



THIRD SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 62

Monday, May 15, 2023

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Mowat, Kirsch, Love, and Teed.

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 address the affordability crisis.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 50)

To call upon the Government of Canada to immediately end the federal carbon tax.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 123)

To provide adequate, sustainable, and predictable operating funds for Saskatchewan's 27 public and separate school divisions.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 155)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

Mr. Bradshaw, Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, presented the committee's seventh report, which is as follows:

2023–24 Estimates

The committee considered the following estimates for the executive branch of government and adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2024 the following sums:

Executive Branch of Government

For Finance	\$275,110,000
For Public Service Commission.....	\$34,024,000
For SaskBuilds and Procurement.....	\$135,105,000
For SaskBuilds Corporation.....	\$26,350,000

The committee considered the following estimates for which no amounts were required to be voted:

Executive Branch of Government

For Finance — Debt Servicing (Statutory)

Lending and Investing Activities

For Lotteries and Gaming Saskatchewan Corporation (Statutory)

For Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan (Statutory)

For Saskatchewan Power Corporation (Statutory)

For Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation (Statutory)

For Saskatchewan Water Corporation (Statutory)

For SaskEnergy Incorporated (Statutory)

Debt Redemption, Sinking Fund and Interest Payments

For Debt Redemption (Statutory)

For Sinking Fund Payments — Government Share (Statutory)

For Interest on Gross Debt — Crown Enterprise Share (Statutory)

2022–23 Supplementary Estimates No. 2

The committee considered the following supplementary estimates no. 2 for which no amounts were required to be voted:

Executive Branch of Government

For Finance (Statutory)

For Finance — Debt Servicing (Statutory)

Lending and Investing Activities

For Saskatchewan Power Corporation (Statutory)

For Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation (Statutory)

The committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the appropriation bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.
(Sessional paper no. 202)

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw:

Ordered, That the seventh report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies be now concurred in.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance.

Summary of resolutions adopted:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND

MAIN ESTIMATES 2023-24

EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2024 the following sums:

BUDGETARY EXPENSES

1. For Advanced Education.....	\$764,357,000
2. For Agriculture	\$546,197,000
3. For Corrections, Policing and Public Safety.....	\$615,318,000
4. For Education.....	\$2,672,830,000

5. For Energy and Resources	\$54,879,000
6. For Environment	\$97,398,000
7. For Executive Council	\$12,994,000
8. For Finance	\$275,110,000
9. For Firearms Secretariat	\$8,927,000
10. For Government Relations	\$795,882,000
11. For Health	\$6,865,840,000
12. For Highways	\$775,998,000
13. For Immigration and Career Training	\$164,063,000
14. For Innovation Saskatchewan	\$28,727,000
15. For Integrated Justice Services	\$210,400,000
16. For Justice and Attorney General	\$147,169,000
17. For Labour Relations and Workplace Safety	\$20,526,000
18. For Parks, Culture and Sport	\$88,759,000
19. For Public Service Commission	\$34,024,000
20. For Saskatchewan Research Council	\$40,408,000
21. For SaskBuilds and Procurement	\$135,105,000
22. For SaskBuilds Corporation	\$26,350,000
23. For Social Services	\$1,431,241,000
24. For Tourism Saskatchewan	\$20,223,000
25. For Trade and Export Development	\$40,437,000
26. For Water Security Agency	\$103,030,000

LENDING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES

27. For Advanced Education	\$80,000,000
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND THE OFFICERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

28. For Advocate for Children and Youth	\$2,787,000
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29. For Conflict of Interest Commissioner	\$628,000
30. For Information and Privacy Commissioner.....	\$2,366,000
31. For Legislative Assembly	\$10,618,000
32. For Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner	\$4,295,000
33. For Provincial Auditor	\$9,351,000

GENERAL REVENUE FUND

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (NO. 2) 2022-23

EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2023 the following sums:

BUDGETARY EXPENSES

1. For Advanced Education.....	\$14,375,000
2. For Corrections, Policing and Public Safety.....	\$17,097,000
3. For Education.....	\$9,491,000
4. For Firearms Secretariat.....	\$3,154,000
5. For Government Relations.....	\$38,673,000
6. For Health	\$92,734,000
7. For Parks, Culture and Sport.....	\$2,974,000

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023, the sum of one hundred seventy-eight million, four hundred ninety-eight thousand dollars be granted out of the general revenue fund.

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to His Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024, the sum of sixteen billion, eighty-six million, two hundred thirty-seven thousand dollars be granted out of the general revenue fund.

The said resolutions were reported, read twice and agreed to, and the committee given leave to sit again.

The Appropriation Act, 2023 (No. 1)

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer: That Bill No. 136 — The Appropriation Act, 2023 (No. 1) be introduced and read the first time.

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

By leave of the Assembly and pursuant to rule 32(1)(e), the said bill was then read a second and third time and passed under its title, on the following recorded division:

YEAS — 43

Moe	McMorris	Reiter	Merriman	Harpauer
Morgan	Duncan	Tell	Wyant	Makowsky
Marit	Cheveldayoff	Bradshaw	Kaeding	Cockrill
Ross (Regina Rochdale)	Eyre	Carr	Hindley	Skoropad
Buckingham	Hargrave	Fiaz	Lambert	Dennis
Kirsch	Ottenbreit	Francis	Young (Lloydminster)	Steele
Lawrence	Bonk	McLeod	Friesen	Grewal
Nerlien	Goudy	Keisig	Lemaigre	Jenson
Harrison (Cannington)	Domotor	Wilson		

NAYS — 9

Beck	Nippi-Albright	Vermette	Mowat	Wotherspoon
Love	Teed	Young (Regina University)	Sarauer	

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Carr:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:03 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Randy Weekes
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS, AND PAPERS TABLED

The following return which was ordered by the Assembly on November 16, 2022 was laid upon the Table:

Return no. 41 asked by Ms. Wilson

(Sessional paper no. 203)

NOTICE OF A GOVERNMENT MOTION

On Wednesday:

Hon. Mr. Moe to move the following motion:

That this Assembly recognizes that the federal government's electrical generation target of net zero emissions by 2035 is unrealistic and unaffordable in Saskatchewan; and further,

That this Assembly supports the provincial government's made-in-Saskatchewan plan for affordable, reliable power generation to 2035 and beyond.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 59 and are to be answered by day no. 64:

Question no. 93 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, (a) what are the current wait times for a survivor of sexual assault in the northern part of Saskatchewan to first speak to a counsellor, and (b) what is the wait time for subsequent appointments?

Question no. 94 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, (a) what is the client load per counsellor for all sexual assault service organizations, by location, and (b) how many people are on the wait list to see a counsellor for all sexual assault service organizations, by location?

Question no. 95 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, (a) what is the current rate of turn over for Crown Counsel (Prosecutors), and (b) what is the rate of turn over for Crown Counsel (all others beside Prosecutors)?

Question no. 96 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, (a) how many Crown Counsel lawyers are over 10 years of call (Prosecutors and all others as separate numbers), and (b) how many Crown Counsel lawyers are under 5 years of call (Prosecutors and all others as separate numbers)?

Question no. 97 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, (a) how many Crown Counsel lawyers are at Crown Counsel level 4, and (b) what are the qualifications for Crown Counsel level 4?

Question no. 98 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, what is the cost per case using Prosecutorial Agents vs. Crown Counsel Prosecutors?

Question no. 99 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, how many Gladue reports were done over the past year?

Question no. 100 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, is the Ministry considering creating a Saskatchewan Sexual Violence Action Plan?

Question no. 101 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, (a) what is the status of the criminal justice review program, (b) what were the outcomes, and (c) what recommendations have been made and which have been implemented, and how much did this cost?

Question no. 102 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, (a) how much is allocated in the 23/24 budget for interpersonal violence transportation, and (b) how often was it used in the past year and how much money was spent?

Question no. 103 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, (a) what is the status of the Family Intervention Rapid Support Teams, and (b) how much is this project costing?

Question no. 104 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, what is the status of Family Matters?

Question no. 105 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, has the Ministry invested in services and safe spaces to keep in line with the year over year increases in Interpersonal Violence that the RCMP has reported in Saskatchewan?

Question no. 106 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, does the Ministry have a strategy to address the staggering number of IPV incidents in Saskatchewan?

Question no. 107 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, does the Ministry have a strategy to address the rates of violent crime against young women and girls in Northern Saskatchewan?

Question no. 108 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, does the Ministry have a strategy to address the disproportionate amount of violence against Indigenous women?

Question no. 109 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, does the Ministry have a strategy to deal with femicide?

Question no. 110 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, (a) how many requests have been made to utilize the process outlined in Claire's Law since it was passed, and (b) are all detachments now providing access to this information?

Question no. 111 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, what are the numbers for times that the provision regarding lease breaking for survivors of intimate partner violence was used?

Question no. 112 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, what is the length of time to trial for all court locations and circuit court points (provincial court)?

Question no. 113 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, last budget it was announced that there would be 12 FTEs hired in public prosecutions to form a major cases unit; since that announcement, (a) have all of those positions been filled, (b) do they remain filled, and (c) were they external or internal hires?

Question no. 114 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, (a) what is the Ministry doing to answer the calls of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and (b) what specific actions has the Ministry done with respect to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission over the past year?

Question no. 115 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, what is the plan to expand videoconferencing for the courts in this budget year?

Question no. 116 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, is there a plan to expand the therapeutic courts?

Question no. 117 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, regarding Legal Aid, (a) what is the average file load of a legal aid lawyer, per office, (b) what are the wait times to have an initial meeting with a legal aid lawyer, per office, (c) what are the wait times to have a subsequent meeting with a legal aid lawyer, per office, (d) what is the average length of time for file conclusion, per office and (e) how many people are being denied, and what is the breakdown per reason?

Question no. 118 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, regarding the Office of Residential Tenancies, (a) how many applications for in-person hearings have been made (broken down by year) since the office moved to phone hearings, (b) how many applicants or respondents did not appear on their matters since the office moved to phone hearings, (c) how many tenant claims have been filed each year since 2019 to present, (d) how many hearing decisions have been appealed, (e) how many hearing decisions have been overturned, and (f) why are decisions no longer being anonymized?

Question no. 119 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, regarding the Public Complaints Commission, in the past year, (a) how many complaints were referred out of the PCC, (b) how many were referred back to their home police detachment, (c) how many complaints have been made against CSOs, against Highway Traffic Officers, and anyone else that has been a part of the rural crime strategy, (d) how many times were firearms deployed last year in Saskatchewan, (e) how many taser deployments, (f) how many referrals to the AG or ministry have resulted in criminal charges, and how many have not, (g) is there a tracking of multiple complaints by the same officer or detachment, and what happens if a pattern is discovered, (h) what other changes have been requested by the PCC to the government in their legislation or funding, and (i) when a complaint is deemed 'unfounded', what information is provided to the complainant?

Question no. 120 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, regarding the Human Rights Commission, over the past 3 years (broken down annually), (a) how many inquiries have come in, (b) how many complaints have been made, (c) how many complaints have been dismissed, and what were the reasons why, (d) how many complaints have gone to mediation and what were the results, (e) how many complaints have gone to investigation, (f) how many complaints have been referred to court proceedings and (g) what is the average length of time between each step in the process?

Question no. 121 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, what is the Ministry doing to forward their commitment to Indigenous policing?

Question no. 122 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, (a) how is the Ministry advancing the calls of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and (b) what specific work has the Ministry done with respect to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in the past year?

Question no. 123 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, what is the “new technology to increase the effectiveness of bail supervision” mentioned in the Business Plan?

Question no. 124 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, what actions have been taken in the past year and what are the plans for this budget year with respect to the Gang Violence Reduction strategy?

Question no. 125 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, what is the annual cost of (a) the Protection and Response Team, (b) the Crime Reduction Team, (c) the Sask Trafficking Response Team, (d) the Warrant Enforcement and Suppression Team, (e) the Community Safety Office Program, and (f) the Provincial Drug Task Force?

Question no. 126 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, what happened to the HUB model?

Question no. 127 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, how much money was spent in the past year to transport inmates who were being released?

Question no. 128 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, does the Minister have a strategy to increase inmates’ access to addiction counsellors?

Question no. 129 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, (a) what is the turnover rate of nurses within custody facilities, and (b) how many vacancies are there currently?

Question no. 130 (Ms. Sarauer):

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, what programming is currently available for inmates on remand?

Question no. 131 (Ms. Bowes):

To the Minister of Labour, (a) how many women in Saskatchewan are currently working for minimum wage, (b) how many Saskatchewan people are currently being paid less than \$16.89/hour, (c) how many Saskatchewan people are currently being paid less than \$16.23/hour, (d) how many women in Saskatchewan are working more than full-time and holding multiple jobs, and (e) how much less, on average per hour are Saskatchewan women earning versus Saskatchewan men?

Question no. 132 (Ms. Bowes):

To the Minister for the Status of Women, how many women are working in leadership roles within non-traditional sectors in science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) in Saskatchewan?

Question no. 133 (Ms. Bowes):

To the Minister of Justice, how much money in total has been invested by your Ministry to date on the “Face the Issue” campaign and what is the breakdown of this spending?

Question no. 134 (Ms. Bowes):

To the Minister of Advanced Education, how much interest was collected on student loans in each of the last 5 years?

Question no. 135 (Ms. Bowes):

To the Minister of Advanced Education, for each program offered at Saskatchewan Polytechnic, how many people are currently on the waitlist?

Question no. 136 (Ms. Bowes):

To the Minister of Advanced Education, when will the next review of the regional colleges be scheduled, given that the Ministry has not been meeting its statutory obligations for reviews?

Question no. 137 (Ms. Bowes):

To the Minister of Advanced Education, has any formal evaluation of the Graduate Retention Program’s efficacy been undertaken by the Ministry since this program’s inception?

Question no. 138 (Ms. Bowes):

To the Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission, for each of the last 5 years, (a) what turnover has occurred at the Assistant Deputy Minister and Deputy Minister levels, (b) what turnover has occurred at the Executive Director level, (c) how many Assistant Deputy Minister and Deputy Minister positions were filled each year and, of these, how many were advertised and filled through competition, (d) how many out-of-scope employees were severed, broken down by ministry, (e) what is the total severance paid for out for each year, broken down by ministry, (f) how much has been invested in professional development, and (g) what was the voluntary turnover rate across the Government of Saskatchewan?

Question no. 139 (Ms. Bowes):

To the Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission, regarding the development of an integrated, cloud-based human resource, financial and procurement system and the detailed business case that was completed in the summer of 2021, (a) what person or entity developed the business case, (b) how much money did the government – through Cabinet and/or Treasury Board – originally approve for this project and what was the original time frame for this project, (c) is there a contract in place to design, develop, test and deploy the new solution and, if so, who is it with and what is the value of the contract, and (d) is this project on track to be delivered on time and on budget?

Question no. 140 (Ms. Bowes):

To the Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission, what were the rates of sick leave utilization for each ministry in each of the last 5 years?

Question no. 141 (Ms. Bowes):

To the Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission, regarding the Executive Talent Inventory, (a) how many employees are currently a part of the inventory, (b) what are the criteria that qualify an employee for the inventory, and (c) are people added to the inventory immediately promoted?

Question no. 142 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister Responsible for SaskPower, what are the recent historical annual electricity demand figures for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, according to customer category (potash, pipeline, northern mining, other power account, oilfield, commercial, residential, farm, reseller, SaskPower internal, losses) and expressed in GWh/yr?

Question no. 143 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister Responsible for SaskPower, what are the forecasted annual electricity demand figures, itemized according to customer category (potash, pipeline, northern mining, other power account, oilfield, commercial, residential, farm, reseller, SaskPower internal, losses) and expressed in GWh/yr for each of the years 2023 to 2035 inclusive, and, for 2036 to 2050 inclusive?

Question no. 144 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister Responsible for SaskPower, what are the historical and forecasted figures for power exports and imports in GWh/yr for the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 to 2035 inclusive, and, for 2036 to 2050 inclusive?

Question no. 145 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister Responsible for SaskPower, what are the historic and forecasted peak and minimum demand loads for the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 to 2035 inclusive, and, for 2036 to 2050 inclusive – for peak winter demand, for maximum summer demand, and for minimum annual demand, expressed in MW, with each of these figures itemized according to the customer category (potash, pipeline, northern mining, other power account, oilfield, commercial, residential, farm, reseller, SaskPower internal, losses) and expressed in GWh/yr?

Question no. 146 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister Responsible for SaskPower, what is the annual-average capacity factor for each SaskPower power station in 2022?

Question no. 147 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister Responsible for SaskPower, what are the System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) figures for the SaskPower grid for 2012 to 2022 inclusive?

Question no. 148 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister Responsible for SaskPower, what are the planned closure dates for each currently operating power station?

Question no. 149 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister Responsible for SaskPower, what is the average net energy conversion efficiency for each of the following source categories: coal without CCS, coal with CCS, gas-fired cogeneration, gas-fired combined cycle, and gas turbine?

Question no. 150 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister of Agriculture, in reference to the 4R's Program, the program sets a target that 25 per cent of Saskatchewan cropland will be under the 4R program by 2025, (a) is the government on track to meet that target, (b) what is the current status towards achieving the 25 per cent target, and (c) what is the government's strategy for ensuring that it will be able to meet that target?

Question no. 151 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister Responsible for Water Security Agency, (a) what are the Government's plans to fund Lake Diefenbaker irrigation project (the Project), (b) what are the cost projections associated with constructing the Project, (c) who has the Government approached as funding partners and what is the status of those discussions, (d) what delays from the original timeline has the Project encountered in finalizing the Project plan, including any Provincial or Federal regulatory requirements, engagement with stakeholder and rights holders, engineering design and determining project costs and determining financing, (e) are there any costs associated with any of the delays, (f) what has been done to respond to the concerns expressed by citizens about the environmental impacts of this project, (g) what has the Agency done to consult with First Nations and Métis communities affected by the project, (h) how much money has been spent so far on the Project, and (i) can the Water Security Agency explain how it justifies splitting the project into three phases and assessing project impacts in isolation, rather than as a single project?

Question no. 152 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister Responsible for Water Security Agency, (a) why are waterworks system assessment reports no longer publicly available on the Sask H2O website, (b) why are citizens required to file an FOI to receive a report, (c) how does the Minister justify withholding information that is in the public interest and that the public has a right to know, and (d) in the interests of transparency and public safety, will the Minister consider resolving this so that public citizens can easily access the reports?

Question no. 153 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister Responsible for Water Security Agency, (a) by what means will the Ag Water Management Policy consider the value of keeping water on the landscape rather than removing it, (b) how is the WSA engaging in good faith community engagement with the public in terms of receiving feedback for the development of this water mitigation policy, (c) what stakeholders have been consulted so far, (d) how does the WSA decide which stakeholders to invite to the consultation meetings, (e) does the WSA intend to include a wetlands component within this policy or develop a stand-alone wetlands mitigation policy, as identified by the Provincial Auditor, and (f) when does the Minister intend to comply with the Auditor's recommendation?

Question no. 154 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister of Government Relations, (a) for the past five years, how many disputes have been brought before the Saskatchewan Municipal Board for resolution, (b) of these, how many have been resolved, (c) how many are currently pending, (d) what are the median and mode timeframe for resolving issues brought forward, (e) what is the minimum and maximum duration, (f) what actions is the Minister taking to reduce the both the frequency and the timeframes for these activities, (g) by what process and under what qualifications are SMB members selected, (h) how are conflicts of interest by members avoided, and (i) what assurance mechanisms does the Ministry employ to ensure a fair, robust and timely dispute resolution process?

Question no. 155 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety, (a) does the Minister have any intention to address security concerns and rising amounts of violence occurring on Saskatchewan's municipal public transit systems, (b) why or why not, and (c) would the Minister consider engaging with municipalities to design and implement concrete actions that may help resolve these emerging issues?