



THIRD SESSION — TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

of the

## Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

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# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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No. 64

Wednesday, May 17, 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: Love, Nerlien, 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 ban the practice of conversion therapy.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 31)

To provide adequate and equitable SAID rates.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 110)

To provide improved mental health services for northern and rural Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to sessional paper no. 114)

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)

### ROYAL ASSENT / SANCTION ROYALE

2:32 p.m.

His Honour the Administrator, having entered the Chamber, took his seat upon the Throne.

Son Honneur l'Administrateur fait son entrée dans la Chambre et prend place au Trône.

The Speaker addressed His Honour:

Le Président s'adresse à Son Honneur:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

QU'IL PLAISE À VOTRE HONNEUR:

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

Cette Assemblée législative, au cours de la présente session, a adopté des projets de loi que je présente à Votre Honneur, au nom de l'Assemblée, et que je demande respectueusement à Votre Honneur de sanctionner.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the titles of the bills that had been passed severally as follows:

Le Greffier de l'Assemblée a donné lecture des titres du projets de loi adoptés comme suit:

Bill No. 99 — The Emergency 911 System Amendment Act, 2022

Bill No. 118 — The Warrant Compliance Act

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

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

Bill No. 128 — The Mineral Resources Amendment Act, 2023

Bill No. 110 — The Wills Amendment Act, 2022

Projet de loi n° 110 — Loi modificative de 2022 sur les testaments

Bill No. 111 — The Family Maintenance Amendment Act, 2022

Projet de loi n° 111 — Loi modificative de 2022 sur les prestations alimentaires familiales

Bill No. 108 — The Pension Benefits Amendment Act, 2022

Bill No. 109 — The Trespass to Property Amendment Act, 2022 (No. 2)

Bill No. 112 — The King's Printer Act

Bill No. 113 — The King's Printer Consequential Amendments Act, 2022  
Projet de loi n° 113 — Loi de 2022 corrélative de la loi intitulée The King's Printer Act

Bill No. 114 — The King's Bench Act  
Projet de loi n° 114 — Loi sur la Cour du Banc du Roi

Bill No. 115 — The King's Counsel Act

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

Bill No. 129 — The Medical Profession Amendment Act, 2023

Bill No. 103 — The Accessible Saskatchewan Act

Bill No. 130 — The Lotteries and Gaming Saskatchewan Corporation Act

Bill No. 131 — The Lotteries and Gaming Saskatchewan Corporation Consequential Amendments Act, 2023  
Projet de loi n° 131 — Loi de 2023 portant modification corrélative de la loi intitulée The Lotteries and Gaming Saskatchewan Corporation Act

Bill No. 94 — The Public Pension and Benefits Administration Corporation Act

Bill No. 122 — The Saskatchewan Revenue Agency Act

Bill No. 133 — The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2023

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

Bill No. 132 — The Boiler and Pressure Vessel (Automation and Remote Supervision Pilot) Amendment Act, 2023

Bill No. 91 — The Saskatchewan Employment (Part III) Amendment Act, 2022

Bill No. 134 — The Education Amendment Act, 2023  
Projet de loi n° 134 — Loi modificative de 2023 sur l'éducation

Bill No. 135 — The Education Consequential Amendments Act, 2023

His Honour the Administrator then replied: "In His Majesty's name, I assent to these bills."

Son Honneur l'Administrateur alors a répondu: "Au nom de Sa Majesté, je sanctionne ces projets de loi."

The Speaker addressed His Honour:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

This Legislative Assembly has voted the supplies required to enable the government to defray the expenses of the public service. In the name of the Assembly, I present to Your Honour the following bill, to which bill I respectfully request Your Honour's assent:

Bill No. 136 — The Appropriation Act, 2023 (No. 1)

His Honour the Administrator then replied: “In His Majesty's name, I thank the Legislative Assembly, accept its benevolence, and assent to this bill.”

His Honour then retired from the Chamber.

2:37 p.m.

### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The order of the day being called for question nos. 93 to 155, pursuant to rule 21(6), the questions were converted and orders for return were issued. (see appendix)

### MOTION REGARDING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT’S ELECTRICAL GENERATION TARGET

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Moe:

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.

A debate arising, it was moved by Ms. Beck:

That all the words after “and further” be struck out and replaced with the following:

That this Assembly calls on the government to make significant investments in renewable power to ensure reliable, affordable, sustainable power and seize the economic opportunity that comes with green jobs.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment and the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

#### YEAS — 7

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

#### NAYS — 40

Moe	McMorris	Reiter	Merriman	Harpauer
Morgan	Duncan	Tell	Wyant	Makowsky
Marit	Cheveldayoff	Kaeding	Ross (Regina Rochdale)	Harrison (Meadow Lake)

Carr	Skoropad	Buckingham	Hargrave	Fiaz
Lambert	Dennis	Kirsch	Ross (Prince Albert Northcote)	Ottenbreit
Francis	Young (Lloydminster)	Steele	Lawrence	Bonk
McLeod	Friesen	Grewal	Nerlien	Goudy
Keisig	Lemaigre	Jenson	Domotor	Wilson

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

YEAS — 47

Moe	McMorris	Reiter	Merriman	Harpauer
Morgan	Duncan	Tell	Wyant	Makowsky
Marit	Cheveldayoff	Kaeding	Ross (Regina Rochdale)	Harrison (Meadow Lake)
Carr	Skoropad	Buckingham	Hargrave	Fiaz
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McLeod	Friesen	Grewal	Nerlien	Goudy
Keisig	Lemaigre	Jenson	Domotor	Beck
Nippi-Albright	Wotherspoon	Love	Teed	Young (Regina University)
Sarauer	Wilson			

NAYS — NIL

**TRANSMITTAL MOTION**

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison (Meadow Lake), by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Speaker, on behalf of the Legislative Assembly, transmit copies of the motion as well as verbatim transcripts of the debate and the vote to Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, Jagmeet Singh, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada, and Pierre Poillievre, Leader of the Official Opposition of Canada.

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

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:12 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. 83 (Ms. Sarauer):**

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

**Return no. 84 (Ms. Sarauer):**

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

**Return no. 85 (Ms. Sarauer):**

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

**Return no. 86 (Ms. Sarauer):**

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

**Return no. 87 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, (a) the number of Crown Counsel lawyers that are at Crown Counsel level 4, and (b) the qualifications for Crown Counsel level 4.

**Return no. 88 (Ms. Sarauer):**

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

**Return no. 89 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, the number of Gladue reports that were done over the past year.

**Return no. 90 (Ms. Sarauer):**

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

**Return no. 91 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, (a) the status of the criminal justice review program, (b) the outcomes, and (c) the recommendations that have been made and which have been implemented, and how much it cost.

**Return no. 92 (Ms. Sarauer):**

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

**Return no. 93 (Ms. Sarauer):**

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

**Return no. 94 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, the status of Family Matters.

**Return no. 95 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, whether the Ministry has 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.

**Return no. 96 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, whether the Ministry has a strategy to address the staggering number of IPV incidents in Saskatchewan.

**Return no. 97 (Ms. Sarauer):**

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

**Return no. 98 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, whether the Ministry has a strategy to address the disproportionate amount of violence against Indigenous women.

**Return no. 99 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, whether the Ministry has a strategy to deal with femicide.

**Return no. 100 (Ms. Sarauer):**

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

**Return no. 101 (Ms. Sarauer):**

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

**Return no. 102 (Ms. Sarauer):**

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

**Return no. 103 (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) if all of those positions have been filled, (b) if they remain filled, and (c) if they were external or internal hires.

**Return no. 104 (Ms. Sarauer):**

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



**Return no. 105 (Ms. Sarauer):**

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

**Return no. 106 (Ms. Sarauer):**

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

**Return no. 107 (Ms. Sarauer):**

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

**Return no. 108 (Ms. Sarauer):**

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

**Return no. 109 (Ms. Sarauer):**

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

**Return no. 110 (Ms. Sarauer):**

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

**Return no. 111 (Ms. Sarauer):**

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

**Return no. 112 (Ms. Sarauer):**

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

**Return no. 113 (Ms. Sarauer):**

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

**Return no. 114 (Ms. Sarauer):**

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

**Return no. 115 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, 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.

**Return no. 116 (Ms. Sarauer):**

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

**Return no. 117 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, the amount of money that was spent in the past year to transport inmates who were being released.

**Return no. 118 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, whether the Minister has a strategy to increase inmates' access to addiction counsellors.

**Return no. 119 (Ms. Sarauer):**

To the Minister of Corrections and Policing, (a) the turnover rate of nurses within custody facilities, and (b) the number of vacancies there are currently.

**Return no. 120 (Ms. Sarauer):**

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

**Return no. 121 (Ms. Bowes):**

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

**Return no. 122 (Ms. Bowes):**

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

**Return no. 123 (Ms. Bowes):**

To the Minister of Justice, the amount of money in total that has been invested by your Ministry to date on the “Face the Issue” campaign and the breakdown of this spending.

**Return no. 124 (Ms. Bowes):**

To the Minister of Advanced Education, the amount of interest that was collected on student loans in each of the last 5 years.

**Return no. 125 (Ms. Bowes):**

To the Minister of Advanced Education, for each program offered at Saskatchewan Polytechnic, the number of people that are currently on the waitlist.

**Return no. 126 (Ms. Bowes):**

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

**Return no. 127 (Ms. Bowes):**

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

**Return no. 128 (Ms. Bowes):**

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

**Return no. 129 (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) the person or entity that developed the business case, (b) the amount of money that the government – through Cabinet and/or Treasury Board – originally approved for this project and the original time frame for this project, (c) whether there is a contract in place to design, develop, test and deploy the new solution and, if so, who it is with and the value of the contract, and (d) whether this project is on track to be delivered on time and on budget.

**Return no. 130 (Ms. Bowes):**

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

**Return no. 131 (Ms. Bowes):**

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

**Return no. 132 (Ms. Ritchie):**

To the Minister Responsible for SaskPower, 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.

**Return no. 133 (Ms. Ritchie):**

To the Minister Responsible for SaskPower, 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.

**Return no. 134 (Ms. Ritchie):**

To the Minister Responsible for SaskPower, 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.

**Return no. 135 (Ms. Ritchie):**

To the Minister Responsible for SaskPower, 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.

**Return no. 136 (Ms. Ritchie):**

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

**Return no. 137 (Ms. Ritchie):**

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

**Return no. 138 (Ms. Ritchie):**

To the Minister Responsible for SaskPower, the planned closure dates for each currently operating power station.

**Return no. 139 (Ms. Ritchie):**

To the Minister Responsible for SaskPower, 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.

**Return no. 140 (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) whether the government is on track to meet that target, (b) the current status towards achieving the 25 per cent target, and (c) the government's strategy for ensuring that it will be able to meet that target.

**Return no. 141 (Ms. Ritchie):**

To the Minister Responsible for Water Security Agency, (a) the Government's plans to fund Lake Diefenbaker irrigation project (the Project), (b) the cost projections associated with constructing the

Project, (c) who the Government has approached as funding partners and the status of those discussions, (d) the delays from the original timeline the Project has 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) whether there are 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 the Agency has done to consult with First Nations and Métis communities affected by the project, (h) the amount of money that has been spent so far on the Project, and (i) whether the Water Security Agency can explain how it justifies splitting the project into three phases and assessing project impacts in isolation, rather than as a single project.

**Return no. 142 (Ms. Ritchie):**

To the Minister Responsible for Water Security Agency, (a) the reason why waterworks system assessment reports are no longer publicly available on the Sask H2O website, (b) the reason why citizens are required to file an FOI to receive a report, (c) how the Minister justifies 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, whether the Minister will consider resolving this so that public citizens can easily access the reports.

**Return no. 143 (Ms. Ritchie):**

To the Minister Responsible for Water Security Agency, (a) the means by which the Ag Water Management Policy will consider the value of keeping water on the landscape rather than removing it, (b) how the WSA is engaging in good faith community engagement with the public in terms of receiving feedback for the development of this water mitigation policy, (c) the stakeholders that have been consulted so far, (d) how the WSA decides which stakeholders to invite to the consultation meetings, (e) whether the WSA intends 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 the Minister intends to comply with the Auditor's recommendation.

**Return no. 144 (Ms. Ritchie):**

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

**Return no. 145 (Ms. Ritchie):**

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety, (a) whether the Minister has 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) whether the Minister would consider engaging with municipalities to design and implement concrete actions that may help resolve these emerging issues.