



SECOND SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

## **Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan**

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# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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No. 25

**Thursday, December 9, 2021**

10:00 a.m.

### *PRAYERS*

### **PRESENTING PETITIONS**

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Young (Regina University), Conway, 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 fund In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) treatments in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 52)

To cancel the \$150 tax on electric vehicles and invest in charging stations.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 56)

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

The order of the day being called for question nos. 16 to 22, pursuant to rule 21(6), the questions were converted and orders for return were issued. (see appendix)

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

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

Pursuant to rule 3(1), the Assembly adjourned at 11:23 a.m. until Monday, March 7, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

*Hon. Randy Weekes*  
*Speaker*

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## QUESTIONS ORDERED FOR RETURN

The following written questions were converted and orders for return were issued:

**Return no. 9 (Ms. Mowat):**

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

**Return no. 10 (Ms. Mowat):**

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

**Return no. 11 (Ms. Mowat):**

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

**Return no. 12 (Ms. Mowat):**

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

**Return no. 13 (Ms. Mowat):**

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

**Return no. 14 (Ms. Conway):**

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

**Return no. 15 (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) the number of citizens that were issued detention orders, and (b) the length of time that the citizens were detained at the secure isolation site.

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**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?