



THIRD SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

## **Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan**

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# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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No. 21

**Wednesday, November 30, 2022**

1:30 p.m.

### *PRAYERS*

### **SPEAKER TABLES REPORTS**

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the following:

Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan: Business and financial plan for the year ended March 31, 2024  
(Sessional paper no. 57)

### **PRESENTING PETITIONS**

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Nippi-Albright, Bonk, Love, Teed, Young (Regina University), Sarauer, 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 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 make no-cost prescription contraceptive available to all Saskatchewan people.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 27)

To ban the practice of conversion therapy.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 31)

### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question nos. 68 to 69, 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.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:32 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.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. 64 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):**

To the Minister for Health, regarding the AIMS initiative, (a) the cost for the contract with Deloitte, (b) the subcontractors that are/were engaged to execute this project, and the cost, (c) whether the contracts with Deloitte or subcontractors include penalties if the project does not meet requirements, and (d) the proprietary characteristics of the AIMS program that Deloitte or others retain, and the duration.

**Return no. 65 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):**

To the Minister for Health, regarding the AIMS project, (a) the initial budget for the project, (b) the amount that has been spent on executing the project in each fiscal year since it was initiated, (c) the amount budgeted to be spent on executing the project in each coming fiscal year that expenses are projected to be incurred, and (d) the additional costs that will be incurred from the recent “pause” of the AIMS rollout.

## NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS AVIS DE MOTIONS PORTANT PREMIÈRE LECTURE DE PROJETS DE LOI

On Monday / lundi:

Hon. Ms. Harpauer to move first reading of Bill No. 122 — The Saskatchewan Revenue Agency Act

Hon. Ms. Eyre to move first reading of Bill No. 123 — The Election Amendment Act, 2022

Hon. Ms. Carr to move first reading of Bill No. 124 — The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2022

L'hon. Mme Carr proposera la première lecture du projet de loi n° 124 — Loi modificative de 2022 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 19 and are to be answered by day no. 24:

**Question no. 70 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):**

To the Minister for SaskPower, regarding the electrical transmission line for the Foran mining project in the Hanson Lake area, (a) what is the expected completion date of the line, (b) what is the total cost, and (c) what financial contribution to the project will be made by (i) SaskPower, (ii) the provincial government, and (iii) others?

**Question no. 71 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):**

To the Minister for SaskPower, per annum since 2017, what has been spent on SaskPower office renovations, upgrades, and building acquisitions?

**Question no. 72 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):**

To the Minister for SaskPower, since 2011, how many power purchases agreements have been undertaken, with whom, and at what value for each?

**Question no. 73 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):**

To the government, between 2005 and 2011, the Centre for Sustainable Research (CSIR) produced several studies on asbestos cement water pipes, many of which are focused on Regina's deteriorating and breaking asbestos cement water pipes; what response has the provincial government taken to these studies?

**Question no. 74 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):**

To the government, what steps has the provincial government undertaken in response to the 2010 National Research Council's reporting that problems with asbestos cement water pipes had become so serious in Regina 'immediate identification of potential problems' was needed to 'ensure a safe and clean drinking water supply,' and that there was an urgent need to assess the physical condition of asbestos cement water pipes?

**Question no. 75 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):**

To the government, what action(s) were undertaken following warnings in the 2010 Centre for Sustainable Infrastructure Research's study, "Bacterial Challenges to Asbestos Cement Water Distribution Pipelines"?

**Question no. 76 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):**

To the government, regarding the water quality testing facility at Centre for Sustainable Infrastructure Research (CSIR), (a) how many tests have been completed to study water quality in old pipes to determine causes for deterioration of water quality since opening in 2012, (b) which municipalities have submitted water quality samples for testing at CSIR, and (c) what solutions/remedies has the water quality testing facility provided to municipalities that provided water samples for testing?

**The following questions were given notice on day no. 20 and are to be answered by day no. 25:**

**Question no. 77 (Ms. Wilson):**

For the Minister of the Environment, (a) has the Government of Saskatchewan committed to the concept of "additionality" with regards to any and all carbon credit schemes or programs it intends to implement; (b) if the concept of "additionality" has been accepted as a premise of carbon credits and carbon taxation by the Government of Saskatchewan, can the process for accepting this premise be tabled, and can the minister point to any Hansard quotation where this concept has been raised in the chambers in the past five Legislative Assemblies; (c) in the event that the concept of "additionality" has been agreed upon as premise for the Government of Saskatchewan with regards to carbon credits and carbon taxes, can the minister table the baselines utilized for calculating the agriculture carbon from which these calculations would be derived, (i) what year was designated as the basis for the calculation, (ii) why was this particular year chosen and utilized, (iii) where did this standard derive from, was it a "Made in Saskatchewan" decision or was it suggested by a national or international body and subsequently adopted, and if so, which ones, and (iv) what academic sources were used to derive the baseline, and in particular which University of Saskatchewan or University of Regina academics and scientists were consulted regarding this advice, or alternatively which officials and committees of the ministry provided this information and advice; and (d) can the ministry outline the mechanisms that will be used to prevent carbon credits being used and claimed multiple times on the same project, (i) provincially, (ii) nationally, and (iii) internationally?

**Question no. 78 (Ms. Wilson):**

For the Minister of Agriculture, (a) has the Government of Saskatchewan committed to the concept of "additionality" with regards to any and all carbon credit schemes or programs it intends to implement; (b) what methodology is being utilized for the calculations of the aggregate carbon tax/credit with

regards to Saskatchewan Agriculture; (c) can the ministry table projections of carbon tax cost to the industry over the next decade; and (d) can the ministry table projections of the carbon credit capture relative to Saskatchewan Agriculture, and can this be provided per hectare and with a cost per tonne per year: (i) pastureland, (ii) no till and minimum till farmland, and (iii) tillage based or organic farmland?

**Question no. 79 (Ms. Wilson):**

For the Minister of Finance, (a) has the Government of Saskatchewan committed to the concept of “additionality” with regards to any and all carbon credit schemes or programs it intends to implement; (b) what methodology is being utilized for the calculations of the aggregate carbon tax/credit with regards to Saskatchewan Agriculture, (i) is this based upon per tonne per hectare, (ii) what is the mechanism to determine carbon pricing, (ii-a) is it market driven and voluntary, (ii-b) if voluntary, which markets are the ministry using as a basis for price points, and (ii-c) when did these markets become integrated into the formulations and what criteria were used to determine the legitimacy; and (c) what financial/economic models are being employed to determine the calculation of costs and abatements, (i) were any variables for future cash discounts used in these models, and (ii) what were the criteria for using the discounts?

**Question no. 80 (Ms. Conway):**

To the Minister for Social Services, concerning province-owned public housing, for each year since 2006, broken down by jurisdiction: (a) what was spent on renovations, (b) what was spent on maintenance, (c) how many employees were responsible for renovations and maintenance, (d) how much was spent on external contracts for renovations and maintenance, (e) how many units were vacant on April 1, (f) how many eviction notices were issued, (g) how many units were built, (h) by type, how many units were sold, and (i) how many tenants were served Form 6 notices?

**Question no. 81 (Ms. Conway):**

To the Minister for Health, regarding virtual care, (a) what billing codes are available to primary care providers for virtual care options, (b) have the amount/type/nature of billing codes available to primary care providers for virtual care changed since first introduced, and (c) are primary care providers limited in the amount of virtual care they can bill for, and if so, what are the parameters?

**Question no. 82 (Ms. Conway):**

To the Minister of Social Services, (a) how many hotel room nights have been used by individuals for the purposes of emergency housing in each of the last 3 years, by jurisdiction, (b) what is the total cost for hotel rooms used for the aforementioned purposes, for each of the last 3 years, by jurisdiction, and (c) what is the average annual cost to provide care to a child in the care of the ministry?