



THIRD SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

## **Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan**

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# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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No. 5

**Wednesday, November 2, 2022**

1:30 p.m.

### *PRAYERS*

### **PRESENTING PETITIONS**

A petition of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan was presented and laid upon the Table by the following member: Francis.

### **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 increase the personal care home benefit.

(Sessional paper no. 22)

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

(Sessional paper no. 23)

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The minister, in each case, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the bills, recommends them to the consideration of the Assembly, the following bills were introduced, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 89 — The Income Tax (Affordability) Amendment Act, 2022

(Hon. Ms. Harpauer)

Bill No. 90 — The Telecommunications Statutes (Borrowing Powers) Amendment Act, 2022

(Hon. Mr. Morgan)

### MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Meyers, seconded by Mr. Lemaigre:

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE RUSS MIRASTY  
Lieutenant Governor of the province of Saskatchewan

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the province of Saskatchewan, in session assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

and the proposed amendment moved by Ms. Mowat, seconded by Mr. Wotherspoon:

That the motion be amended by adding:

And, that the Assembly does not support the agenda outlined in the Speech from the Throne because it fails to provide any new measures to address the challenges Saskatchewan people face regarding affordability, good jobs, or access to healthcare; and further

That the Assembly has lost confidence in the government.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, it was moved by the Hon. Ms. Carr:

That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the motion for adjournment of the debate was deemed to have been made.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:59 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

*Hon. Randy Weekes*  
*Speaker*

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## NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Monday:

Hon. Ms. Harpauer to move first reading of Bill No. 94 — The Public Pension and Benefits Administration Corporation Act

Hon. Mr. Reiter to move first reading of Bill No. 95 — The Surface Rights Acquisition and Compensation Amendment Act, 2022

Ms. Nippi-Albright to move first reading of Bill No. 610 — The Meaningful Duty to Consult Act

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following question was given notice on day no. 3 and is to be answered by day no. 8:**

**Question no. 1 (Ms. Wilson):**

To the Premier of Saskatchewan, Executive Council, Minister of Health, and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health, since the roll-out of the COVID-19 inoculations in 2021, many Saskatchewan people have suffered vaccine injuries. Many of these citizens have contacted Members of the Legislative Assembly to communicate that they have experienced extreme obstacles in trying to report and navigate the provincial health system to have these injuries acknowledged and treated. Often, these patients report that their doctors are reluctant to report vaccine injuries due to fear of sanctions by the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Therefore, the actual number of vaccine injuries is severely underreported and the true number might never be known. Patients and doctors feel abandoned by the health care system and the government; (a) will the government create an impartial medical panel to conduct hearings to allow independent investigation to determine the nature of interferences in how/what doctors are allowed to report, (b) if yes, when, and how, and (c) if no, what will the government do to investigate and address the reported interferences in doctor-patient relationship which have prevented doctors from fulfilling their fiduciary duty to patients?

**The following questions were given notice on day no. 4 and are to be answered by day no. 9:**

**Question no. 2 (Ms. Wilson):**

To the Premier of Saskatchewan, Executive Council, Minister of SaskBuilds and Procurement, and Minister of Health, recently it has come to light that some provinces have entered into partnerships/agreements with the World Economic Forum. For example, Alberta Premier Danielle Smith has said that during the pandemic, Alberta Health Services signed “some kind of partnership with the World Economic Forum;” (a) has the Province of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Health Authority, or any other provincial agency entered into any kind of partnership or agreement with the World Economic Forum either directly or with a World Economic Forum sponsored agency, (b) if yes, what is/are the nature of the partnership/agreement(s), (c) what are the reasons for entering into the partnership/agreement(s), and (d) when and how were the people of Saskatchewan consulted to gain their consent before taking that action?

**Question no. 3 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing, and Public Safety, which municipal police forces are actively being utilized in the rural and regional crime prevention programs first announced in 2019 for the years (a) 2019-2020, (b) 2020-2021, and (c) 2021-2022?

**Question no. 4 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing, and Public Safety, how many regions is the province of Saskatchewan divided into for rural crime prevention initiatives and what municipal police force was assigned to each region in each of the following fiscal years: (a) 2019-2020, (b) 2020-2021, and (c) 2021-2022?

**Question no. 5 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing, and Public Safety, what financial support and/or reimbursement has been made to compensate each municipal police force for use of municipal equipment and staff for their support of the rural crime prevention programs operations in (a) 2019-2020, (b) 2020-2021, and (c) 2021-2022?

**Question no. 6 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Housing Authority, how many Saskatchewan Housing units existed in each of the following years and in which communities are they located: (a) 2012-2013, (b) 2013-2014, (c) 2014-2015, (d) 2015-2016, (e) 2016-2017, (f) 2017-2018, (g) 2018-2019, (h) 2019-2020, (i) 2020-2021, and (j) 2021-2022?

**Question no. 7 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Housing Authority, how many units are classed as senior's housing and in which communities are they located for the years (a) 2012-2013, (b) 2013-2014, (c) 2014-2015, (d) 2015-2016, (e) 2016-2017, (f) 2017-2018, (g) 2018-2019, (h) 2019-2020, (i) 2020-2021, and (j) 2021-2022?

**Question no. 8 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Housing Authority, how many units are classed as affordable housing and in which communities are they located for the years (a) 2012-2013, (b) 2013-2014, (c) 2014-2015, (d) 2015-2016, (e) 2016-2017, (f) 2017-2018, (g) 2018-2019, (h) 2019-2020, (i) 2020-2021, and (j) 2021-2022?

**Question no. 9 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Housing Authority, how many units are classed as social housing and in which communities are they located for the years (a) 2012-2013, (b) 2013-2014, (c) 2014-2015, (d) 2015-2016, (e) 2016-2017, (f) 2017-2018, (g) 2018-2019, (h) 2019-2020, (i) 2020-2021, and (j) 2021-2022?

**Question no. 10 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Housing Authority, what was the occupancy and vacancy rate of Saskatchewan Housing Authority units in the following years in each community with Saskatchewan Housing Authority units: (a) 2012-2013, (b) 2013-2014, (c) 2014-2015, (d) 2015-2016, (e) 2016-2017, (f) 2017-2018, (g) 2018-2019, (h) 2019-2020, (i) 2020-2021, and (j) 2021-2022?

**Question no. 11 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Housing Authority, what is the number of Saskatchewan Housing units that have been sold off in each of the following years: (a) 2012-2013, (b)

2013-2014, (c) 2014-2015, (d) 2015-2016, (e) 2016-2017, (f) 2017-2018, (g) 2018-2019, (h) 2019-2020, (i) 2020-2021, and (j) 2021-2022, and in which communities were they located?

**Question no. 12 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Housing Authority, (a) how many units were sold as condominium units within Saskatchewan Housing apartment complexes, and (b) what year did they sell and what communities were they located in?

**Question no. 13 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Health, for each of the fiscal years 2018-19, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022, what are the specific incidents and the repairs undertaken to the Saskatchewan Hospital located in North Battleford, including the names of the contractors, the cost of the contract, and the work undertaken for the correction of deficiencies at the Saskatchewan Hospital?

**Question no. 14 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Health, (a) what was the cost to move and rehouse patients out of areas under repair for deficiencies (roof replacement, sewer back-up, flooded areas, plumbing repairs) at the Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford, and (b) was the cost a responsibility of the Ministry of Health?

**Question no. 15 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Health, (a) have all deficiencies noted in the Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford Audit Report been rectified, and (b) if not, which are still outstanding and why?

**Question no. 16 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Health, (a) have all deficiencies noted in the Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford Audit report *Appendix A Sub-Consultant Findings* been rectified, and (b) if not, which deficiencies are outstanding and why?

**Question no. 17 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Health, (a) how many times in the fiscal years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022 has there been a fire reported at the Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford which required the attendance of the North Battleford Fire Department, and (b) in each case, what was the cause of the fire?

**Question no. 18 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Health, (a) is the Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford fully operational with all wings and floors open to serve Saskatchewan residents, and (b) if not, what specific areas are not operational and how many beds remain closed?

**Question no. 19 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Health, (a) is the Saskatchewan Hospital in North Battleford fully staffed to provide all services and supports it was designed to, and (b) if not, what areas are understaffed and what has been done to recruit appropriate staff?

**Question no. 20 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Health, for each of the fiscal years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022, what were the number of patients served at the Saskatchewan Hospital, separated by Psychiatric and Mental Health Services and secure bed facilities?

**Question no. 21 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Finance, what is the total amount of financial support supplied by the Government of Canada to the Government of Saskatchewan for COVID-19 programs and support in the fiscal years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023?

**Question no. 22 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Finance, was the federal COVID-19 funding administered through the Ministry of Finance or dispersed to the appropriate ministry where applicable programs are housed?

**Question no. 23 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Health, what is the amount of funding received from the Government of Canada to support the province of Saskatchewan through the COVID-19 pandemic through (a) Federal Health Transfer Top Up, (b) Critical Health needs, and (c) Safe Long Term Care Fund, in each of the fiscal years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023?

**Question no. 24 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Health, of the federal COVID-19 funding received by the province of Saskatchewan, how was the funding dedicated and utilized in each of the fiscal years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023?

**Question no. 25 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Health, of the \$2 billion announced in March 2022 by the Government of Canada to reduce surgery backlogs and support additional surgeries, (a) what additional funding was received by Saskatchewan, (b) how has the funding been utilized to reduce surgery backlogs and increase additional surgeries, and (c) to which facilities has this funding been committed and how much funding was allocated to each facility?

**Question no. 26 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Health, regarding wage top ups that were provided to health care workers, (a) to which classifications of workers were top ups provided, (b) how much of a wage top up was provided in each classification, and (c) how long was the top up provided, for the fiscal years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023?

**Question no. 27 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Health, (a) has all Government of Canada funding provided for COVID-19 relief programs, support and initiatives been utilized, and (b) if not, what funding remains?

**Question no. 28 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Government Relations, what is the amount of financial support received from the Government of Canada to support the programs and partners of the Ministry of Government Relations through the Transit Fund and the Canada Community Building Fund in the fiscal years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023?

**Question no. 29 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Government Relations, to what programs and projects was the Canada Community Building Fund committed in the fiscal years (a) 2019-2020, (b) 2020-2021, (c) 2021-2022, and (d) 2022-2023?

**Question no. 30 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Government Relations, what municipalities received additional funding and from which package of Government of Canada COVID-19 relief programs in the fiscal years (a) 2019-2020,

(b) 2020-2021, (c) 2021-2022, and (d) 2022-2023, and which funding was matched by the province of Saskatchewan?

**Question no. 31 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Government Relations, (a) has all federal government funding provided for COVID-19 relief programs and initiatives been utilized, and (b) if not, what funding remains?

**Question no. 32 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Education, what is the amount of financial contribution received from the Government of Canada to support the programs and partners of the Ministry of Education through the COVID-19 pandemic in the fiscal years of 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023?

**Question no. 33 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Education, for the fiscal years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023, what amount of additional funding was provided to each school division from the Government of Canada's Safe Return to Class Fund?

**Question no. 34 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Education, for the fiscal years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023, what additional amount of funding was provided to each private, independent, and affiliate school through the Government of Canada Safe Return to Class funding?

**Question no. 35 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Education, for the fiscal years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023, what additional funding was received by each First Nations on-reserve school from the Government of Canada Safe Return to Class funding?

**Question no. 36 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Education, (a) was the Government of Canada Safe Return to Class Fund distributed to school divisions on a per student basis, and (b) if not, how were those dollars allocated?

**Question no. 37 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Education, regarding wage top ups that were provided to workers deemed essential in the education sector, (a) how was the wage top up administered, (b) which classifications of workers received top up, (c) how much wage top was provided in each classification, and (d) how long was the top up provided, for the fiscal years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023?

**Question no. 38 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Education, (a) has all federal government funding provided for COVID-19 relief programs and initiatives been utilized, and (b) if not, what funding remains?

**Question no. 39 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing, and Public Safety, (a) how many investigations related to sexual offences have been transferred from Canadian Armed Forces Military Police to Saskatchewan police forces since November 1, 2021, (b) how many of these investigations led to charges being laid, (c) what sections of the Criminal Code were accused persons charged with violating, and (d) what were the results of each charge?



**The following question was given notice on day no. 5 and is to be answered by day no. 10:**

**Question no. 40 (Ms. Wilson):**

To the Minister of Social Services and the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors, and Rural and Remote Health, re: the personal care home benefit, many Saskatchewan seniors who require personal care home services rely on the Personal Care Home Benefit in order to afford the services. That benefit currently subsidizes their income to a maximum, \$2,000, a rate set over 10 years ago. Seniors also face a claw back of their subsidy any time a federal government income program is increased, making Saskatchewan seniors more reliant on the federal government. This is the opposite of the provincial government's stated position of being a 'Nation within a Nation' and 'Drawing the Line' to become more autonomous and independent of the Government of Canada. Seventy-five per cent of private care homes charge fees of \$2,200.00 to residents before incidentals, with an average rate of \$2,900.00. These homes must meet provincially-set standards to operate, and must charge accordingly. In the coming years, the number of seniors that will require these services will grow substantially. What plans does the Saskatchewan government have to re-evaluate how it assists seniors to make sure they can afford private, Personal Care Home services and normal incidentals with dignity?