



SECOND SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

**VOTES
AND
PROCEEDINGS**

No. 65

Thursday, May 19, 2022

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

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 immediately create a bipartisan legislative committee on the mental health and addictions crisis in Saskatchewan.

(Sessional paper no. 176)

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 immediately address the inadequate condition of Highway 9.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 105)

To make no-cost prescription contraceptive available to all Saskatchewan people.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 107)

To stop the passage of Bill 70, *The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act, 2021*.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 114)

To reverse the decision to eliminate subsidized housing and restore funding for the 50 units affected at Luther Heights.
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 172)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question nos. 44 to 55, pursuant to rule 21(6), the questions were converted and orders for return were issued. (see appendix)

MOTION OF THANKS FOR THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Moved by Ms. Beck, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly gives thanks to the Leader of the Opposition for his service and dedication to the residents of Saskatoon Meewasin, and to all the people of Saskatchewan.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE SESSION

It was moved by the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake), by leave of the Assembly:

That when this Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, in accordance with the parliamentary calendar, it shall stand adjourned until 10:00 a.m. on October 26th, 2022, unless earlier recalled by the Speaker upon the request of the government, and if recalled, the Speaker shall give each member seven clear days' notice, if possible, of such date and time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

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

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

Pursuant to an order made May 19, 2022, the Assembly adjourned at 12:48 p.m. until Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Randy Weekes
Speaker

QUESTIONS ORDERED FOR RETURN

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

Return no. 27 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Health, regarding metrics and guidelines during COVID-19, (a) the recommendations or guidelines that were used to determine the CT value which is used in determining a positive PCR test, (b) whether the recommended CT value changed over time, since December 2019, and if so, how, (c) if the CT values were the same whether test samples were taken from vaccinated or unvaccinated individuals, (d) why the government started distinguishing between incidental COVID hospitalizations and deaths from “non-incidental” cases, (e) the metrics or guidelines that were used to determine how deaths were/are classified as being “caused” by COVID-19, and (f) the role comorbidities play in determining the cause of death.

Return no. 28 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety, guidelines and policies for pandemic response, (a) whether the Saskatchewan government had a pandemic response plan in place prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, (b) if so, where that plan can be viewed, (c) whether the Saskatchewan government and/or health authorities followed any pre-existing pandemic plan, and (d) if not, the person/entity who made the decision to disregard the existing plan, and under what authority.

Return no. 29 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Health, by health facility, the number of beds in Saskatchewan that are dedicated to providing the following: (a) neonatal and infant care, (b) pediatric care, (c) coronary and cardiac care, (d) surgical care, (e) intensive care, (f) oncology care, (g) rehabilitative care, (h) burn care, (i) trauma care, (j) neurological care, (k) mental health care, (l) emergency care, (m) urgent care, and (n) all other care.

Return no. 30 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Health, by health facility, the number of full-time equivalents (FTEs) in Saskatchewan that primarily provide the following: (a) neonatal and infant care, (b) pediatric care, (c) coronary and cardiac care, (d) surgical care, (e) intensive care, (f) oncology care, (g) rehabilitative care, (h) burn care, (i) trauma care, (j) neurological care, (k) mental health care, (l) emergency care, (m) urgent care, and (n) all other care.

Return no. 31 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):

To the Minister for SaskBuilds and Procurement, from estimates, the minister indicated that \$600,000 was budgeted for “property security enhancements in the PCC” and specified that it would be used for the Legislative grounds; provide further details on: (a) the types of security and/or property enhancements that are expected to be procured with this allocation, and (b) whether the Ministry of SaskBuilds or Central Services has allocated funds for security and/or property enhancements in the past, and if so, when and, specifically, for what.

Return no. 32 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):

To the Minister Responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission, annually, from 2017 to present, (a) the number of tickets, fines and/or charges that were issued within Wascana Centre, (b) the number of tickets, fines and/or charges that were issued by Wascana Centre Community Safety Officers, (c) the type of tickets, fines and/or charges that were issued within Wascana Centre, and (d) the type of tickets, fines and/or charges that were issued by Wascana Centre Community Safety Officers.

Return no. 33 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):

To the Minister Responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission, from estimates, the Minister for SaskBuilds indicated that \$600,000 was budgeted for “property security enhancements in the PCC” and specified that it would be used for the Legislative grounds; provide further details on: (a) the types of security and/or property enhancements that are expected to be procured with this allocation, and (b) whether the Ministry of SaskBuilds or Central Services has allocated funds for security and/or property enhancements in the past, and if so, when and, specifically, for what.

Return no. 34 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Health, scientific data to inform policy, (a) whether the SHA conducted their own analysis of the scientific literature relating to transmissibility of COVID-19, and if so, the peer-reviewed studies that were relied upon, (b) whether the SHA conducted their own analysis of the scientific literature relating to naturally acquired immunity, also described as the immunity conferred from previous infection, and if so, the peer-reviewed studies that were relied upon, and (c) whether the SHA conducted their own analysis of coverings as a preventative measure to reduce transmission of COVID-19, and if so, the peer-reviewed studies that were relied upon.

Return no. 35 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Health, regarding marketing and pandemic, (a) the amount that was spent on the advertising budget for pandemic-related messaging in the years 2020, 2021, and 2022, (b) the amount of money that was allocated to marketing and promoting COVID-19 vaccines and the source(s) the funds came from, (c) the amount of the budget that was for quantitative testing and focus groups in each fiscal quarter of 2020, 2021, and 2022, (d) where the public can access the poll results, and (e) whether the advertising opportunities were tendered.

Return no. 36 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister of Environment, the projected revenue of the Saskatchewan Technology Fund per annum over the first five years of operation.

Return no. 37 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister of Environment, regarding the Saskatchewan Technology Fund, (a) whether the fund has been operationalized, (b) whether initial or subsequent payments have been deposited into the fund since it was established, (c) whether the advisory committee was appointed in 2020, as per the 2019/20 annual report, and if so, its composition, (d) whether a memorandum of understanding was developed between Innovation Saskatchewan, the Ministry of Environment, and the Ministry of Energy and Resources in 2020, as per the 2019/20 annual report, (e) whether the Ministry of Environment has undertaken its statutory requirement to submit an annual report on the business of the fund to the Legislative Assembly in the fiscal year of 2020/21, (f) whether the Ministry of Environment will meet its statutory requirement to submit an annual report on the business of the fund to the Legislative Assembly for the fiscal year of 2021/22, and (g) since the tabling of the 2019/20 annual report, the action that has been undertaken by the fund to drive innovation and reduce GHG emissions.

Return no. 38 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety, regarding Sask911, (a) the target wait time to be connected to a 9-1-1 call taker, (b) the current average wait time to be connected to a 9-1-1 call taker, (c) the current 90th percentile wait time to be connected to a 9-1-1 call taker, (d) the current 10th percentile wait time to be connected to a 9-1-1 call taker, (e) in 2022 to date, the number of each type of emergency call that were received by 9-1-1 call takers, and (f) for every year since 2016, the number of call takers that were employed by Sask911.