and (b) by job type, how many job postings are currently available in Saskatchewan health care facilities?

Question no. 18 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Health, since July 11, 2021, (a) how many surgeries have been cancelled or postponed, (b) how many surgeries were not scheduled, (c) how many cancer surgeries have been cancelled or postponed, (d) how many cancer surgeries were not scheduled, and (e) how many people have died while waiting for surgery?

Question no. 19 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Health, since September 23, 2021, (a) how many opportunities for organ donations have been missed, (b) how many people have died waiting for organ donations, and (c) in days, what is the average increase in transplant wait time for an eligible organ recipient?

Question no. 20 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Health, in regards to wait times, (a) what is the wait time to see a specialist, by speciality, (b) what is being done to address wait times for specialists, (c) what is the wait time for an MRI, and (d) what is being done to address wait times for MRIs?

Question no. 21 (Ms. Conway):

To the Minister of Health, (a) how many of the new continuing care aids referenced by the minister in the supplementary estimates meeting on November 30, 2021 were not already employed in the long-term care sector and/or by the Saskatchewan Health Authority, (b) by job type, how many vacancies are in the long-term care sector, and (c) by job type, how many job postings are currently available in the long-term care sector?

Question no. 22 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Health, COVID-19 pandemic detention orders were issued by medical health officers for Saskatchewan people to be detained at secure isolation sites; for each month since January 2021 to present, (a) how many citizens were issued detention orders, and (b) what was the length of time the citizens were detained at the secure isolation site?

The following question was given notice on day no. 21 and is to be answered by day no. 26:

Question no. 23 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Health, facilities designated as a regional hospital must provide to in-patients and out-patients basic radiography and laboratory services, emergency stabilization services, surgical services, obstetrical services, and orthopaedics and rehabilitation services; for each month since January 2020 to present, (a) how many disruptions due to COVID-19 interrupted client/patient intake, (b) how many disruptions affected service to out-patients, (c) how many in-patients experienced disruptions in their services due to staff shortages, and (d) how many staff shortages were due to the COVID-19 health restrictions?