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ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

No. 65

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ADJOURNED DEBATES

1. On the proposed **motion no. 2** moved by Mr. Francis:

That this Assembly supports the Government of Saskatchewan and the role of Saskatchewan energy production in providing global energy security and to that end, we call on the Government of Canada to repeal Bills C-48 and C-69, support pipeline projects including Energy East, Northern Gateway, Keystone XL, TransMountain, and repeal the federal carbon tax.

Adjourned once

SECOND READINGS

1. Bill No. 607 — The Public Participation Act

(Ms. Sarauer) PRINTED

2. Bill No. 608 — The Protecting a Woman's Right to Access Abortion Services Act

(Ms. Bowes) PRINTED

3. Bill No. 609 — The Meaningful Duty to Consult Act

(Ms. Nippi-Albright) PRINTED

MOTIONS FOR RETURNS (DEBATABLE)

1. Ms. Mowat to move the following motion:

That an order of the Assembly be issued for return no. 7 seeking that the government provide to the Assembly all of the recommendations made to them by the Chief Medical Health Officer regarding public health and COVID-19 since June 1, 2021.

2. Ms. Wilson to move the following motion:

That an order of the Assembly be issued for return no. 18 seeking a copy of the RFP for the Sask Vaccination Wallet application provided by the Quebec tech company Akinox.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

On the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Reiter:
 That Bill No. 86 — The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation (Outdoor Public Places) Amendment Act, 2022 be now read a second time.

Sur la motion proposée par l'hon. M. Reiter:

Que le projet de loi n° 86 — Loi modificative de 2022 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard (lieux publics extérieurs) soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

(Ms. / Mme Sarauer)

2. On the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Eyre:

That this Assembly condemns the Trudeau-NDP coalition government for increasing the carbon tax, blocking pipelines, attacking the energy sector, bringing back the gun registry and actively working against the interests of Western Canada.

(Ms. Ritchie)

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

APPENDIX A

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 60 and are to be answered by day no. 65:

1. Question no. 44 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Health, regarding metrics and guidelines during COVID-19, (a) what recommendations or guidelines were used to determine the CT value which is used in determining a positive PCR test, (b) has the recommended CT value changed over time, since December 2019, and if so, how, (c) were the CT values the same whether test samples were taken from vaccinated or unvaccinated individuals, (d) why did the government start distinguishing between incidental COVID hospitalizations and deaths from "non-incidental" cases, (e) what metrics or guidelines were used to determine how deaths were/are classified as being "caused" by COVID-19, and (f) what role do comorbidities play in determining the cause of death?

2. Question no. 45 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety, guidelines and policies for pandemic response, (a) did the Saskatchewan government have a pandemic response plan in place prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, (b) if so, where can that plan be viewed, (c) did the Saskatchewan government and/or health authorities follow any pre-existing pandemic plan, and (d) if not, who made the decision to disregard the existing plan, and under what authority?

3. Question no. 46 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Health, by health facility, how many beds in Saskatchewan are dedicated to providing the following: (a) neonatal and infant care, (b) pediatric care, (c) coronary and cardiac care, (d) surgical care, (e) intensive care, (f) oncology care, (g) rehabilitative care, (h) burn care, (i) trauma care, (j) neurological care, (k) mental health care, (l) emergency care, (m) urgent care, and (n) all other care?

4. Question no. 47 (Ms. Mowat):

To the Minister of Health, by health facility, how many full-time equivalents (FTEs) in Saskatchewan primarily provide the following: (a) neonatal and infant care, (b) pediatric care, (c) coronary and cardiac care, (d) surgical care, (e) intensive care, (f) oncology care, (g) rehabilitative care, (h) burn care, (i) trauma care, (j) neurological care, (k) mental health care, (l) emergency care, (m) urgent care, and (n) all other care?

5. Question no. 48 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):

To the Minister for SaskBuilds and Procurement, from estimates, the minister indicated that \$600,000 was budgeted for "property security enhancements in the PCC" and specified that it would be used for the Legislative grounds; can the ministry provide further details on: (a) what types of security and/or property enhancements are expected to be procured with this allocation, and (b) has the Ministry of SaskBuilds or Central Services allocated funds for security and/or property enhancements in the past, and if so, when and, specifically, what for?

6. Question no. 49 (Ms. Young (Regina University)):

To the Minister Responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission, annually, from 2017 to present, (a) how many tickets, fines and/or charges were issued within Wascana Centre, (b) how many tickets, fines and/or charges were issued by Wascana Centre Community Safety Officers, (c) what type of tickets, fines and/or charges were issued within Wascana Centre, and (d) what type of tickets, fines and/or charges were issued by Wascana Centre Community Safety Officers?

7. Question no. 50 (Ms. Young (Regina University):

To the Minister Responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission, from estimates, the Minister for SaskBuilds indicated that \$600,000 was budgeted for "property security enhancements in the PCC" and specified that it would be used for the Legislative grounds; can the ministry provide further details on:
(a) what types of security and/or property enhancements are expected to be procured with this allocation, and (b) has the Ministry of SaskBuilds or Central Services allocated funds for security and/or property enhancements in the past, and if so, when and, specifically, what for?

8. Question no. 51 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Health, scientific data to inform policy, (a) did the SHA conduct their own analysis of the scientific literature relating to transmissibility of COVID-19, and if so, which peer-reviewed studies were relied upon, (b) did the SHA conduct their own analysis of the scientific literature relating to naturally acquired immunity, also described as the immunity conferred from previous infection, and if so, which peer-reviewed studies were relied upon, and (c) did the SHA conduct their own analysis of coverings as a preventative measure to reduce transmission of COVID-19, and if so, which peer-reviewed studies were relied upon?

9. Question no. 52 (Ms. Wilson):

To the Minister of Health, regarding marketing and pandemic, (a) how much was spent on the advertising budget for pandemic-related messaging in the years 2020, 2021, and 2022, (b) how much money was allocated to marketing and promoting COVID-19 vaccines and what source(s) did the funds come from, (c) what amount of the budget was for quantitative testing and focus groups in each fiscal quarter of 2020, 2021, and 2022, (d) where can the public access the poll results, and (e) were the advertising opportunities tendered?

10. Question no. 53 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister of Environment, what is the projected revenue of the Saskatchewan Technology Fund per annum over the first five years of operation?

11. Question no. 54 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister of Environment, regarding the Saskatchewan Technology Fund, (a) has the fund been operationalized, (b) have initial or subsequent payments been deposited into the fund since it was established, (c) was the advisory committee appointed in 2020, as per the 2019/20 annual report, and if so, what is its composition, (d) was a memorandum of understanding developed between Innovation Saskatchewan, the Ministry of Environment, and the Ministry of Energy and Resources in 2020, as per the 2019/20 annual report, (e) has the Ministry of Environment undertaken its statutory requirement to submit an annual report on the business of the fund to the Legislative Assembly in the fiscal year of 2020/21, (f) will the Ministry of Environment meet its statutory requirement to submit an annual report on the business of the fund to the Legislative Assembly for the fiscal year of 2021/22, and (g) since the tabling of the 2019/20 annual report, what action has been undertaken by the fund to drive innovation and reduce GHG emissions?

12. Question no. 55 (Ms. Ritchie):

To the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety, regarding Sask911, (a) what is the target wait time to be connected to a 9-1-1 call taker, (b) what is the current average wait time to be connected to a 9-1-1 call taker, (c) what is the current 90th percentile wait time to be connected to a 9-1-1 call taker, (d) what is the current 10th percentile wait time to be connected to a 9-1-1 call taker, (e) in 2022 to date, how many of each type of emergency call were received by 9-1-1 call takers, and (f) for every year since 2016, how many call takers were employed by Sask911?