



THIRD SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

## **Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan**

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# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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No. 14

**Thursday, November 17, 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: Ross (Prince Albert Northcote), Mowat, Teed, and Young (Regina University).

### **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 reverse the decision to close the remaining 34 public SLGA liquor stores.  
(Sessional paper no. 49)

To fix the rural health care staffing crisis.  
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 20)

To implement Saskatchewan First policies and legislation.  
(Addendum to sessional paper no. 24)

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

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 48)

### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

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

Bill No. 104 — The Local Improvements Amendment Act, 2022

(Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake))

Bill No. 105 — The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2022

(Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake))

### **WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

The order of the day being called for question nos. 44 to 64, pursuant to rule 21(6), the questions were converted and orders for return were 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. Kaeding:

That this Assembly supports Saskatchewan's role as a global leader in sustainable agriculture and global food security by opposing federal policies that will inhibit the province's ability to produce food, fuel, and fertilizer such as, but not limited to, the Carbon Tax, the Clean Fuel Standard, Bill C-69, the Clean Electricity Standard, and the 30 per cent Fertilizer Emissions Reduction Target.

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

### **SECOND READINGS**

#### **Bill No. 610 — The Meaningful Duty to Consult Act**

Moved by Ms. Nippi-Albright: That Bill No. 610 — The Meaningful Duty to Consult Act be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Ms. Conway adjourned.

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

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:24 p.m. until Monday 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. 42 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Highways, (a) 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) the date on which the IRI measurements above were taken; (c) the clause(s) in the Regina Bypass Partners Agreement that specifies the minimum acceptable ride standards; and (d) the provisions the contract makes for enforcement if the minimum standards are not met.

**Return no. 43 (Ms. Sarauer):**

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

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

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

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

To the Minister of Education, (a) the amount of education tax the province collected 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) the total grant paid to each individual School Division in the above years; (c) the Historic High Schools that operated during the above fiscal years; (d) the amount they received in grants from the province during the above fiscal years; (e) the private schools that operated during the above fiscal years; (f) the amount they received in grants from the province during the above fiscal years; (g) the associate schools that operated during the above fiscal years; and (h) the amount they received in grants from the province during the above fiscal years.

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

To the Minister of Immigration and Career Training, (a) the number of Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee applications that the Ministry received 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) the number of nominations the province of Saskatchewan made in the above years; and (c) the number of nominees, plus their family members, that arrived in the province in the above years.

**Return no. 47 (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, the health services that 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.

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

To the Minister of Highways, (a) the highway projects that 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) the construction company that was awarded each of these contracts; (c) whether these construction companies were based in Saskatchewan, and (d) the cost of each these contracts.

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

To the Minister of Highways, (a) the locations of each project to improve Saskatchewan highways in the fiscal year 2022-2023, and (b) the number of kilometres each of these improvement projects span.

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

To the Minister of Health, (a) the Long-Term Care Facilities that 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) the number of beds in each Long-Term Care Facility that were funded and occupied by a resident.

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

To the Minister of Health, (a) 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) the number of funded beds that each hospital contained in the above years.

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

To the Minister Responsible for SaskPower, (a) 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) the cost of the contract for the refurbishment of each floor of the SaskPower headquarters in the above fiscal years; and (c) the work that was undertaken in the refurbishment of each floor of the SaskPower headquarters in the above fiscal years.

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

To the Minister Responsible for SaskPower, (a) 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) the cost of the contract for each floor of the refurbishment of the second office tower in the above fiscal years; (c) the work that was undertaken in the refurbishment of the second office tower in the above fiscal years; and (d) the total cost of completed work on the refurbishment of the SaskPower head office and second office tower.

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

To the Minister Responsible for SaskPower, (a) 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) the cost of the contract for Phase One, (c) the number of phases that remain in the construction of the logistics warehouse complex, (d) the amount that each phase will cost, and (e) the anticipated completion date of each phase.

**Return no. 55 (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, the amount that is the province's contribution, (b) the number of regulated childcare centres that have received the grant of \$145 per regulated space for children up to the age of 6, (c) the number of regulated group family childcare homes that have received the grant of \$145 per regulated space for children up to the age of 6, (d) the total amount of the grants that have been forwarded to regulated childcare centres, and (e) the total amount of the recruitment and retention grant that has been forwarded to regulated group family childcare homes.

**Return no. 56 (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, the amount of the \$5.4 million earmarked to provide up to \$2 an hour increased pay for Early Childhood Educators (ECEs), the amount that is the province's contribution, (b) the number of Early Childhood Educators that have received up to a \$2 an hour pay increase, (c) the number of Early Childhood Educators in regulated childcare centres that have received up to a \$2 an hour pay increase, (d) the number of Early Childhood Educators in regulated group family childcare homes that have received up to a \$2 an hour pay increase, and (e) the total amount of the Wage Enhancement Grant that has been expended.

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

To the Minister of Education, (a) 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) the monthly fees for infant, toddler, preschool, and kindergarten children in regulated group family childcare homes in the above fiscal years; (c) the monthly subsidy for infant, toddler, preschool, and kindergarten children in regulated childcare centres in the above fiscal years; and (d) the monthly subsidy for infant, toddler, preschool, and kindergarten children in regulated group family childcare homes in the above fiscal years.

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

To the Minister of Education, (a) the stakeholder and community consultations, if any, that 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) the further consultations that are planned and which organizations and groups they are with.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS**

On Tuesday:

Hon. Ms. Eyre to move first reading of Bill No. 108 — The Pension Benefits Amendment Act, 2022

## **NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

**The following question was given notice on day no. 11 and is to be answered by day no. 16:**

**Question no. 65 (Ms. Wilson):**

To the Minister of Social Services and the Minister of Seniors, re: Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability program, the Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability, or SAID, is a program that was welcomed by the disabled community because it took them off the welfare role and assured them that they would have a consistent income through their lifetime. However, according to some recipients, they have been forced to apply for Canada Pension Plan benefits at age 60. This means their CPP benefits will pay approximately 30 per cent less when they reach the age of 65 and no longer qualify for SAID; (a) will the government verify that SAID recipients are forced to apply for their federal Canada Pension Plan benefits at age 60; if yes, (b) why; (c) has the government tested the legality of forcing disabled people to apply for Canada Pension Plan early, thereby affecting their future income for life after they become seniors at age 65; (d) has the government tested whether the practice of forcing disabled people to apply for benefits early is discriminatory; and (e) will the government stop this practice so that disabled citizens can enjoy the full benefits that should be available to them through CPP once they turn 65?

**The following question was given notice on day no. 12 and is to be answered by day no. 17:**

**Question no. 66 (Ms. Wilson):**

To the Minister of Health and the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health, in its annual report, the Saskatchewan Health Authority reports that it spent \$386,009.00 on Pacific Fresh Fish, a company that imports exotic fresh fish from around the world and retails at premium prices: (a) in detail, what was purchased from Pacific Fresh Fish in the fiscal year 2021-22, (b) what was the purpose of the purchases from Pacific Fresh Fish, (c) who was (were) the

recipient(s) of the Pacific Fresh Fish purchases, (d) in a time when the SHA claimed it was struggling to provide adequate health care to Saskatchewan citizens, what is the justification to spend almost \$400,000 dollars on Pacific Fresh Fish, and (e) will the ministry investigate these expenditures and hold the administration of Saskatchewan Health Authority to account for how it spends taxpayer money?

**The following question was given notice on day no. 13 and is to be answered by day no. 18:**

**Question no. 67 (Ms. Wilson):**

To the Minister of Health and the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health, in its annual report, the Saskatchewan Health Authority spent \$627,898.00 on Starbucks Coffee Canada, (a) in detail, what was purchased from Starbucks in the fiscal year 2021-22, (b) what was the purpose of the purchases from Starbucks, (c) who was (were) the recipient(s) of the Starbucks purchases, (d) in a time when the SHA claimed it was struggling to provide adequate health care to Saskatchewan people, what is the justification to spend well over half a million dollars on Starbucks, and (e) will the Ministry investigate these expenditures and hold the administration of Saskatchewan Health Authority to account for how it spends taxpayer money?