



THIRD SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 25

Wednesday, December 7, 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: Young (Lloydminster).

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 stop privatizing public liquor sales and keep the profits at home in Saskatchewan.

(Sessional paper no. 69)

To pass legislation to establish safe access zones for Saskatchewan abortion facilities.

(Sessional paper no. 70)

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

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 48)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question nos. 77 to 79, and 81, they were answered. (see appendix)

The order of the day being called for question nos. 80 and 82, pursuant to rule 21(6), the questions were converted and orders for return were issued. (see appendix)

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 123 — The Election Amendment Act, 2022

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Eyre: That Bill No. 123 — The Election Amendment Act, 2022 be now read the third time and passed under its title.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 125 — The Cannabis Control (Saskatchewan) Amendment Act, 2022

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Carr: That Bill No. 125 — The Cannabis Control (Saskatchewan) Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 126 — The Summary Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2022

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Eyre: That Bill No. 126 — The Summary Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

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

ROYAL ASSENT

2:37 p.m.

Her Honour the Administrator, having entered the Chamber, took her seat upon the Throne.

The Speaker addressed Her Honour:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

This Legislative Assembly at its present session has passed a bill which, in the name of the Assembly, I present to Your Honour and to which bill I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the title of the bill that had been passed as follows:

Bill No. 123 — The Election Amendment Act, 2022

Her Honour the Administrator then replied: "In His Majesty's name, I assent to this bill."

Her Honour then retired from the Chamber.

2:39 p.m.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Carr:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

Pursuant to rule 3(1), the Assembly adjourned at 2:51 p.m. until Monday, March 6, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Randy Weekes
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following responses to written questions were tabled by the government:

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?

Answer:

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) The Government of Saskatchewan is currently exploring opportunities to provide recognition for emissions reductions.

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?

Answer:

The Ministry of Agriculture cannot comment on other ministries’ programs.

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?

Answer:

The Ministry of Finance cannot comment on other ministries' programs.

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?

Answer:

(a) The following Virtual Care Pilot services are billable by Saskatchewan licensed fee-for-services (FFS) primary care physicians who are also providing in-person services to Saskatchewan beneficiaries:

- 805B Virtual partial assessment or subsequent virtual visit provided via telephone or secure videoconference;
- 855B Virtual partial assessment or subsequent virtual visit provided via telephone or secure videoconference, involving a specialist referral;
- 809B Virtual consultation provided via telephone or secure videoconference;
- 811B Repeat virtual consultation provided via telephone or secure videoconference;
- 840B Virtual counselling provided via telephone or secure videoconference (for first 15 minutes);
- 841B Virtual counselling provided via telephone or secure videoconference (for next 15 minutes); and,
- 864B Virtual Chronic Disease Management provided via telephone or secure videoconference.

The following Virtual Care Pilot service is billable by Saskatchewan licensed FFS physicians who practice via a virtual care clinic that does not provide in-person services:

- 875A Limited virtual care visit (patient to physician) provided via secure videoconference.

(b) Yes.

(c) The pilot program for virtual care codes was negotiated as part of the last ratified agreement between the Ministry and SMA. Compensation for virtual care services is subject to a maximum limit of 3,000 virtual care services payable per physician, per calendar year.

QUESTIONS ORDERED FOR RETURN

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

Return no. 73 (Ms. Conway):

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

Return no. 74 (Ms. Conway):

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

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following question was given notice on day no. 22 and is to be answered by day no. 27:

Question no. 83 (Ms. Wilson):

For the Premier of Saskatchewan, (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, and (b) which ministry has committed to the premise of additionality with regards to any and all carbon credit schemes or programs?