



THIRD SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

## **Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan**

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# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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No. 10

**Thursday, November 10, 2022**

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: Nippi-Albright, Goudy, Mowat, Teed, Young (Regina University), and Bowes.

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

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 19)

To fix the rural health care staffing crisis.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 20)

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

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 23)

To implement Saskatchewan First policies and legislation.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 24)

To make no-cost prescription contraceptive available to all Saskatchewan people.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 27)

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bill was introduced, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 100 — The Miscellaneous Statutes (Accretion) Amendment Act, 2022

(Hon. Mr. Marit)

### REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

The following bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bills having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was moved by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

That Bill No. 89 — The Income Tax (Affordability) Amendment Act, 2022 be now read the third time and passed under its title.

The question being put, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

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Moe	Stewart	McMorris	Reiter	Merriman
Harpauer	Morgan	Duncan	Tell	Wyant
Makowsky	Docherty	Cheveldayoff	Bradshaw	Cockrill
Skoropad	Eyre	Harrison (Meadow Lake)	Carr	Hindley
Marit	Hargrave	Fiaz	Lambert	Dennis
Ross (Prince Albert Northcote)	Ottenbreit	Francis	Young (Lloydminster)	Steele
Lawrence	Kaeding	McLeod	Meyers	Friesen
Grewal	Bonk	Goudy	Keisig	Lemaigre
Jenson	Harrison (Cannington)	Domotor	Nippi-Albright	Mowat
Wotherspoon	Teed	Young (Regina University)	Sarauer	Conway
Bowes	Wilson			

NAYS — NIL

The said bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

#### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question no. 40, 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. Wotherspoon:

That the Assembly calls on the government to cancel its plans to increase SaskPower and SaskEnergy rates during an affordability crisis.

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

#### PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

The order of the day being called for **motion no. 1**, it was moved by Ms. Young (Lloydminster):

That this Assembly supports the Government of Saskatchewan's implementation of Saskatchewan First policies and legislation, and that we demand the Trudeau-Singh Coalition Government of Canada end policies that would constitute an attack on Saskatchewan and Canada's economic growth and energy production, including, but not limited to, the Federal Carbon Tax, the Clean-Fuel Standard, Bill C-69, the Clean Electricity Standard, and the Fertilizer Emissions Cap.

A debate arising, it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake):

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 12:50 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

*Hon. Randy Weekes*  
*Speaker*

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**RETURNS, REPORTS, AND PAPERS TABLED**

The following returns which were ordered by the Assembly on May 17, 2022 were laid upon the Table:

Return no. 19 asked by Ms. Ritchie

(Sessional paper no. 29)

Return no. 20 asked by Ms. Wilson

(Sessional paper no. 30)

## QUESTIONS ORDERED FOR RETURN

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

**Return no. 39 (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; the plans the Saskatchewan government has to re-evaluate how it assists seniors to make sure they can afford private, Personal Care Home services and normal incidentals with dignity.

## NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Tuesday:

Hon. Mr. Makowsky to move first reading of Bill No. 103 — The Accessible Saskatchewan Act

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following question was given notice on day no. 6 and is to be answered by day no. 11:**

**Question no. 41 (Ms. Wilson):**

To the Premier of Saskatchewan, Executive Council, and the Minister of SaskBuilds and Procurement, re: Digital ID Authentication Council of Canada (DIACC), on its website, the Digital ID Authentication Council of Canada has a stated goal that (quote): "The (federal) government work with provincial and territorial partners and Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada to ensure that all Canadians have access to an ISO-compliant government-issued digital ID credential with economy-wide utility by December 2022." DIACC also states that, "By solving challenges and leveraging opportunities, Canada has the chance to secure at least three per cent of unrealized GDP or \$100 billion of potential growth by 2030. Seizing this opportunity is a must in a digital society as we work through the COVID pandemic challenges." In the last year, Saskatchewan people have made it abundantly clear that they do not want a centralized Digital ID system. A Centralized Digital ID is not to actually help people, but to profit off their backs through complete digital control of their lives. China is a perfect example of how this is already in effect; (a) is Saskatchewan still a member of the Digital ID Authentication Council of Canada; (b) is the government planning to implement an ISO-compliant government-issued digital ID credential with economy-wide utility as described by DIACC by December 2022 or by any other date; if yes, (c) through what avenues did the Government of Saskatchewan obtain the consent of the people to impose this invasive scheme upon them, and (d) will the government allow the people of Saskatchewan to have their say on this issue prior to implementation via a binding plebiscite or referendum?

**The following question was given notice on day no. 7 and is to be answered by day no. 12:**

**Question no. 42 (Ms. Wilson):**

To the Minister of Health and the 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 also report 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 might never be known. Patients and doctors feel abandoned by the health care system and the government. Statistics from the Ministry of Health show over 1,200 adverse reactions in the first ten months alone. This breaks down to an adverse effect ratio of 7.5 reactions per 1,000 injections. Extrapolating that most had two injections during this period, this translates to a risk factor of 15 adverse reactions per 500 people or 3 per cent. The issue of 'informed consent' is also at issue. People attending clinics were told to expect a sore arm, or that they might feel sick for a few days. Few, if any at all, were advised about the potential to develop myocarditis, pericarditis, blood clots, Bells Palsy, Guillain-Barré Syndrome, stillbirths, menstrual issues and a host of other side effects. The vast majority of Saskatchewan people did not find out about these risks until well after they took, or were coerced into taking, the COVID-19 inoculations; (a) given these circumstances, what will the Government of Saskatchewan do, independent of the federal government, to investigate and compensate vaccine injured victims and their families, (b) will the government create an impartial medical panel to conduct hearings with independent investigation to determine whether there was interference in how and what doctors are/were allowed to report, and (c) what has or will the government do to ensure the public is fully informed about the efficacy/lack of efficacy, and the potential side effects of taking the experimental mRNA therapies?

**The following question was given notice on day no. 8 and is to be answered by day no. 13:**

**Question no. 43 (Ms. Wilson):**

To the Minister of Health and the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health, information obtained via a freedom of information request showed that the Ministry of Health reported there were 1,229 adverse reactions from December 30, 2020 to October 26, 2021, due to the experimental COVID-19 inoculations. During that time 1,649,640 injections had been given, therefore a reported reaction rate of .075 per cent or 7.5 for every 1,000 injections. On the Saskatchewan government website as of September 18, 2022, the total number of adverse reactions reported by the government was 1,320. That means only 91 more adverse effects were reported in the next 11 months during which an additional 920,000 injections were given. This is .0098 per cent reaction rate or 9.8 for every 10,000 injections. Statistically, that is a drastic change in ratio which raises the questions: (a) was the criteria for reporting adverse reactions changed after October 2021, and if so, how, why and by whom, (b) who or what government agency is responsible for monitoring adverse reactions, and what thresholds has the government set to determine whether the COVID-19 injection schedule(s) should be continued, halted, and/or modified, and (c) where can the public view this information?

**The following questions were given notice on day no. 9 and are to be answered by day no. 14:**

**Question no. 44 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Highways, (a) what is the most recent average International Roughness Index (IRI) for each of the following sections (both eastbound and westbound) of #1 Highway: (i) between McLean and Jct. #10 near Balgonie, (ii) between Jct. #10 near Balgonie to Jct. Victoria Avenue near Brandt

Industries, (iii) Jct. Victoria Avenue to Jct. #33, (iv) Jct. #33 to Jct. #6, (v) Jct. #6 with Ring Road near the weigh scales, and (vi) Jct. with Ring Road to Pense; (b) on what date were the IRI measurements above taken; (c) which clause(s) in the Regina Bypass Partners Agreement specify the minimum acceptable ride standards; and (d) what provisions does the contract make for enforcement if the minimum standards are not met?

**Question no. 45 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority, which private liquor stores operated in Saskatchewan in (a) 2017, (b) 2018, (c) 2019, (d) 2021, and (e) 2022, and what was the net revenue SLGA received from each of these stores?

**Question no. 46 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority, which public liquor stores operated in Saskatchewan in (a) 2017, (b) 2018, (c) 2019, (d) 2021, and (e) 2022, and what was the net revenue SLGA received from each of these stores?

**Question no. 47 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Education, (a) how much education tax did the province collect from each individual School Division in the fiscal years: (i) 2009-2010, (ii) 2010-2011, (iii) 2011-2012, (iv) 2012-2013, (v) 2013-2014, (vi) 2014-2015, (vii) 2015-2016, (viii) 2016-2017, (ix) 2017-2018, (x) 2018-2019, (xi) 2019-2020, (xii) 2020-2021, (xiii) 2021-2022, and (xiv) 2022-2023; (b) what was the total grant paid to each individual School Division in the above years; (c) what Historic High Schools operated during the above fiscal years; (d) how much did they receive in grants from the province during the above fiscal years; (e) what private schools operated during the above fiscal years; (f) how much did they receive in grants from the province during the above fiscal years; (g) what associate schools operated during the above fiscal years; and (h) how much did they receive in grants from the province during the above fiscal years?

**Question no. 48 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Immigration and Career Training, (a) how many Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee applications did the Ministry receive in the fiscal years: (i) 2008-2009, (ii) 2009-2010, (iii) 2010-2011, (iv) 2011-2012, (v) 2012-2013, (vi) 2013-2014, (vii) 2014-2015, (viii) 2015-2016, (ix) 2016-2017, (x) 2017-2018, (xi) 2018-2019, (xii) 2019-2020, (xiii) 2020-2021, (xiv) 2021-2022, and (xv) 2022-2023; (b) how many nominations did the province of Saskatchewan make in the above years; and (c) how many nominees, plus their family members, arrived in the province in the above years?

**Question no. 49 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Health, for each of the fiscal years 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023, what health services were available at the health centres, integrated facilities, and medical facilities in each of the following communities: (a) Arborfield, (b) Beechy, (c) Bengough, (d) Birch Hills, (e) Borden, (f) Capri, (g) Climax, (h) Coronach, (i) Craik, (j) Cupar, (k) Cutknife, (l) Dinsmore, (m) Dodsland, (n) Eatonia, (o) Edam, (p) Elrose, (q) Eston, (r) Filmore, (s) Gainsborough, (t) Goodsoil, (u) Grenfell, (v) Gull Lake, (w) Imperial, (x) Invermay, (y) Ituna, (z) Kincaid, (aa) Lafleche, (ab) Lampman, (ac) Langenburg, (ad) Leoville, (ae) Loon Lake, (af) Lucky Lake, (ag) Macklin, (ah) Mankota, (ai) Milden, (aj) Montmartre, (ak) Neilburg, (al) Nokomis, (am) Norquay, (an) Oxbow, (ao) Pangman, (ap) Ponteix, (aq) Radville, (ar) Rockglen, (as) Smeaton, (at) Spalding, (au) St. Walburg, (av) Theodore, (aw) Vanguard, (ax) Watson, (ay) Whitebear, and (az) Whitewood?

**Question no. 50 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Highways, (a) what highway projects were underway in Saskatchewan in the following fiscal years: (i) 2008-2009, (ii) 2009-2010, (iii) 2010-2011, (iv) 2011-2012, (v) 2012-2013, (vi) 2013-2014, (vii) 2014-2015, (viii) 2015-2016, (ix) 2016-2017, (x) 2017-2018, (xi) 2018-2019, (xii) 2019-2020, (xiii) 2020-2021, (xiv) 2021-2022, and (xv) 2022-2023; (b) which construction company was awarded each of these contracts; (c) were these construction companies based in Saskatchewan, and (d) what was the cost of each these contracts?

**Question no. 51 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Highways, (a) what are the locations of each project to improve Saskatchewan highways in the fiscal year 2022-2023, and (b) how many kilometres do each of these improvement projects span?

**Question no. 52 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Health, (a) what Long-Term Care Facilities were operating in Saskatchewan in each of the following fiscal years: (i) 2012-2013, (ii) 2013-2014, (iii) 2014-2015, (iv) 2015-2016, (v) 2016-2017, (vi) 2017-2018, (vii) 2018-2019, (viii) 2019-2020, (ix) 2020-2021, (x) 2021-2022, and (xi) 2022-2023; and (b) how many beds in each Long-Term Care Facility were funded and occupied by a resident?

**Question no. 53 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Health, (a) what were the locations of each hospital operating in Saskatchewan in the following fiscal years: (i) 2008-2009, (ii) 2009-2010, (iii) 2010-2011, (iv) 2011-2012, (v) 2012-2013, (vi) 2013-2014, (vii) 2014-2015, (viii) 2015-2016, (ix) 2016-2017, (x) 2017-2018, (xi) 2018-2019, (xii) 2019-2020, (xiii) 2020-2021, (xiv) 2021-2022, and (xv) 2022-2023; and (b) how many funded beds did each hospital contain in the above years?

**Question no. 54 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister Responsible for SaskPower, (a) what were the names of the contractors assigned to each floor of the refurbishment of the SaskPower headquarters in the following fiscal years: (i) 2018-2019, (ii) 2019-2020, (iii) 2020-2021, (iv) 2021-2022, and (v) 2022-2023; (b) what was the cost of the contract for the refurbishment of each floor of the SaskPower headquarters in the above fiscal years; and (c) what work was undertaken in the refurbishment of each floor of the SaskPower headquarters in the above fiscal years?

**Question no. 55 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister Responsible for SaskPower, (a) what were the names of the contractors assigned to each floor of the refurbishment of the second office tower purchased south of the head office in the following fiscal years: (i) 2018-2019, (ii) 2019-2020, (iii) 2020-2021, (iv) 2021-2022, and (v) 2022-2023; (b) what was the cost of the contract for each floor of the refurbishment of the second office tower in the above fiscal years; (c) what work was undertaken in the refurbishment of the second office tower in the above fiscal years; and (d) what is the total cost of completed work on the refurbishment of the SaskPower head office and second office tower?

**Question no. 56 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister Responsible for SaskPower, (a) what is the name of the construction contractor responsible for Phase One of the logistics warehouse complex that is to be located at the Global Transportation Hub, (b) what is the cost of the contract for Phase One, (c) how many phases remain in the construction of the logistics warehouse complex, (d) how much will each phase cost, and (e) what is the anticipated completion date of each phase?



**Question no. 57 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Education, (a) of the 2021-2022 to 2025-2026 Canada-Saskatchewan Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement's \$2.59 million earmarked to fund one-time grants in support of recruitment and retention of certified Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) and group family childcare assistants in regulated childcare centres and group family childcare homes, how much is the province's contribution, (b) how many regulated childcare centres have received the grant of \$145 per regulated space for children up to the age of 6, (c) how many regulated group family childcare homes have received the grant of \$145 per regulated space for children up to the age of 6, (d) what is the total amount of the grants that have been forwarded to regulated childcare centres, and (e) what is the total amount of the recruitment and retention grant that has been forwarded to regulated group family childcare homes?

**Question no. 58 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Education, (a) of the 2021-2022 to 2026-2026 Canada-Saskatchewan Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, how much of the \$5.4 million earmarked to provide up to \$2 an hour increased pay for Early Childhood Educators (ECEs), how much is the province's contribution, (b) how many Early Childhood Educators have received up to a \$2 an hour pay increase, (c) how many Early Childhood Educators in regulated childcare centres have received up to a \$2 an hour pay increase, (d) how many Early Childhood Educators in regulated group family childcare homes have received up to a \$2 an hour pay increase, and (e) what is the total amount of the Wage Enhancement Grant that has been expended?

**Question no. 59 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Education, (a) what were the monthly fees for infant, toddler, preschool, and kindergarten children in regulated childcare centres in the following fiscal years: (i) 2019-2020, (ii) 2020-2021, (iii) 2021-2022, and (iv) 2022-2023; (b) what were the monthly fees for infant, toddler, preschool, and kindergarten children in regulated group family childcare homes in the above fiscal years; (c) what was the monthly subsidy for infant, toddler, preschool, and kindergarten children in regulated childcare centres in the above fiscal years; and (d) what was the monthly subsidy for infant, toddler, preschool, and kindergarten children in regulated group family childcare homes in the above fiscal years?

**Question no. 60 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Education, (a) what, if any, stakeholder and community consultations have taken place with respect to the implementation of the commitments made in the Canada-Saskatchewan Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, and (b) what further consultations are planned and with which organizations and groups?

**Question no. 61 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Education, (a) how many more licensed childcare spaces have been created since the signing of the Canada-Saskatchewan Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, and (b) what will the Saskatchewan government do in a systemically sustainable way that will meet the expansion targets set out in the agreement?

**Question no. 62 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Education, (a) what is the government's short and long-term systemic strategy for addressing the critical shortage of qualified early childhood educators in Saskatchewan, (b) what specific measures will the government be undertaking and what is the timetable for implementing those measures, and (c) how will these measures sustain this new system into the future?

**Question no. 63 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister responsible for SaskTel, what urban municipalities currently do not have cell phone service in Saskatchewan?

**Question no. 64 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister responsible for SaskTel, what First Nations reserves currently do not have cell phone service in Saskatchewan?