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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SASKATCHEWAN

Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan: Honourable Gordon L. Barnhart

Speaker: Hon. Don Toth

Premier: Hon. Brad Wall

Leader of the Opposition: Lorne Calvert

Deputy Speaker / Chair of Committee of the Whole: Greg Brkich

Deputy Chair of Committees: Tim McMillan

Government House Leader: Hon. Rod Gantfoer

Deputy Government House Leader: Hon. Donna Harpauer

Government Whip: Randy Weekes

Deputy Government Whip: Denis Allchurch

Opposition House Leader: Len Taylor

Deputy Opposition House Leader: Kevin Yates

Opposition Whip: Andy Iwanchuk

Deputy Opposition Whip: Sandra Morin

Clerk: Gregory Putz

Clerk Assistant: Margaret A. Woods

Clerk Assistant (Committees): Iris Lang

Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: Kenneth S. Ring, Q.C.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Patrick Shaw

Journals Clerk: Traci Willis

Journals Clerk: Joelle Perras

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SASKATCHEWAN
First Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature

NAME OF MEMBER	CONSTITUENCY	POLITICAL AFFILIATION
Allchurch, Denis	Rosthern-Shellbrook	SP
Atkinson, Pat	Saskatoon Nutana	NDP
Beatty, Joan ¹	Cumberland	NDP
Vacant	Cumberland	N/A
Belanger, Buckley	Athabasca	NDP
Bjornerud, Hon. Bob	Melville-Saltcoats	SP
Boyd, Hon. Bill	Kindersley	SP
Bradshaw, Fred	Carrot River Valley	SP
Brkich, Greg P.	Arm River-Watrous	SP
Brotten, Cam	Saskatoon Massey Place	NDP
Calvert, Lorne	Saskatoon Riversdale	NDP
Cheveldayoff, Hon. Ken	Saskatoon Silver Springs	SP
Chisholm, Michael	Cut Knife-Turtleford	SP
D'Autremont, Hon. Dan	Cannington	SP
Draude, Hon. June	Kelvington-Wadena	SP
Duncan, Dustin	Weyburn-Big Muddy	SP
Eagles, Doreen	Estevan	SP
Elhard, Hon. Wayne	Cypress Hills	SP
Forbes, David	Saskatoon Centre	NDP
Furber, Darcy	Prince Albert Northcote	NDP
Gantfoer, Hon. Rod	Melfort	SP
Harpauer, Hon. Donna	Humboldt	SP
Harper, Ron	Regina Northeast	NDP
Harrison, Jeremy	Meadow Lake	SP
Hart, Glen	Last Mountain-Touchwood	SP
Heppner, Hon. Nancy	Martensville	SP
Hickie, Hon. Darryl	Prince Albert Carlton	SP
Higgins, Deb	Moose Jaw Wakamow	NDP
Hutchinson, Hon. Bill	Regina South	SP
Huyghebaert, D.F. (Yogi)	Wood River	SP
Iwanchuk, Andy	Saskatoon Fairview	NDP

¹ Resigned on January 3, 2008

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First Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature

NAME OF MEMBER	CONSTITUENCY	POLITICAL AFFILIATION
Junor, Judy	Saskatoon Eastview	NDP
Kirsch, Delbert	Batoche	SP
Krawetz, Hon. Ken	Canora-Pelly	SP
LeClerc, Serge	Saskatoon Northwest	SP
McCall, Warren	Regina Elphinstone-Centre	NDP
McMillan, Tim	Lloydminster	SP
McMorris, Hon. Don	Indian Head-Milestone	SP
Michelson, Warren	Moose Jaw North	SP
Morgan, Hon. Don	Saskatoon Southeast	SP
Morin, Sandra	Regina Walsh Acres	NDP
Nilson, John	Regina Lakeview	NDP
Norris, Hon. Rob	Saskatoon Greystone	SP
Ottenbreit, Greg	Yorkton	SP
Quennell, Frank	Saskatoon Meewasin	NDP
Reiter, Jim	Rosetown-Elrose	SP
Ross, Laura	Regina Qu'Appelle Valley	SP
Schriemer, Joceline	Saskatoon Sutherland	SP
Stewart, Hon. Lyle	Thunder Creek	SP
Taylor, Len	The Battlefords	NDP
Tell, Hon. Christine	Regina Wascana Plains	SP
Toth, Hon. Don	Moosomin	SP
Trew, Kim	Regina Coronation Park	NDP
Van Mulligen, Harry	Regina Douglas Park	NDP
Wall, Hon. Brad	Swift Current	SP
Weekes, Randy	Biggar	SP
Wilson, Nadine	Saskatchewan Rivers	SP
Wotherspoon, Trent	Regina Rosemont	NDP
Yates, Kevin	Regina Dewdney	NDP

NDP	New Democratic Party
SP	Saskatchewan Party
N/A	Vacant

CONSTITUENCIES REPRESENTED IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SHOWING MEMBERS AND PARTY AFFILIATIONS

CONSTITUENCY	NAME OF MEMBER	POLITICAL AFFILIATION
Arm River-Watrous	Brkich, Greg	SP
Athabasca	Belanger, Buckley	NDP
Batoche	Kirsch, Delbert	SP
Biggar	Weekes, Randy	SP
Cannington	D'Autremont, Hon. Dan	SP
Canora-Pelly	Krawetz, Hon. Ken	SP
Carrot River Valley	Bradshaw, Fred	SP
Cumberland	Beatty, Joan ¹	NDP
Cumberland	Vacant	N/A
Cut Knife-Turtleford	Chisholm, Michael	SP
Cypress Hills	Elhard, Hon. Wayne	SP
Estevan	Eagles, Doreen	SP
Humboldt	Harpauer, Hon. Donna	SP
Indian Head-Milestone	McMorris, Hon. Don	SP
Kelvington-Wadena	Draude, Hon. June	SP
Kindersley	Boyd, Hon. Bill	SP
Last Mountain-Touchwood	Hart, Glen	SP
Lloydminster	McMillan, Tim	SP
Martensville	Heppner, Hon. Nancy	SP
Meadow Lake	Harrison, Jeremy	SP
Melfort	Gantfoer, Hon. Rod	SP
Melville-Saltcoats	Bjornerud, Hon. Bob	SP
Moose Jaw North	Michelson, Warren	SP
Moose Jaw Wakamow	Higgins, Deb	NDP
Moosomin	Toth, Hon. Don	SP
Prince Albert Carlton	Hickie, Hon. Darryl	SP
Prince Albert Northcote	Furber, Darcy	NDP
Regina Coronation Park	Trew, Kim	NDP
Regina Dewdney	Yates, Kevin	NDP
Regina Douglas Park	Van Mulligen, Harry	NDP
Regina Elphinstone Centre	McCall, Warren	NDP
Regina Lakeview	Nilson, John	NDP

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Regina Northeast	Harper, Ron	NDP
Regina Qu'Appelle Valley	Ross, Laura	SP
Regina Rosemont	Wotherspoon, Trent	NDP
Regina South	Hutchinson, Hon. Bill	SP
Regina Walsh Acres	Morin, Sandra	NDP
Regina Wascana Plains	Tell, Hon. Christine	SP
Rosetown-Elrose	Reiter, Jim	SP
Rosthern-Shellbrook	Allchurch, Denis	SP
Saskatchewan Rivers	Wilson, Nadine	SP
Saskatoon Centre	Forbes, David	NDP
Saskatoon Eastview	Junor, Judy	NDP
Saskatoon Fairview	Iwanchuk, Andy	NDP
Saskatoon Greystone	Norris, Hon. Rob	SP
Saskatoon Massey Place	Broten, Cam	NDP
Saskatoon Meewasin	Quennell, Frank	NDP
Saskatoon Northwest	LeClerc, Serge	SP
Saskatoon Nutana	Atkinson, Pat	NDP
Saskatoon Riversdale	Calvert, Lorne	NDP
Saskatoon Silver Springs	Cheveldayoff, Hon. Ken	SP
Saskatoon Southeast	Morgan, Hon. Don	SP
Saskatoon Sutherland	Schriemer, Joceline	SP
Swift Current	Wall, Hon. Brad	SP
The Battlefords	Taylor, Len	NDP
Thunder Creek	Stewart, Hon. Lyle	SP
Weyburn-Big Muddy	Duncan, Dustin	SP
Wood River	Huyghebaert, D.F. (Yogi)	SP
Yorkton	Ottenbreit, Greg	SP

NDP	New Democratic Party
SP	Saskatchewan Party
N/A	Vacant

CABINET MINISTERS

PORTFOLIO	MINISTER (Nov. 21/07)
Premier	Hon. B. Wall
Deputy Premier	Hon. K. Krawetz
Advanced Education, Employment and Labour	Hon. R. Norris
Agriculture	Hon. B. Bjornerud
Capital City Commission	Hon. C. Tell
Corrections, Public Safety and Policing	Hon. D. Hickie
Crown Corporations	Hon. K. Cheveldayoff
Education	Hon. K. Krawetz
Energy and Resources	Hon. B. Boyd
Enterprise and Innovation	Hon. L. Stewart
Environment	Hon. N. Heppner
Finance	Hon. R. Gantefoer
First Nations and Métis Relations	Hon. J. Draude
Government Services	Hon. D. D'Autremont
Health	Hon. D. McMorris
Highways and Infrastructure	Hon. W. Elhard
Immigration	Hon. R. Norris
Information Technology Office	Hon. D. D'Autremont
Intergovernmental Affairs	Hon. B. Boyd
Justice and Attorney General	Hon. D. Morgan
Liquor and Gaming Authority	Hon. D. D'Autremont
Municipal Affairs	Hon. B. Hutchinson
Northern Affairs	Hon. J. Draude
Provincial Secretary	Hon. W. Elhard
Public Service Commission	Hon. W. Elhard
Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation	Hon. B. Bjornerud
Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation	Hon. B. Hutchinson
Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board	Hon. R. Norris
Social Services	Hon. D. Harpauer
Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport	Hon. C. Tell

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

POLICY FIELD COMMITTEES

CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

Duncan (Chair)
Heppner
McMillan
Reiter
Trew
Weekes
Yates

(Membership – 7)

ECONOMY

Huyghebaert (Chair)
Furber
Harper
Harrison
Michelson
Ross
Wilson

(Membership – 7)

HUMAN SERVICES

Hart (Chair)
Allchurch
Brotten
Eagles
Junor
LeClerc
Ottenbreit

(Membership – 7)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE

Kirsch (Chair)
Bradshaw
Chisholm
Hamilton
Higgins
Huyghebaert
Junor

(Membership – 7)

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

HOUSE COMMITTEES

HOUSE SERVICES

Toth (Chair)
Allchurch
Gantfoer
Harpauer
Iwanchuk
Taylor
Weekes
Yates

(Membership – 8)

PRIVATE BILLS

Allchurch (Chair)
Junor
McMillan
Ross
Schriemer
Wilson
Wotherspoon

(Membership – 7)

PRIVILEGES

Toth (Chair)
Allchurch
Brkich
Eagles
LeClerc
Taylor
Yates

(Membership – 7)

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Van Mulligen (Chair)
Bradshaw
Chisholm
Harrison
Michelson
Nilson
Reiter

(Membership – 7)

STATISTICS

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SASKATCHEWAN First Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature

ASSEMBLY

Sitting Days	45
Evening Sittings	7
Morning Sittings	15
Sitting Hours	135h 52m
Sessional Papers (including Returns)	379
Petitions (for Private Bills) presented	1
Petitions (General) presented	209
Petitions (General) received	202
Public Bills introduced	41
Passed - 34	
Passed as amended - 3	
Withdrawn - 1	
Left standing on Order Paper - 3	
Private Members' Public Bills - 0	
Private Bills introduced	1
Private Bills passed - 1	
Private Bills passed as amended - 0	
Recorded Divisions	7
Meetings of Committee of Finance	5
Hours in consideration of Estimates in Assembly	5h 19m
Meetings of Committee of the Whole	2
Hours in consideration of Bills in Assembly	24h 50m

COMMITTEES

Crown and Central Agencies Estimates	7h 54m
Economy Estimates	21h 43m
Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice Estimates	13h 33m
House Services Estimates	30m
Human Services Estimates	27h 16m
Total hours in consideration of Estimates	70h 56m
Crown and Central Agencies Bills	1h 39m
Economy Bills	5h 24m
Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice Bills	7h 07m
House Services Bills	0h 0m
Human Services Bills	33h 35m
Private Bills	0h 08m
Total hours in consideration of Bills	47h 53m

QUESTIONS, WRITTEN

Asked and answered	639
Ruled out of order	0
Returns	53
Total	692

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RETURNS

Ordered and Tabled	13
Questions converted to Returns because of length	39
Negated	1
Left Standing on Order Paper	0
Total	53

SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE (Rule 24)

Agreed	0
75 Minutes expired	3
Not taken up	0
Total	3

MOTIONS (Private Members)

Agreed	0
Left Standing on Order Paper	2
Total	2

GORDON L. BARNHART
Lieutenant Governor

CANADA

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her other Realms and Territories QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

To all whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION

Douglas Moen
Deputy Attorney General

TO OUR FAITHFUL MEMBERS elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly by Our Province of Saskatchewan and to every one of you
GREETING:

WHEREAS it is expedient for causes and considerations to convene the First Session of the Twenty-Sixth Legislative Assembly of our Province of Saskatchewan.

WE DO WILL that you and each of you and all others in this behalf interested on MONDAY the TENTH day of DECEMBER, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. at our City of Regina, personally be and appear for the DESPATCH OF BUSINESS, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of our said Province of Saskatchewan and thereby to do as may seem necessary, HEREIN FAIL NOT.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we have caused the Great Seal of Our Province of Saskatchewan to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS: Our right trusty and well beloved Honourable Gordon L. Barnhart, Lieutenant Governor of our Province of Saskatchewan.

AT OUR CAPITAL CITY OF REGINA, in Our said Province, this SEVENTH day of DECEMBER in the year of Our Lord TWO THOUSAND and SEVEN and in the FIFTY-SIXTH year of Our Reign.

By Command,
Rick Mantey
Deputy Provincial Secretary

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First Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislative Assembly

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2007
(1ST DAY)

10:00 a.m.

This being the first day of the meeting of the First Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the Province of Saskatchewan for the despatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable Gordon L. Barnhart, Lieutenant Governor of the province, dated the 22nd day of November, 2007, Jean Ouellet, Chief Electoral Officer, delivered to Gregory Putz, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, a Roll containing a list of names of such Members as had been returned to serve in this Legislature, as follows:

Regina, Saskatchewan
November 30, 2007

To: Gregory Putz
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

This is to certify that by reason of the dissolution of the Twenty-fifth Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan and by virtue of the writ of election dated the tenth day of October last, and addressed to the hereinafter mentioned persons as returning officers for the provincial constituencies set opposite their respective names for the election of Members to represent the said provincial constituencies in the Legislative Assembly; those persons named herein below have been duly elected to represent the provincial constituency set opposite their respective names as appear by the returns of the said writs deposited on record in my office, *viz*:

PROVINCIAL CONSTITUENCY	MEMBER ELECTED	RETURNING OFFICER
Arm River-Watrous	Greg P. Brkich	Noreen Johns
Athabasca	Buckley Belanger	Martin Corrigan
Batoche	Delbert Kirsch	Carmelle Cournoyer
Biggar	Randy Weekes	Violet Kyliuk
Cannington	Dan D'Autremont	Cheryl Zander
Canora-Pelly	Ken Krawetz	Lois Person
Carrot River Valley	Fred F. Bradshaw	Wally Derkach
Cumberland	Joan Beatty	Marlene Wolkosky
Cut Knife-Turtleford	Michael Chisholm	Larry James McDaid
Cypress Hills	Wayne Elhard	Sonja Lidfors

Estevan	Doreen Eagles	Frank A. Elberg
Humboldt	Donna Harpauer	Irene Henderson
Indian Head-Milestone	Don McMorris	Elaine Weimer
Kelvington-Wadena	June Draude	Leona Cunningham
Kindersley	Bill Boyd	Dorothy Arthurs
Last Mountain-Touchwood	Glen Hart	Lilliane C. Sabiston
Lloydminster	Tim McMillan	M. Josephine Taylor
Martensville	Nancy Heppner	Darlene Buyck
Melfort	Rod Gantefoer	Rita Garringer
Melville-Saltcoats	Bob Bjornerud	Kathy Adams
Moose Jaw North	Warren Michelson	Marylynn Smith
Moose Jaw Wakamow	Deb Higgins	Connie M. Zinn
Moosomin	Don Toth	Dexter D. Samida
Prince Albert Carlton	Darryl Hickie	Patricia Leson
Prince Albert Northcote	Darcy Furber	Nicole Rancourt
Regina Coronation Park	Kim Trew	Roger Sydorko
Regina Dewdney	Kevin Yates	Ruth M. Taylor
Regina Douglas Park	Harry Van Mulligen	Shirley M. Sebastian
Regina Elphinstone-Centre	Warren McCall	David J. Phillips
Regina Lakeview	John Nilson	June Mayhew de Jong
Regina Northeast	Ron Harper	Laura Bellamy
Regina Qu'Appelle Valley	Laura Ross	Tanya Lunnin
Regina Rosemont	Trent Wotherspoon	Bonnie Kreklewetz
Regina South	Bill Hutchinson	Sandra R. Benson
Regina Walsh Acres	Sandra Morin	Paul J. Wilson
Regina Wascana Plains	Christine Tell	Jeannette D. Martin
Rosetown-Elrose	Jim Reiter	Brenda G. Kemppainen
Rosthern-Shellbrook	Denis Allchurch	Ellen Wood
Saskatchewan Rivers	Nadine Wilson	Anne King
Saskatoon Centre	David Forbes	Stephanie Sydiaha
Saskatoon Eastview	Judy Junor	Nadine Reeves
Saskatoon Fairview	Andy Iwanchuk	Rosemarie Hackl
Saskatoon Greystone	Rob Norris	Zoe Litman
Saskatoon Massey Place	Cam Broten	Robyn McGregor
Saskatoon Meewasin	Frank Quennell	Ivy C. Hubble
Saskatoon Northwest	Serge LeClerc	Darlene E. Britton
Saskatoon Nutana	Pat Atkinson	Michael Fisher
Saskatoon Riversdale	Lorne Calvert	Kay Burkhart
Saskatoon Silver Springs	Ken Cheveldayoff	Jane Garry
Saskatoon Southeast	Don Morgan	Deirdre Leggott
Saskatoon Sutherland	Joceline Schriemer	Celia E. Noga
Swift Current	Brad Wall	Beryl Dianne Robinson
The Battlefords	Len Taylor	Gail Morgan
Thunder Creek	Lyle Stewart	Lynne Saas
Weyburn-Big Muddy	Dustin Duncan	Dave Unraw
Wood River	D.F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert	Barbara Ermel
Yorkton	Greg Ottenbreit	Shirley Dereniski

The Members, having previously taken the Oath and having subscribed the Roll containing the Oath, took their seats in the Assembly at 10:00 a.m.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly informed the Assembly that he had received a communication from the Private Secretary to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor stating that His Honour would open the Session at 10:00 a.m. today, Monday, the tenth day of December, 2007.

10:01 a.m.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber and took his seat upon the Throne.

The Hon. Wayne Elhard, Provincial Secretary, then said:

I am commanded by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, to inform you that he does not see fit to declare the causes of the summoning of the present Legislature until later today, when the Legislative Assembly shall have elected a Speaker according to law.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Chamber.

10:02 a.m.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

Pursuant to the provisions of Rules 40, 41, and 42 inclusive, the Assembly proceeded to the election of a Speaker.

The Clerk informed the Assembly that only one candidate had declared his intention to stand for election to the Office of Speaker, pursuant to Rule 41(1):

Mr. Don Toth, Member for the Constituency of Moosomin

(Sessional Paper No. 19)

Pursuant to Rule 42(3), Mr. Toth, Member for the Constituency of Moosomin, was declared elected as Speaker.

The Clerk having declared Mr. Toth duly elected, he was conducted to the chair where, standing on the dais, he addressed the Assembly as follows:

I wish to express my grateful thanks and humble acknowledgement of the high honour the Assembly has conferred on me. While I leave the floor of this Assembly to take the Speaker's chair, I leave behind all political partisan biases in order that I may discharge with impartiality to all and to the best of my ability the various and important duties pertaining to the high office of Speaker.

It will be my aim and duty to uphold the principles and traditions of the Assembly and secure for each Member the right to express his or her opinions within the limits necessary to preserve decorum; to recognize the rights and privileges of the Honourable Members, the political groups and the Assembly itself; to facilitate the transaction of the public business in an orderly manner; and, above all, to seek to be fair and impartial in the decisions you entrust to me.

Thereupon, the Speaker took the chair and the mace was laid on the Table.

The Assembly recessed from 10:15 a.m. until 2:03 p.m.

2:04 p.m.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor re-entered the Chamber and took his seat upon the Throne.

The Speaker then addressed His Honour to the following effect:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The Legislative Assembly has elected me to the Office of Speaker. If, in the performance of my duties, I should at any time fall into error I pray that the fault may be imputed to me and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am. On behalf of the Assembly and its Members it is my duty to claim all their traditional rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to your person at all reasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from you the most favourable consideration.

The Hon. Mr. Elhard, Provincial Secretary, then said:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government. His Honour is confident that the Assembly's proceedings will be conducted with wisdom and prudence and grants the Assembly's claim to its traditional rights and privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour upon all reasonable occasions and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to open the Session with the following Speech:

Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislature, Honoured Guests, People of Saskatchewan:

It's time to get to work.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the opening session of the Twenty-Sixth Legislature of the Province of Saskatchewan.

On November 7, the people of Saskatchewan chose a new direction for our great province; a direction that reflects Saskatchewan values.

Growth and opportunity.

Security and compassion.

Keeping your word.

This is what my new government will stand for. This is what the session will be about.

This Speech from the Throne will be shorter than most. This is not because there is any shortage of work to do. It will be shorter because my government believes actions speak louder than words.

This afternoon, I will outline the actions that my government will take during this session and its vision for securing Saskatchewan's future.

However, before I go on to articulate this new vision, it is only appropriate to pause now and recognize the service of the previous administration.

Members of the previous Government of Saskatchewan worked hard to serve the public. While this chamber often rang with debates and disagreements over policies and priorities, there was never any doubt that members of the previous government were motivated by their desire to make our province a better place for all.

On behalf of my government and the people of Saskatchewan, I sincerely thank them for their service.

Securing the Future

Within the borders of Saskatchewan, one can find natural resources and economic potential that would be the envy of any sovereign state on our planet.

Saskatchewan is also blessed with amazing human resources, hard working people and a history of innovation and excellence.

Given this, Saskatchewan should be a leader – not only in the New West that is emerging around us – but in the world. This brings me to the crux of my government's new approach.

My government will have a growth agenda.

Despite our tremendous wealth in both natural and human resources, our province has never truly achieved its full potential.

Today in Saskatchewan, there is a clear sense this is about to change. There is a clear sense that our time is now.

A growing population and a growing economy are the keys to securing our future.

This will mean more opportunities for everyone. This will mean more young people choosing to stay in Saskatchewan.

It also means more revenue to pay for essential public services – health care for those who are sick, education for those who wish to improve their opportunities in life, safer highways, safer communities, and a helping hand to those who struggle with problems like addictions.

Growth is not an end in itself. The end we truly desire is a safer, better and more secure life for the people of Saskatchewan.

That's why growth and security will be the watchwords for my government in the months and years ahead.

They will be the twin paths for our journey – a journey which will never truly be completed, because we must always seek to grow, and we must always seek to provide a better, more secure life for all Saskatchewan people.

Growth

Accountability

My government and its growth agenda will be built on a foundation of sound financial management. That is why my government will introduce *The Saskatchewan Growth and Financial Security Act*.

This Act will require that the budget of this province be balanced each and every year, instead of every four years as current legislation dictates. This new act will also set out a formula for allocating budgetary surpluses – half to securing the future by paying down debt, and half to investing in the future through economic growth initiatives. *The Saskatchewan Growth and Financial Security Act* will also ensure the size of the public service will not grow at a rate faster than the population it serves.

Retaining Our Young People

Accelerating growth will require a long-term commitment to keep our young people in Saskatchewan.

In the last seven years, our province has lost more than 35,000 people through out-migration. Most were young and well-trained. Instead of building careers and starting families right here at home, they decided to move elsewhere. We need to keep more of our young people in Saskatchewan.

To that end, my government will introduce the nation's most aggressive youth retention plan. This plan calls for tuition rebates of up to \$20,000 over seven years for those students who stay in the province after graduation to start their careers.

My government will also help young people start a business in Saskatchewan by allowing young entrepreneurs under 30 to earn \$10,000 per year tax free for five years.

A New Vision for the Economy: Enterprise Saskatchewan

Key to my government's plans for creating lasting and permanent growth is the establishment of *Enterprise Saskatchewan*. For too long in this province, governments of all political stripes have attempted to dominate the economy at the expense of the private and cooperative sectors. This has inevitably led to important investment decisions being viewed through the lens of political expediency.

Enterprise Saskatchewan will be a unique and innovative public-private partnership designed to replace the top-down, government-driven economic schemes of the past. It will return direction of the economy to the hands of people who create the jobs, invest the dollars and build the labour force of the future. It will be tasked with the ongoing development of – and reporting on – economic goals and targets. *Enterprise Saskatchewan* will ensure we remain a competitive and attractive home for investment and job creation.

Supporting Municipalities

The people of Saskatchewan voted in favour of a government committed to restoring a relationship of trust among the province, cities and municipalities.

During a period of fiscal strain, grants to various municipal governments were cut and expenses down-loaded. Now that times have improved, little has been done to restore the previous balance.

My government is committed to negotiating a new revenue sharing agreement with municipalities that will include a percentage of the province's own-source revenue. My government will also pursue innovative new partnerships with municipalities to assist them in meeting the demand for commercial and residential lots as part of our plan to secure the current economic momentum. While new agreements are being negotiated, my government will increase revenue sharing to provide immediate assistance to municipalities.

Democratic Labour Laws

The goal of promoting growth requires my government to focus some attention on the current labour legislative environment. The rights of workers to bargain collectively and the rights of employers must be respected. However, the labour legislative environment must also be competitive with other Canadian jurisdictions, if the Saskatchewan economy is to realize its potential.

My government will introduce legislation that achieves this competitive balance in labour laws.

Labour Shortage

Addressing Saskatchewan's current labour shortage is key to securing the future. Solving this shortage requires much greater participation by our First Nations and Métis people, more aggressive immigration efforts, and a concerted effort to bring our ex-patriots back home.

These areas will form the backbone of my government's efforts to deal with the shortage of trained workers. Enterprise Saskatchewan can be a focal point for these efforts, bringing together stakeholders in the economy – including post-secondary institutions – to focus attention on this important priority.

Investing in Knowledge, Innovation and Post-Secondary Institutions

The people of Saskatchewan have voted in favour of a government committed to building a knowledge economy in Saskatchewan.

In addition to the efforts of Enterprise Saskatchewan, this goal will be achieved through increased funding to existing post-secondary institutions.

My government will increase operating funding to post-secondary institutions by \$125 million over four years.

A knowledge economy must also look for new ways to capitalize on the province's natural advantages. One example is the uranium sector.

For too long in our province, development of the value added opportunities flowing from Saskatchewan's plentiful and high grade uranium reserves have not been a sufficient priority. This is why my government will now begin systematically exploring these opportunities.

Agriculture

If it is to be successful, any growth agenda in Saskatchewan must pay particular attention to agriculture, historically the backbone of our economy.

My government is committed to fully funding the province's share of the Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization Program (CAIS) and is determined to work with the federal government on creating new programs.

There is also a need for the federal government to increase its share of funding for income stabilization and disaster relief programs.

The Ministry of Agriculture is aware of the difficulties now facing the industry as a result of a higher Canadian dollar and is already working to develop solutions.

My government will listen to producer groups, and, in cooperation with the federal government, find ways to work through a difficult transitional period.

Forestry

Despite problems on a global scale, the forestry sector presents this province with significant opportunities for growth. Possibilities include developing new markets, examining creative uses for wood waste and assisting in the construction of new infrastructure, vital to the industry's future success.

Enterprise Saskatchewan will play a key role in this area. However, any new plans will not include direct government investment in specific companies, a course of action that has proven disastrous in the past, leading to some of the largest losses of taxpayers' money in the province's history.

Tax Relief

The people of Saskatchewan have also voted for lower taxes.

My government is committed to reducing the education portion of property taxes by doubling rebates over the next four years. It is the first step in making good on a commitment to achieve a better balance in paying for our education system.

My government's plan applies to both farmland and urban dwellings. Everyone has a stake in the future of our educational system. Everyone is entitled to reap the benefits from adjustments to that system.

Saskatchewan families purchasing a used car or light truck are already benefiting from tax reduction measures introduced by my government. The provincial sales tax now applies only once to the purchase of a vehicle.

Tourism and Parks

Saskatchewan is a land of great natural beauty that is a source of pride for its people. And that pride encourages us to enthusiastically share these remarkable treasures each year with visitors from around the world.

Much can be done to improve the services offered to these visitors and build even more pride in our province. To that end, my government will double tourism funding to promote added marketing activities and make important capital investments in new tourism facilities.

Our parks have also been a consistent source of pride and quality recreational activities for Saskatchewan families. My government will invest in new electrified campsites and new infrastructure for our parks.

Security

The measures I have cited so far will do much to increase growth and economic activity in Saskatchewan. However, as previously mentioned, this growth is not an end in itself. The end that we all desire is a higher quality of life and a safer, more secure environment for everyone in Saskatchewan.

This will require improvements to our health care system, safer communities and improvements to the social safety net. My government plans to take significant steps in each of these areas.

Health Care

The people of Saskatchewan have voted for better health care.

There is overwhelming support for a publicly funded, publicly administered health care system. However, patients are growing tired of over-flowing emergency rooms, shortages of doctors and nurses, endless temporary rural hospital closures and the longest waiting lists in the nation.

Key to overcoming these difficulties is addressing the shortage of nurses, doctors and other health care professionals. My government will begin working in partnership with the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses and other nursing stakeholders. The goal will be to hire 800 Registered Nurses within the first term of government.

My government is also committed to creating more training seats and more residency positions for our doctors.

Saskatchewan people believe that not enough of the health care budget is getting to the front lines of patient care. Increasingly, people wonder if we have the most effective system possible.

My government is committed to conducting a “patient first” review of the entire health care system. This review will be conducted with the input and support of health care professionals across our province. This review will determine the most efficient means of reducing surgical wait times, creating quality workplaces, reducing shortages of doctors and nurses through a comprehensive human resources plan and strengthening support for cancer care and prevention.

My government will also honour a promise to establish a prescription drug program that covers most seniors and includes children under its protective umbrella. This drug plan can be distinguished from others proposed recently, in that it is both comprehensive and fiscally responsible.

Healthy, Active Families

Numerous studies have shown that children who are involved in positive activities early in life are more likely to have positive outcomes in later life. They are also likely to avoid problems like drug addiction and alcohol abuse.

In order to assist families with the cost of cultural, artistic and sports activities, my government will introduce a \$150 per year per child Active Families Benefit. The Active Families Benefit will apply to each child aged six to 14 years.

Safer Communities

The people of Saskatchewan have voted for safer communities.

For the past nine years, Saskatchewan has had the highest crime rates in the country. Our people suffer the highest rate of substance abuse in the nation, according to the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.

More than ninety percent of our prison inmates have a substance abuse problem and more than half of them are released from jail, only to end up behind bars again.

What has been tried in the past clearly isn't working. It is time for a new approach.

My government will work with communities on a new long-term policing strategy that identifies current and emerging needs. It will move to provide another 120 new police officers over four years.

We will work to crack down on drugs and gangs in prisons.

The crucial work of funding 100 new long-term addictions treatment beds will also begin. To the extent that is possible and practical, my government will work towards having these treatment beds operated by community based and First Nations organizations.

The Social Safety Net

The people of Saskatchewan voted in favour of helping families in need.

My government is deeply committed to reducing child poverty. Everyone in this province must have the chance to secure their full measure of the coming prosperity.

The *Report Card on Child Poverty in Saskatchewan* released one year ago by the University of Regina, showed that 20 percent of children lived below the poverty line. That's more than 43,000 children. Over the past few years, this province has recorded poverty rates higher than the national average.

This must change.

My government will provide more funds for school lunch and anti-hunger programs across Saskatchewan. It will work with the thousands of community based organizations in the province that are already working effectively on the front lines in the drive to provide services to the poor and the hungry.

My government will also provide an additional \$20 million over four years to community based organizations that provide employment skills training to those individuals who need extra assistance to reach their full potential in the workforce. This assistance is also an important component in my government's efforts to solve Saskatchewan's labour shortage.

Improving Quality of Life – The Over-arching Goal

The people of Saskatchewan know their province can perform as well as or better than any other jurisdiction in Canada. They know Saskatchewan has the opportunity to attract a flood of new investment and turn the current boom into a lasting prosperity. With that prosperity will come an added measure of security for Saskatchewan people. The result will be a higher quality of life.

The Environment

My government is committed to finding solutions to the environmental problems facing our province, our country and our planet. The recent record has not been good. This province has the highest rate of growth in greenhouse gas emissions in Canada. For the sake of our children, this must change.

This is why my government is committed to meeting Saskatchewan's existing greenhouse gas emission target of reducing levels by 32 percent by 2020. In addition, in negotiations with the federal government or other provinces, my government will continue to insist that carbon offsets or penalties imposed on heavy greenhouse gas emitters will stay in this province. This money will be earmarked for research into environmental technology.

In addition to emissions targets, help will be provided to homeowners, schools, hospitals and businesses wishing to go green. Through the Crowns, which will remain publicly owned, assistance will be provided for the cost of installing geothermal and solar heating.

My government is committed to protecting and conserving our natural resources. In addition to clean air, the people of Saskatchewan must have access to clean drinking water, abundant and diverse wildlife and pristine lakes for recreational use.

Governments must also lead by example. This is why my government will ensure that new vehicles it purchases are either hybrid or high fuel efficiency vehicles.

Through Saskatchewan Government Insurance, my government will also help drivers wishing to purchase a hybrid or high efficiency vehicle by lowering the cost of registering these vehicles.

Education

Over the next four years, my government will invest in childcare, early childhood learning and other development initiatives.

Operating funding for K-12 education will be increased by 20 percent over four years and the foundation operating grant provided to school boards will be reviewed to ensure the current system is fair to all.

The strength and continued vibrancy of rural Saskatchewan depends on a strong, locally-controlled education system. My government will examine revising the Education Act to improve the consultation and assessment process before significant changes are made to school facilities. The potential for future economic growth and the necessity of having schools within a reasonable distance of all students must be rigorously assessed, prior to any changes.

My government understands that the future of our province depends on our education system. It realizes that the solution to the long-standing property tax issue can be found in funding education from general revenue.

Quality of Life for First Nations and Métis

The people of Saskatchewan owe a profound debt of gratitude to Saskatchewan's First Peoples for the help they provided our pioneers in building this province.

Treaty education is an important part of forging new ties. There must be an appreciation in the minds of the general public that Treaties are living, breathing documents that continue to bind us to promises made generations ago. This is why my government is committed to making mandatory instruction in history and content of the Treaties in the K-12 curriculum.

My government will work with First Nations and Métis to develop a protocol for protecting their rights and interests by ensuring that the duty to consult and accommodate is fully honoured. First Nations and Métis must also play a vital role in Enterprise Saskatchewan since they must be full partners in planning for future growth.

Keeping Our Word

Some may say that this Throne Speech sounds a lot like my government's election platform.

They're right.

During the election campaign, my government clearly outlined what it would do.

Now, the time has come to do what was said.

All of these changes will not happen overnight. But they will happen over the course of the next four years. Then, Saskatchewan people will have the opportunity to judge whether my government has kept its word.

The date of that judgement will be November 7, 2011 – exactly four years to the day from the last election.

In order to ensure that date and to eliminate any political game-playing in the setting of an election date, my government will introduce legislation to establish a fixed election date every four years in November.

Conclusion

On the night of November 7, my new government received many congratulatory messages. One was an email from Mr. Kent Heinrich. The message included the following quotation from Joseph Addison, an English essayist, poet and politician.

“If you wish success in life, make perseverance your bosom friend, experience your wise counsellor, caution your elder brother and hope your guardian genius.”

There was much talk in the recent election about hope.

Today in our province, we truly are on the verge of something great.

We can secure for generations to come lasting economic growth.

My government’s vision is one where Saskatchewan takes its rightful place as a leader in Canada.

There is new determination in the eyes and new confidence in the step of people all across our province.

This is not some land of meek and timid souls, peeking nervously into an uncertain future with trembling apprehension.

This is Saskatchewan, full of confident, self-assured yet humble people – ready to step boldly into a bright future, no longer willing to settle for mediocrity.

Our Saskatchewan is truly a land of hope.

May divine providence continue to bless our province and guide this Assembly in all of its deliberations.

God bless Saskatchewan.

God bless Canada.

God save the Queen.

PRAYERS

His Honour then retired from the Chamber.

2:36 p.m.

TABLING OF THE RETURN TO THE WRIT

The Speaker informed the Assembly that the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly had received from the Chief Electoral Officer lists of names of such Members as had been returned to serve in the Legislature, as hereinbefore set forth.

(Sessional Paper No. 20)

PRO FORMA BILL

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Wall, that a Bill respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office be now introduced and read the first time.

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

INTRODUCTION OF PAGES

The Speaker informed the Assembly that Teagan Bossenberry, Kristy Fyfe, Milayna Goruick, Alex Hamilton, Travis McLellan and Amy Stamm would be Pages for the present Session.

TABLING THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

The Speaker then informed the Assembly that, in order to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which was laid upon the Table.

(Sessional Paper No. 21)

CONSIDERATION OF SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Wall, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

Ordered, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor be taken into consideration on Tuesday, December 11, 2007.

PRINTING OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Wall, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

Ordered, That the *Votes and Proceedings* of this Assembly be printed under the authority of the Speaker.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Wall:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:45 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were tabled intersessionally during the period from October 10, 2007, being the date of dissolution, to December 10, 2007:

No.	RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS	DATE TABLED
1	Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST): Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2007	October 12, 2007
2	Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST): Services/Supplier Payments/Disbursements Report, and Employees/Board Payments Report for the fiscal year 2007	October 12, 2007
3	<i>Public Accounts</i> of the Province of Saskatchewan for year ended March 31, 2007 (Volume 2)	October 19, 2007
4	Notice of incorporation by Saskatchewan Telecommunications Corporation pursuant to section 30(3) of <i>The Crown Corporations Act, 1993</i> and <i>The Tabling of Documents Act, 1991</i> : subsidiary called Abernethy Enterprises, Inc.	October 26, 2007
5	Notice of incorporation by Saskatchewan Telecommunications Corporation pursuant to section 30(3) of <i>The Crown Corporations Act, 1993</i> and <i>The Tabling of Documents Act, 1991</i> : subsidiary called Zenon Park Holding, Inc.	October 26, 2007
6	Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission: Annual Report, Consolidated Financial Statements and Supplementary Financial Information for the year ended June 30, 2007	October 26, 2007
7	Carlton Trail Regional College: Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2007	October 26, 2007
8	Cumberland Regional College: Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2007	October 26, 2007
9	Cypress Hills Regional College: Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2007	October 26, 2007
10	North West Regional College: Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2007	October 26, 2007
11	Parkland Regional College: Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2007	October 26, 2007
12	Prairie West Regional College: Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2007	October 26, 2007
13	Southeast Regional College: Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2007	October 26, 2007
14	Northlands College: Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2007	October 29, 2007
15	Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program: Annual Report for the year 2007	November 5, 2007
16	Conflict of Interest Commissioner: Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2006	November 5, 2007
17	Provincial Auditor: Business and Financial Plan, pursuant to section 14.1 of <i>The Provincial Auditor Act</i> , for the year ended March 31, 2009	November 29, 2007
18	Provincial Auditor's 2007 Report (Volume 3), in accordance with the provisions of section 14.1 of <i>The Provincial Auditor Act</i>	December 6, 2007

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2007
(2ND DAY)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

SPEAKER INFORMS ASSEMBLY OF ELECTION OF A MEMBER

The Speaker informed the Assembly that the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly had received from the Chief Electoral Officer a certificate of the following election and return:

Of Jeremy Harrison as Member for the Constituency of Meadow Lake

(Sessional Paper No. 22)

Jeremy Harrison, Member for the Constituency of Meadow Lake, having previously taken the Oath, according to law, and subscribed the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the Assembly.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER

Pursuant to the provisions of Rule 43, the Assembly proceeded to the election of a Deputy Speaker.

The Clerk informed the Assembly that only one candidate had declared to the Clerk his intention to stand for election to the Office of Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Greg Brkich, Member for the Constituency of Arm River-Watrous

(Sessional Paper No. 23)

Pursuant to Rule 42(3), Mr. Brkich, Member for the Constituency of Arm River-Watrous, was declared elected as Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees of the Whole.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR OF COMMITTEES

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Wall, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Gantfoer, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That Mr. Tim McMillan, Member for the Constituency of Lloydminster, be appointed to preside as Deputy Chair of Committees of this Assembly.

MOTION CONCERNING SESSIONAL ADJOURNMENT

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantfoer, seconded by Mr. Taylor, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That when this Assembly adjourns at the end of the sitting day on December 20, 2007, it shall stand adjourned to a date and time set by Mr. Speaker upon the request of the government, and that Mr. Speaker shall give each Member seven clear days' notice if possible of such date and time.

MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Order of the Day having been called for consideration of the Speech of His Honour at the opening of the Session, Ms. Eagles, seconded by Mr. Ottenbreit, moved:

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE GORDON L. BARNHART
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session.

The debate continuing, it was moved by Mr. Calvert, seconded by Mr. Van Mulligen in amendment thereto:

That the motion be amended by adding the following:

And, That this government no longer enjoys the confidence of the Assembly because it has a hidden agenda that picks winners and losers, because it puts the interests of the federal government ahead of Saskatchewan citizens, and because it is already making excuses to abandon election commitments.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, it was on motion of Mr. Taylor, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:28 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2007
(3RD DAY)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES

Mr. Taylor, Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on House Services, presented the First Report of the said Committee.

(Sessional Paper No. 24)

On motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That the First Report of the Standing Committee on House Services be now concurred in.

AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND PROCEDURES

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, seconded by Mr. Taylor:

That the revisions to *The Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan* as presented be adopted and brought into force effective December 13, 2007; and further

That upon adoption of this motion, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly shall ensure *The Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan* as revised are printed and re-published in English and French.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES

Mr. Taylor, Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on House Services, presented the Second Report of the said Committee.

(Sessional Paper No. 25)

On motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That the Second Report of the Standing Committee on House Services be now concurred in.

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. Eagles, seconded by Mr. Ottenbreit:

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

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Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

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and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Calvert, seconded by Mr. Van Mulligen:

That the motion be amended by adding the following:

And, That this government no longer enjoys the confidence of the Assembly because it has a hidden agenda that picks winners and losers, because it puts the interests of the federal government ahead of Saskatchewan citizens, and because it is already making excuses to abandon election commitments.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, it was on motion of Mr. Nilson adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:55 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2007
(4TH DAY)

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 1 – The Growth and Financial Security Act

(Hon. Mr. Gantfoer)

TABLING OF SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

The Hon. Mr. Gantfoer delivered a message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which was read by the Speaker as follows:

December 12, 2007

The Lieutenant Governor transmits Supplementary Estimates – December of certain sums required for the service of the Province for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

GORDON L. BARNHART
Lieutenant Governor

(Sessional Paper No. 26)

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. Eagles, seconded by Mr. Ottenbreit:

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

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Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

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That the motion be amended by adding the following:

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The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, it was on motion of the Hon. Mr. Stewart adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:46 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2007
(5TH DAY)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

A petition of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan was presented and laid upon the Table by Mr. Furber.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 2 – The Enterprise Saskatchewan Act

(Hon. Mr. Stewart)

Bill No. 3 – The Potash Development Repeal Act

(Hon. Mr. Boyd)

SPEAKER TABLES REPORTS

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the following:

Report of the Provincial Ombudsman Saskatchewan entitled *Hearing Back: Piecing Together Timelines in Saskatchewan's Administrative Tribunals*, tabled pursuant to section 30(2) of *The Ombudsman and Children's Advocate Act*.

(Sessional Paper No. 28)

Members' Accountability and Disclosure Reports for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007, pursuant to Directive No. 22 of the Board of Internal Economy.

(Sessional Paper No. 29)

Financial Statements for the New Democratic Party Caucus for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 30)

Financial Statements for the Saskatchewan Party Caucus for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 31)

Message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor communicating the membership of the Board of Internal Economy, dated December 10, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 32)

CONDOLENCES

The Speaker advised the Assembly of the passing of two former Officers of the Assembly: Mr. Kenneth Bradshaw, who served as Clerk of the Assembly for the 1966 legislative session, and Mr. Derril McLeod, Q.C., who served as the province's first Freedom of Information and Privacy Commissioner from 1992 until 2000 and as the first Conflict of Interest Commissioner from 1994 until 2000.

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. Eagles, seconded by Mr. Ottenbreit:

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE GORDON L. BARNHART
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session,

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Calvert, seconded by Mr. Van Mulligen:

That the motion be amended by adding the following:

And, That this government no longer enjoys the confidence of the Assembly because it has a hidden agenda that picks winners and losers, because it puts the interests of the federal government ahead of Saskatchewan citizens, and because it is already making excuses to abandon election commitments.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, it was on motion of Mr. Hart adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:57 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2007
(6TH DAY)

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 Hon. Mr. Gantefoer.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petition was read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to commit to reopening negotiations with Domtar.

(Sessional Paper No. 27)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

The following Bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Le projet de loi suivant est reçu, lu une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 4 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council (Fixed Election Dates) Amendment Act, 2007

Projet de loi n° 4 – Loi de 2007 modifiant la Loi de 2007 sur l'Assemblée législative et le Conseil exécutif (élections à date fixe)

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Morgan)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

Mr. Huyghebaert, Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy, presented the First Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the following government ministries and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

Supplementary Estimates, 2007-2008:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008, the following sums:

For Energy and Resources \$22,322,000

For Enterprise and Innovation	\$4,764,000
For Highways and Infrastructure	\$19,878,000
For Highways and Infrastructure Capital	\$2,500,000

Your 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. 33)

On motion of Mr. Huyghebaert:

Ordered, That the First Report of the Standing Committee on the Economy be now concurred in.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Mr. Hart, Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Services, presented the First Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the following government ministries and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

Supplementary Estimates, 2007-2008:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008, the following sums:

For Advanced Education, Employment and Labour	\$16,270,000
For Corrections, Public Safety and Policing	\$48,278,000
For Education	\$33,705,000
For Health	\$28,136,000

Your 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. 34)

On motion of Mr. Hart:

Ordered, That the First Report of the Standing Committee on Human Services be now concurred in.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

Mr. Duncan, Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, presented the First Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the following government ministries and agencies, and adopted the following resolutions:

Supplementary Estimates, 2007-2008:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008, the following sums:

For Finance	\$4,090,000
For Information Technology Office	\$43,000
For Public Service Commission	\$9,381,000

Your 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. 35)

On motion of Mr. Duncan:

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

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE

Mr. Kirsch, Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice, presented the First Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the following government ministries and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

Supplementary Estimates, 2007-2008:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008, the following sums:

For First Nations and Métis Relations	\$13,223,000
For Justice and Attorney General	\$2,512,000
For Municipal Affairs	\$206,000
For Northern Affairs	\$4,500,000
For the Office of the Provincial Secretary	\$200,000

For Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport \$13,989,000

Your 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. 36)

On motion of Mr. Kirsch:

Ordered, That the First Report of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice be now concurred in.

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. Eagles, seconded by Mr. Ottenbreit:

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE GORDON L. BARNHART
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session,

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Calvert, seconded by Mr. Van Mulligen:

That the motion be amended by adding the following:

And, That this government no longer enjoys the confidence of the Assembly because it has a hidden agenda that picks winners and losers, because it puts the interests of the federal government ahead of Saskatchewan citizens, and because it is already making excuses to abandon election commitments.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, it was on motion of the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:54 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2007
(7TH DAY)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

A petition of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan was presented and laid upon the Table by Mr. Furber.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel informed the Assembly that on December 18, 2007, a certain petition regarding failed government investments was presented. Pursuant to Rule 16(4), the petition was found to be irregular and therefore was not read and received.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act

(Hon. Mr. Norris)

Bill No. 6 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2007

(Hon. Mr. Norris)

SPEAKER TABLES REPORTS

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Legislative Library for the year ended March 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 38)

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

(Appropriateness of Statement by Member)

Yesterday, the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Taylor) raised a point of order regarding the appropriateness of the Member's Statement given by the Minister responsible for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (Mr. D'Autremont).

I have had the opportunity to review *Hansard* and to consider the comments made by the House Leaders of both the Government (Mr. Gantfoer) and of the Official Opposition.

The Assembly will be aware that the Rules provide for two distinct periods during Routine Proceedings for statements by Members. The first period affords private Members an opportunity to make a statement on any subject of interest or concern to them. Often these statements highlight an event or an accomplishment by a group or individual in their constituency.

A second period of time affords Ministers the opportunity to advise the Assembly of matters relating to government policy, ministerial action or to announce a new direction or programme. Ministers are not permitted to use this period to comment on matters that have previously been announced or to make congratulatory messages. Ministers are also precluded by Rule 18(5) from using the time during “Statements by Members” to make a statement on matters relating to their area of ministerial responsibility.

In reviewing the statement made by the Minister, I find that it is in the nature of a congratulatory message on the accomplishment of the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority in being named the 2007 Business of the Year by *Saskatchewan Business* magazine. The statement does not announce a new policy, direction or programme by either the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority – the portfolio for which the Minister is responsible, or by the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority – an entity falling under the jurisdiction of the SLGA. Accordingly, the statement could not appropriately be made as a Ministerial Statement. The correct time to make this statement was during “Statements by Members”.

In arriving at this decision, I recognize the view that the Minister’s statement could leave the impression that he was addressing a matter that falls within his ministerial jurisdiction. In reviewing the record, the Minister was not technically out of order. However, in order to avoid confusion, Ministers may want to make a clear distinction that their statement is not related to their ministerial responsibilities.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 1 to 30, 37 to 40, 43 to 70, 72 to 73, 80 to 86, 88 to 150, 155, 164, and 167 to 190, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 31 to 36, 41 to 42, 71, 74 to 79, 87, 151 to 154, 156 to 163, and 165 to 166, the answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 1 to 30 pursuant to Rule 20(6).

(Sessional Paper Nos. 39 to 68)

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. Eagles, seconded by Mr. Ottenbreit:

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE GORDON L. BARNHART
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty’s dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session,

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Calvert, seconded by Mr. Van Mulligen:

That the motion be amended by adding the following:

And, That this government no longer enjoys the confidence of the Assembly because it has a hidden agenda that picks winners and losers, because it puts the interests of the federal government ahead of Saskatchewan citizens, and because it is already making excuses to abandon election commitments.”

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment and the question being put on the amendment, it was negated on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 19

Calvert	Harper	Junor	Trew	Van Mulligen
Atkinson	Nilson	Yates	Higgins	Belanger
Furber	Iwanchuk	Forbes	Taylor	Beatty
Quennell	Brotten	McCall	Wotherspoon	

NAYS – 36

Stewart	Elhard	Bjornerud	Draude	Krawetz
Boyd	Eagles	McMorris	D'Autremont	Hickie
Cheveldayoff	Heppner	Tell	Gantefoer	Harpauer
Norris	Morgan	Hutchinson	Huyghebaert	Brkich
Hart	Kirsch	Schreimer	Allchurch	Weekes
Chisholm	Wilson	Duncan	Michelson	LeClerc
Ottenbreit	Ross	Reiter	Bradshaw	Harrison
McMillan				

The debate continuing on the motion, the Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 6(6).

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Associations:

- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Saskatchewan
- The Chiropractors' Association of Saskatchewan
- College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan
- Saskatchewan Dietitians Association
- Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan
- Association of Saskatchewan Forestry Professionals
- Funeral and Cremation Services Council
- Saskatchewan Land Surveyors' Association
- Law Society of Saskatchewan
- Saskatchewan Society of Medical Laboratory Technologists
- College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Saskatchewan
- Saskatchewan College of Midwives
- Saskatchewan Society of Occupational Therapists
- Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists
- Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan
- Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials
- Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers
- Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation
- Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association

(Sessional Paper No. 37)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2007
(8TH DAY)

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Furber and D'Autremont.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petition was read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to commit to reopening negotiations with Domtar.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 27)

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

(Statement implying Member was not truthful)

Yesterday, the Member for Regina Dewdney (Mr. Yates) raised a point of order regarding statements made by the Minister of Environment (Hon. Ms. Heppner) during the debate on the Address in Reply. I have reviewed *Hansard* and now wish to rule on the matter.

The statement at issue begins by identifying the Member for Saskatoon Nutana (Ms. Atkinson) and then continues on to state, “[...] I was cheered yesterday to hear that an NDP member finally told the truth about election advertising money.” It was the contention of the Member for Regina Dewdney that the effect of this statement was to indirectly call Members of the New Democratic Party liars.

While the Member for Regina Dewdney characterized his point of order as an attempt to do indirectly what could not be done directly, I find that the issue is more properly framed as calling into question the character of another Member.

As noted in a ruling by my predecessor on March 26, 2001:

“[...] the proceedings of this Assembly are based on a long-standing tradition of respect for the integrity of all Members. The integrity or motives of Members, whether individually or collectively, should not be questioned indirectly in debate.”

I have also sought guidance from the Assembly’s revised Rule book, which directs in Rule 50(f) that no Member may make a personal charge or accusation against any other Member. Finally, I refer Members to Marleau and Montpetit, which provides on page 522 that, “remarks directed specifically at another Member which question that Member’s integrity, honesty or character are not in order.”

I find that the statement by the Minister could be interpreted as questioning the honesty of an identifiable Member of this Assembly. Whether intentional or not, language of this nature can be inflammatory. I caution all Members to use discretion in phrasing their comments in the future.

Thereupon, the Hon. Ms. Heppner withdrew her remarks.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 191 to 218, they were answered. (See Appendix)

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. Eagles, seconded by Mr. Ottenbreit:

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE GORDON L. BARNHART
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 36

Wall	Stewart	Elhard	Bjornerud	Krawetz
Boyd	Eagles	McMorris	D'Autremont	Hickie
Cheveldayoff	Heppner	Tell	Gantfoer	Harpauer
Norris	Morgan	Hutchinson	Huyghebaert	Brkich
Hart	Kirsch	Schreimer	Allchurch	Weekes
Chisholm	Wilson	Duncan	Michelson	LeClerc
Ottenbreit	Ross	Reiter	Bradshaw	Harrison
McMillan				

NAYS – 19

Calvert	Harper	Junor	Trew	Van Mulligen
Atkinson	Nilson	Yates	Higgins	Belanger
Furber	Iwanchuk	Forbes	Taylor	Beatty
Quennell	Broten	McCall	Wotherspoon	

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Executive Council.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008, the sum of \$258,000 for Executive Council (Ordinary).

Summary of Resolutions adopted:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2007-2008

EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008 the following sums:

BUDGETARY EXPENSES

1.	For Advanced Education, Employment and Labour	\$16,270,000
2.	For Corrections, Public Safety and Policing	48,278,000
3.	For Education	33,705,000
4.	For Energy and Resources	23,322,000
5.	For Enterprise and Innovation	4,764,000
6.	For Executive Council	258,000
7.	For Finance	4,090,000
8.	For First Nations and Métis Relations	13,223,000
9.	For Health	28,136,000
10.	For Highways and Infrastructure	19,878,000
11.	For Information Technology Office	43,000
12.	For Justice and Attorney General	2,512,000
13.	For Municipal Affairs	206,000
14.	For Northern Affairs	4,500,000
15.	For Office of the Provincial Secretary	200,000

16.	For Public Service Commission	9,381,000
17.	For Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport.....	13,989,000

GENERAL REVENUE FUND

MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008, the following sums, which to the extent that they remain unexpended for that fiscal year are also granted for the fiscal year ending on March 31, 2009:

1.	For Highways and Infrastructure Capital	\$2,500,000
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On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty, on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008, the sum of two hundred twenty-two million, seven hundred fifty-five thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008, which to the extent that they remain unexpended for the fiscal year are also granted for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, the sum of two million, five hundred 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, 2007 (NO. 4)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer, by leave of the Assembly: That Bill No. 7 – The Appropriation Act, 2007 (No. 4) – 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 72(2), the said Bill was then read a second time and third time and passed under its title.

ROYAL ASSENT

12:23 p.m.

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

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. 7 – The Appropriation Act, 2007 (No. 4)

His Honour the Administrator then replied: "In Her Majesty's name, I thank the Legislative Assembly, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

His Honour then retired from the Chamber.

12:25 p.m.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:33 p.m. to the call of the Chair, pursuant to an Order of the Assembly dated December 11, 2007.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Grain Car Corporation for the year ended July 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 69)

By the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Teachers' Superannuation Commission, under *The Teachers' Superannuation and Disability Benefits Act* for the year ended June 30, 2007, *The Teachers' Life Insurance (Government Contributory) Act* for the period ended August 31, 2007 and *The Teachers' Dental Plan Act* for the period ended December 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 71)

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008
(9TH DAY)

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: Higgins, Wotherspoon, Iwanchuk and Reiter.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to give prostate cancer patients timely access to high intensity focused ultrasound treatment.

(Sessional Paper No. 70)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to commit to reopening negotiations with Domtar.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 27)

COMMONWEALTH DAY MESSAGE

The Speaker, before Orders of the Day, read the Commonwealth Day Message of Her Majesty the Queen.

TABLING OF SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

The Hon. Mr. Gantfoer delivered a message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which was read by the Speaker as follows:

March 10, 2008

The Lieutenant Governor transmits Supplementary Estimates – March of certain sums required for the service of the Province for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

GORDON L. BARNHART
Lieutenant Governor

(Sessional Paper No. 90)

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE

Bill No. 1 – The Growth and Financial Security Act

The Hon. Mr. Gantefer, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 1 – The Growth and Financial Security Act – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 4 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council (Fixed Election Dates) Amendment Act, 2007**Projet de loi n° 4 – Loi de 2007 modifiant la Loi de 2007 sur l'Assemblée législative et le Conseil exécutif (élections à date fixe)**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 4 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council (Fixed Election Dates) Amendment Act, 2007 – be now read a second time.

L'hon. M. Morgan propose: Que le projet de loi n° 4 – Loi de 2007 modifiant la Loi de 2007 sur l'Assemblée législative et le Conseil exécutif (élections à date fixe) – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. McCall, adjourned.

Il s'élève un débat et sur motion de M. McCall, le débat est ajourné.

CONDOLENCE MOTIONS

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Wall, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly unite in paying tribute to the memory of the Honourable **John Edward Neil Wiebe**, eighteenth Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, who passed away on April 16, 2007.

John Wiebe was born on May 31, 1936 in Herbert. He attended the Herbert Elementary and High Schools before continuing his studies at Luther College in Regina and the University of Saskatchewan. Mr. Wiebe married Ann Lewis on October 7, 1961. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and eight grandchildren.

In his private life, Mr. Wiebe carried on the family tradition of farming. He was the owner and president of L & W Feeders Ltd. from 1970 until 1985 and continued to operate the family farm until 1994. Mr. Wiebe's rural and agricultural background was reflected in many of the organizations he chose to support. The Main Center Wheat Pool Committee, the Herbert Credit Union, the Herbert Co-op and his local 4-H Club were among the organizations that benefited from his involvement. He was a member of the Herbert Lions Club and guided young hockey players as a coach and as a referee. Mr. Wiebe also served as a director of the Saskatchewan Power Corporation and VIA Rail Canada Inc.

Mr. Wiebe's dedication to his fellow citizens was evident in his distinguished record of public service as an elected representative, a senator and as a member of international trade commissions. Mr. Wiebe became involved with politics at an early age within the Liberal Party. After serving in various roles as a strategist and fundraiser, he sought election to this Assembly in a by-election in 1971.

He continued to represent the constituency of Morse following the 1975 general election and remained a Member until 1979. Mr. Wiebe was appointed to the Senate of Canada in 2000 and served until his retirement in 2004.

Mr. Wiebe was installed as the eighteenth Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan on May 31, 1994. Throughout his term, he sought to raise public awareness of the role of the Crown in Saskatchewan and Canada. His legacy was reflected in the creation of the J.E.N. Wiebe Interpretative Centre at Government House. Mr. Wiebe retained an abiding interest in the welfare of rural communities and was instrumental in the establishment of the Lieutenant Governor's Award for outstanding service to rural Saskatchewan. His commitment to the military community led to his appointment as the Honourary Colonel of the 38 Artillery Tactical Group – 10th Field. He later served as the Saskatchewan chair of the Canadian Forces Liaison Council. Mr. Wiebe's style, enthusiasm and vitality in fulfilling his duties as the Queen's representative endeared him to people across all of Saskatchewan.

The breadth of Mr. Wiebe's contribution to Province of Saskatchewan was recognized by numerous awards. He was inducted into the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in 1994 and held the grade of Knight. Mr. Wiebe was also awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal and the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy with members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Wall, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency and to the province.

David Boldt, who passed away on December 31, 2007, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1960 until 1975. He represented the constituency of Rosthern for the Liberal Party.

Mr. Boldt was born on January 21, 1918 in Osler. He attended public school in Osler before completing studies in agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan. He then pursued further training at the Edmonton Welding School. On October 14, 1945, Mr. Boldt married Anne Enns. He is survived by his wife and their three children, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Mr. Boldt retained an interest in farming throughout his life. He began by assisting on the family farm before starting his own grain operation nearby with his wife. Even after his retirement into the city, he continued to assist with the spring seeding and harvesting. Mr. Boldt was very involved with his church and the Gideons and served both organizations in a number of capacities.

Mr. Boldt's involvement in politics began at the local level and broadened to include the provincial scene. Mr. Boldt was first elected to this Assembly in 1960 and retained his seat in the following three elections. He was appointed to cabinet in 1964 and remained in the executive until 1971. Mr. Boldt first served as Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, and then in the Welfare portfolio. He led the Department of Highways and Transportation for several years and was also responsible for the Saskatchewan Government Insurance Corporation.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy with members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Wall, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency and to the province.

George Reginald Anderson Bowerman, who passed away on December 20, 2007, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1967 until 1982. He represented the constituency of Shellbrook for the New Democratic Party.

Mr. Bowerman was born on November 3, 1930 in Shellbrook. He received his early schooling at the one-room Rayside School. He furthered his education by taking correspondence courses and vocational training in agriculture and resource management. Mr. Bowerman married Dagmar Christiansen on February 14, 1959 and they had three sons. He was predeceased by his wife and one son.

Mr. Bowerman's dedication to his fellow citizens was evident in his lengthy and diverse public service. In addition to owning and operating a family farm from an early age, he was employed by the Department of Natural Resources for eighteen years. He joined the Saskatchewan Smoke Jumpers in 1949 and became part of Canada's first aerial fire fighting and search and rescue team. Mr. Bowerman subsequently trained as a Field Officer and Game Warden and was stationed around the province developing the commercial fishing industry. In his private life, Mr. Bowerman volunteered his time and knowledge to benefit organizations and groups within his local community.

Mr. Bowerman was first elected to this Assembly in 1967 and retained his seat in the following three elections. He entered cabinet in 1971 and remained in the executive until his retirement from elected office. Several of the portfolios Mr. Bowerman held reflected his personal interests and background. He first served as Minister of Mineral Resources and later Natural Resources. He then led the Departments of Northern Saskatchewan and the Environment for several years. Mr. Bowerman also held the Saskatchewan Indian and Métis portfolio for a brief period.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy with members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Wall, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency and to the province.

Michael Feschuk, who passed away on November 12, 2007, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1971 until 1982. He represented the constituencies of Prince Albert East and Prince Albert for the New Democratic Party.

Mr. Feschuk was born on January 6, 1932 at Meath Park. He spent his formative years on the family farm and attended local schools in Meath Park. Mr. Feschuk married Helen Mychaluk on January 25, 1953 and they had one daughter. He is survived by his wife, his daughter, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Mr. Feschuk's professional career encompassed many fields. He initially continued the family tradition of farming and later assumed responsibility for his parents' farming operations. In the 1980s, Mr. Feschuk was employed as a real estate agent before joining Statistics Canada.

In his personal life, Mr. Feschuk sought to alleviate the hardships faced by others in his community. He volunteered his time to mentor new Ukrainian immigrants, to assist farmers with the annual harvest and to support those looking for employment. Several community organizations benefited from Mr. Feschuk's contributions and he was awarded the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal in recognition of his efforts.

Mr. Feschuk's involvement with politics began with the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation and continued with the New Democratic Party. He sought election to this Assembly in 1971 and successfully retained his seat in the 1975 and 1978 general elections.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy with members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Wall, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency and to the province.

Calvin Henry Glauser, who passed away on February 5, 2007, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1982 until 1986. He represented the constituency of Saskatoon Mayfair for the Progressive Conservative Party.

Mr. Glauser was born on April 2, 1923 in Delisle. He spent his childhood on the family farm and received his education in local schools. In 1941, Mr. Glauser moved with his family to Saskatoon, where he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. In early 1943, he travelled overseas as a member of the ground crew. Later that year, he was attached to the Quebec Les Allouette 425 Squadron and deployed with them to North Africa for nine months. He served the remainder of the war in England. Upon receiving his discharge from the Air Force in 1945, Mr. Glauser returned to Canada.

Mr. Glauser married Marjorie Schauss on July 12, 1947. He is survived by his wife and their four children, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. Glauser's career with the Royal Bank extended over twenty-eight years. He served at branches in both Saskatoon and Regina before retiring in 1982 as the North Region Marketing Manager. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Glauser was elected to this Assembly.

He served as Vice chairman of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and as a member of the Estimates Committee. Mr. Glauser served as the Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Health. He also held appointments on the caucus legislative review and industrial review committees.

In his private life, Mr. Glauser was an active volunteer in a number of community organizations. His involvement with the Cosmopolitan Club extended over twenty-three years. Mr. Glauser took particular pleasure in researching and publishing a history of his family dating back to its Swiss origins in the 1650s.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy with members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Wall, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency and to the province.

Norman Lusney, who passed away on December 10, 2007, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1977 until 1986. He represented the constituency of Pelly for the New Democratic Party.

Mr. Lusney was born on February 10, 1937 in Kamsack. He spent his childhood contributing to the operation of the family farm and attending the McGillvray School. Mr. Lusney married Loretta Horkoff on October 10, 1958 and they had two daughters. He is survived by his wife, their daughters and five grandchildren.

Mr. Lusney followed many career paths during his life. He first sought employment in the mining field in British Columbia and in Alice Arm. Later he worked on the railroad in Ontario, in the dairy industry in Moose Jaw and for Canada Post in Roblin, Manitoba. Mr. Lusney was also a businessman, operating a service station and the family farm for many years.

Mr. Lusney was an active participant in the affairs of the communities in which he lived. At the local level, he served on the boards of several organizations. At the provincial level, Mr. Lusney's public service was reflected in his membership in this Assembly. He was first entered this Assembly after a by-election in 1977 and was re-elected in the following two elections.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy with members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Wall, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution she made to her community, her constituency and to the province.

Maria Margharita Sally Merchant, who passed away on April 1, 2007, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1964 until 1967. She represented the constituency of Saskatoon City for the Liberal Party.

Mrs. Merchant was born on October 1, 1919 in Yorkton. She began her schooling at the Victoria Public School in Yorkton, and then at the Loretta Convent in Sedley. She completed her secondary education at the Convent of Sacred Heart in Halifax and Montreal. Mrs. Merchant graduated from Dalhousie University in 1940 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and later received a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Saskatchewan in 1955.

Mrs. Merchant married Evatt Merchant in 1941 and is survived by their two children and nine grandchildren.

Mrs. Merchant pursued many careers over her lifetime. As a broadcasting pioneer, she hosted a series of interview programmes on the local CFQC television station. She later served as a member of the Canadian Radio and Television Commission. As a public servant, Mrs. Merchant joined the federal Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs in 1969. Over the following fourteen years, she left an indelible mark on the development of the new department and on the policies, initiatives and protocols in the consumer protection field. Mrs. Merchant was also an academic and passed on her knowledge and experience to students at the Universities of Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. She later served as the Assistant Director of Development at her alma mater in Saskatoon.

Mrs. Merchant was an active participant in the affairs of the communities in which she lived.

Mrs. Merchant's professional interests were reflected in the organizations she chose to support. She was a member of the Canadian Media Club, the Consumers' Association of Canada, the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, and the Liberal Party of Canada.

Mrs. Merchant's personal interests and concern for the welfare of others were also reflected in her memberships. She was a life member of the Saskatoon Council of Women and an honorary member of the Soroptimists International. Other organizations dedicated to assisting those in need also benefited from her involvement.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy with members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Wall, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency and to the province.

Robert Edward William Myers, who passed away on January 28, 2008, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1982 until 1986. He represented the constituency of Saskatoon South for the Progressive Conservative Party.

Mr. Myers was born on January 14, 1947 in Saskatoon. He spent his formative years in Saskatoon and attended local schools. Mr. Myers married Jo Anne McFadyen on November 12, 1971 and they had one son. He is survived by his wife, his son, and two grandsons.

Mr. Myers was a trained mine designer. He was employed in the engineering departments with INCO in Thompson, Manitoba and with AMOK in Cluff Lake, Saskatchewan. Later he joined the provincial civil service and worked as an inspector of mines.

Mr. Myers had a passionate interest in political affairs. He first sought to represent his community at the municipal level and served on the Thompson city council. Later in 1982, he was elected to this Assembly for one term. Mr. Myers was appointed the Legislative Secretary for Energy and Mines and served as the chairman of the Natural Resources Committee. He also served as caucus whip.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy with members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Wall, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency and to the province.

Edward Charles Whelan, who passed away on December 11, 2007, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1960 until 1979. He represented the constituencies of Regina City and Regina North for the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation and the constituency of Regina North West for the New Democratic Party.

Mr. Whelan was born on August 6, 1919 in Amherstburg, Ontario. He attended local schools in Anderdon before completing further studies at the General Amherst High School and the Toronto Technical School. His education was curtailed when his father died and Mr. Whelan assumed a greater role on the family farm and supporting his mother and younger siblings. Mr. Whelan married Pemrose Henry on November 27, 1948. He is survived by wife, three children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Whelan first trained as a machinist in the Windsor auto plants. He became a member of the United Automobile Workers' Union and later represented the UAW within the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation organization. In 1943, Mr. Whelan moved to Saskatchewan to return to farming. He continued his life-long involvement with the labour and co-operatives movements by assuming positions with a number of organizations. These included acting as the educational director of the Co-operative Union of Canada, as the secretary of the Regina Labour Council, and on the executives of the Sherwood Co-op and the Sherwood Savings and Credit Union. Mr. Whelan also served as chairman of the Provincial Mediation Board.

Mr. Whelan was an active participant in the administration of first the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation and later the New Democratic Party after its formation. His interest extended to authoring with his wife, a publication entitled "Touched by Tommy" on the life of T.C. Douglas. Mr. Whelan held numerous positions within the parties prior to being elected to this Assembly in 1960. He retained his seat in the following five elections. Mr. Whelan entered cabinet in 1975 as Minister of Mineral Resources. The following year, he was appointed to the Consumer Affairs portfolio where he remained until his retirement from public life.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy with members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Resolutions just passed, together with a transcript of oral tributes to the memory of the deceased, be communicated to the bereaved families on behalf of this Assembly by Mr. Speaker.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:02 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were tabled intersessionally during the period from December 11, 2007 to March 9, 2008:

NO.	RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS	DATE TABLED
72	Tourism Saskatchewan: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended September 30, 2007	January 3, 2008
73	Thomson Meats (subsidiary of Agricultural Credit Corporation): Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2006 (Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 363, tabled October 2, 2007)	January 4, 2008
74	University of Saskatchewan Crown Foundation: Financial Statements for the year ended April 30, 2007	January 8, 2008
75	Notice of Incorporation by SaskEnergy Incorporated pursuant to section 30(3) of <i>The Crown Corporations Act, 1993</i> and <i>The Tabling of Documents Act, 1991</i> : subsidiary called Bayhurst Energy Services Corporation.	January 10, 2008
76	Southeast Regional College: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2007	January 18, 2008
77	Carlton Trail Regional College: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2007	January 18, 2008
78	Cypress Hills Regional College: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2007	January 18, 2008
79	North West Regional College: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2007	January 18, 2008
80	Northlands College: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2007	January 18, 2008
81	Cumberland Regional College: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2007	January 18, 2008
82	Parkland Regional College: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2007	January 18, 2008
83	Prairie West Regional College: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2007	January 18, 2008
84	Community Resources: Financial Statements for Valley View Centre Grants and Donations Trust Account and Institutional Collective Benefit Fund for the year ended March 31, 2007	January 21, 2008
85	Community Resources: Financial Statements for Valley View Centre Residents' Trust Account for the year ended March 31, 2007	January 21, 2008
86	Wanuskewin Heritage Park: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2007	February 19, 2008

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008
(10TH DAY)

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: Higgins, Wotherspoon, Taylor and Iwanchuk.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel informed the Assembly that on March 10, 2008, a certain petition regarding education property taxes was presented. Pursuant to Rule 16(4), the petition was found to be irregular and therefore was not read and received.

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide funding for the expansion and renovation of the Moose Jaw Union Hospital.

(Sessional Paper No. 87)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to develop, announce and implement a plan to address school closures.

(Sessional Paper No. 88)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to enact legislation that would increase the provincial share of education funding to 75 per cent.

(Sessional Paper No. 91)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Norris: That Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 6 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2007

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Norris: That Bill No. 6 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2007 – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:43 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2008
(11TH DAY)

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: Higgins, Broten, Wotherspoon and Morin.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to honour their commitment to obtaining a fair equalization deal for Saskatchewan to retain the earnings of our non-renewable resources.

(Sessional Paper No. 92)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide funding for the expansion and renovation of the Moose Jaw Union Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to develop, announce and implement a plan to address school closures.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 88)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 8 – The Natural Resources Amendment Act, 2008

(Hon. Ms. Heppner)

Bill No. 9 – The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2008

(Hon. Mr. Gantefoer)

Bill No. 10 – The Miscellaneous Pensions Statutes (Commencement of Pension) Amendment Act, 2008

(Hon. Mr. Gantefoer)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

Mr. Duncan, Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, presented the Second Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the following government ministries and agencies, and adopted the following resolutions:

Supplementary Estimates, 2007-2008:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008, the following sums:

For Information Technology Office	\$197,000
For Public Service Commission	\$15,000,000

Your 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. 94)

On motion of Mr. Duncan:

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

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 2 – The Enterprise Saskatchewan Act

The Hon. Mr. Stewart, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 2 – The Enterprise Saskatchewan Act – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Broten, adjourned.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Norris: That Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Quennell, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:08 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2008
(12TH DAY)

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Higgins, Wotherspoon, Iwanchuk and Furber.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to address the burden placed by high post-secondary tuition fees on Saskatchewan students.

(Sessional Paper No. 93)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide funding for the expansion and renovation of the Moose Jaw Union Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to develop, announce and implement a plan to address school closures.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 88)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Les projets de loi suivants sont reçus, lus une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 11 – The Enforcement of Canadian Judgments Amendment Act, 2008

Projet de loi n^o 11 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 2002 sur l'exécution des jugements canadiens

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Morgan)

Bill No. 12 – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act, 2008

(Hon. Mr. Morgan)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

Mr. Huyghebaert, Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy, presented the Second Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the following government ministries and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

Supplementary Estimates, 2007-2008:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008, the following sums:

Executive Branch of Government

For Agriculture	\$14,505,000
For Environment	\$7,231,000
For Highways and Infrastructure	\$1,000,000
For Highways and Infrastructure – Capital	\$9,000,000

Lending and Investing Activities

For Agriculture	\$27,175,000
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Your 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. 97)

On motion of Mr. Huyghebaert:

Ordered, That the Second Report of the Standing Committee on the Economy be now concurred in.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES

Mr. Taylor, Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on House Services presented the Third Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the Legislative Branch of Government and adopted the following resolution:

Supplementary Estimates, 2007-2008:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008, the following sum:

For Children's Advocate \$200,000

Your committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sum as reported and approved shall be included in the Appropriation Bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.
(Sessional Paper No. 98)

On motion of Mr. Taylor:

Ordered, That the Third Report of the Standing Committee on House Services be now concurred in.

SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

The Order of the Day being called for the following Motion for a Seventy-five Minute Debate, it was moved by Mr. Duncan:

That this Assembly commends the government for ensuring that Saskatchewan families continue to benefit from the province's economic growth.

A debate arising, and the period of seventy-five minutes having expired, pursuant to Rule 24(4), the Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTION

The Order of the Day being called for **Motion No. 1**, it was moved by Mr. Yates:

That this Assembly calls on the government to refrain from the political destruction of both the civil service and crown corporations and in doing so keep the civil service and crown corporations professional and non-partisan.

A debate arising, the Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 6(6).

The Assembly adjourned at 1:00 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2008
(13TH DAY)

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: Higgins, Wotherspoon and Iwanchuk.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to add at least 2000 new child care spaces in Saskatchewan by 2011.
(Sessional Paper No. 95)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reduce the education portion of property taxes by doubling property tax rebates over four years.
(Sessional Paper No. 96)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide funding for the expansion and renovation of the Moose Jaw Union Hospital.
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 13 – The Teachers' Life Insurance (Government Contributory) Amendment Act, 2008
(Hon. Mr. Krawetz)

SECOND READINGS**Bill No. 8 – The Natural Resources Amendment Act, 2008**

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Heppner: That Bill No. 8 – The Natural Resources Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Nilson, adjourned.

Bill No. 9 – The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2008

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer: That Bill No. 9 – The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Yates, adjourned.

Bill No. 10 – The Miscellaneous Pensions Statutes (Commencement of Pension) Amendment Act, 2008

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer: That Bill No. 10 – The Miscellaneous Pensions Statutes (Commencement of Pension) Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Yates, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:34 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2008
(14TH DAY)

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: Higgins, Broten and Iwanchuk.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide funding for the expansion and renovation of the Moose Jaw Union Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to add at least 2000 new child care spaces in Saskatchewan by 2011.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 95)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 14 – The Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials Repeal Act

(Hon. Mr. Krawetz)

Bill No. 15 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2008

(Hon. Mr. Hutchinson)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Mr. Hart, Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Services, presented the Second Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the following government ministries and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

Supplementary Estimates, 2007-2008:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008, the following sums:

For Corrections, Public Safety and Policing	\$3,585,000
For Education	\$16,300,000
For Health	\$65,000,000

Your 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. 100)

On motion of Mr. Hart:

Ordered, That the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Human Services be now concurred in.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE

Mr. Kirsch, Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice, presented the Second Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the following government ministries and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

Supplementary Estimates, 2007-2008:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008, the following sums:

For Justice and Attorney General	\$1,375,000
For Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport	\$4,982,000

Your 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. 101)

On motion of Mr. Kirsch:

Ordered, That the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice be now concurred in.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 220 to 239 and 241 to 293, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 219 and 240, the answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 31 and 32 pursuant to Rule 20(6).

(Sessional Paper Nos. 108 and 109)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 3 – The Potash Development Repeal Act

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 3 – The Potash Development Repeal Act – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Trew, adjourned.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Executive Council.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008, the sum of \$3,645,000 for Executive Council (Ordinary).

Summary of Resolutions adopted:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2007-2008

EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008 the following sums:

BUDGETARY EXPENSES

1.	For Agriculture.....	\$14,505,000
2.	For Corrections, Public Safety and Policing	3,585,000
3.	For Education.....	16,300,000
4.	For Environment	7,231,000
5.	For Executive Council.....	3,645,000

6.	For Health	65,000,000
7.	For Highways and Infrastructure.....	1,000,000
8.	For Information Technology Office	197,000
9.	For Justice and Attorney General.....	1,375,000
10.	For Public Service Commission.....	15,000,000
11.	For Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport	4,982,000

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT

12.	For Children's Advocate	\$200,000
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LENDING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES

13.	For Agriculture.....	\$27,175,000
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GENERAL REVENUE FUND

MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008, the following sums, which to the extent that they remain unexpended for that fiscal year are also granted for the fiscal year ending on March 31, 2009:

1.	For Highways and Infrastructure Capital	\$9,000,000
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On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty, on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008, the sum of one hundred sixty million, one hundred ninety-five thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008, which to the extent that they remain unexpended for the fiscal year are also granted for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, the sum of nine million 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, 2008 (NO. 1)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, by leave of the Assembly: That Bill No. 16 – The Appropriation Act, 2008 (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 72(2), the said Bill was then read a second time and third time and passed under its title.

ROYAL ASSENT

4:47 p.m.

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

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. 16 – The Appropriation Act, 2008 (No. 1)

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then replied: "In Her Majesty's name, I thank the Legislative Assembly, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

His Honour then retired from the Chamber.

4:48 p.m.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:49 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Associations:

Chiropractors' Association of Saskatchewan

Law Society of Saskatchewan

College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists

Saskatchewan College of Psychologists

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 37)

By the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

Subscription for Units dated September 6, 2007 between CIC Economic Holdco Ltd. and Saskatchewan Entrepreneurial Fund Joint Venture.

(Sessional Paper No. 102)

Subscription for Units dated September 17, 2007 between CIC Equity Holding Corporation and Apex Investment GP Inc.

(Sessional Paper No. 103)

Subscription for Units dated November 23, 2007 between CIC Economic Holdco Ltd. and Saskatchewan Entrepreneurial Fund Joint Venture.

(Sessional Paper No. 104)

Subscription for Units dated December 10, 2007 between CIC Economic Holdco Ltd. and Saskatchewan Entrepreneurial Fund Joint Venture.

(Sessional Paper No. 105)

Subscription for Units dated December 20, 2007 between CIC Apex Equity Holdco Ltd. and Apex Investment GP Inc.

(Sessional Paper No. 106)

Subscription for Units dated February 1, 2008 between CIC Economic Holdco Ltd. and Saskatchewan Entrepreneurial Fund Joint Venture.

(Sessional Paper No. 107)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2008
(15TH DAY)

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: Higgins and Iwanchuk.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to expand on-campus and off-campus housing options for Saskatchewan's students.

(Sessional Paper No. 99)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide funding for the expansion and renovation of the Moose Jaw Union Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 294 to 379, they were answered. (See Appendix)

TABLING OF ESTIMATES

The Hon. Mr. Gantfoer delivered a message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor which was read by the Speaker as follows:

March 19, 2008

The Lieutenant Governor transmits Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

DR. GORDON L. BARNHART
Lieutenant Governor

(Sessional Paper No. 110)

BUDGET MOTION

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, seconded by Ms. Wilson:

That the Assembly approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Van Mulligen, adjourned.

MOTION TO RESUME BUDGET DEBATE

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That debate on the motion “That the Assembly approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government” be resumed on Thursday, March 20, 2008.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:59 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2008
(16TH DAY)

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Iwanchuk and Higgins.

PRESENTING PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS

The following Petition was presented and laid upon the Table:

By Mr. Michelson Of Caronport Schools, in the Province of Saskatchewan

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide funding for the expansion and renovation of the Moose Jaw Union Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 17 – The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2008

(Hon. Mr. Elhard)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 380 to 408 and 410 to 415, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 409, pursuant to Rule 20(5), it was transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) No. 33.

BUDGET DEBATE

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer, seconded by Ms. Wilson:

That the Assembly approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government.

The debate continuing, it was moved by Mr. Van Mulligen, seconded by Mr. Quennell, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after “That the Assembly” be deleted and the following be added:

“condemn the government for stockpiling a 1.3 billion dollar surplus without addressing the most pressing needs of Saskatchewan people, in particular: property tax relief, skills training, the environment, and the ongoing housing crisis.”

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, it was on motion of Mr. Quennell, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 11:44 a.m. until Monday, March 31, 2008 at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Rule 6(3).

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2008
(17TH DAY)

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: Higgins, Iwanchuk and Forbes.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide funding for the expansion and renovation of the Moose Jaw Union Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 19 – The Social Workers Amendment Act, 2008

(Hon. Ms. Harpauer)

SPEAKER TABLES COMPLIANCE REPORTS

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the following:

Report of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner, pursuant to Section 31(b) of *The Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, regarding the non-compliance by Buckley Belanger respecting the obligation to file a Disclosure Statement as required by Section 11(2).

(Sessional Paper No. 112)

Report of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner, pursuant to Section 31(b) of *The Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, regarding the non-compliance by Judy Junor respecting the obligation to file a Disclosure Statement as required by Section 11(2).

(Sessional Paper No. 113)

Thereupon, pursuant to Section 31(3) of *The Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly concurs with the Conflict of Interest Commissioner's recommendations, made pursuant to section 31 of *The Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, that the Member for Athabasca and the Member for Saskatoon Eastview be reprimanded for failure to meet the filing deadlines for disclosure statements as required by the said Act; and further,

That this Assembly acknowledges that the Members noted did subsequently file the required statements with the Commissioner; and, having expressed sincere regret for their oversight, this Assembly accepts the apologies expressed by said Members.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 416 and 417, they were answered. (See Appendix)

BUDGET DEBATE

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, seconded by Ms. Wilson:

That the Assembly approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government,

And the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Van Mulligen, seconded by Mr. Quennell:

That all the words after "That the Assembly" be deleted and the following be added:

"condemn the government for stockpiling a 1.3 billion dollar surplus without addressing the most pressing needs of Saskatchewan people, in particular: property tax relief, skills training, the environment, and the ongoing housing crisis."

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, the Assembly recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The debate being resumed on the motion and the amendment, the Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 6(6).

The Assembly adjourned at 10:30 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008
(18TH DAY)

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: Iwanchuk and Broten.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Sessional Paper No. 111)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide funding for the expansion and renovation of the Moose Jaw Union Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

The following Bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Le projet de loi suivant est reçu, lu une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 20 – The Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 2008

Projet de loi n° 20 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi sur l'administration des successions

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Morgan)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 418 to 450, they were answered. (See Appendix)

BUDGET DEBATE

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, seconded by Ms. Wilson:

That the Assembly approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government,

And the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Van Mulligen, seconded by Mr. Quennell:

That all the words after “That the Assembly” be deleted and the following be added:

“condemn the government for stockpiling a 1.3 billion dollar surplus without addressing the most pressing needs of Saskatchewan people, in particular: property tax relief, skills training, the environment, and the ongoing housing crisis.”

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, the Assembly recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The debate being resumed on the motion and the amendment, the Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 6(6).

The Assembly adjourned at 10:30 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2008
(19TH DAY)

1:30 p.m.

ABSENCE OF THE SPEAKER

The Clerk advised the Assembly that the Speaker would not be present to open the sitting. Thereupon, the Deputy Speaker took the chair.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Iwanchuk, Quennell and Higgins.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 18 – The Public Service Amendment Act, 2008

(Hon. Mr. Elhard)

Bill No. 21 – The Teachers Superannuation and Disability Benefits Amendment Act, 2008

(Hon. Mr. Krawetz)

BUDGET DEBATE

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, seconded by Ms. Wilson:

That the Assembly approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government,

And the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Van Mulligen, seconded by Mr. Quennell:

That all the words after “That the Assembly” be deleted and the following be added:

“condemn the government for stockpiling a 1.3 billion dollar surplus without addressing the most pressing needs of Saskatchewan people, in particular: property tax relief, skills training, the environment, and the ongoing housing crisis.”

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, the Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 6(6).

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Associations:

Funeral and Cremation Services Council

Saskatchewan League of Educational Administrators, Directors and Superintendents

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 37)

By the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Research Council Employees' Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 114)

By the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

Subscription Agreement dated July 16, 2007 between SaskEnergy Incorporated and SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd.

Subscription for Shares: Heritage Gas Limited dated July 16, 2007, for \$362,450.

(Sessional Paper No. 115)

Subscription Agreement dated August 17, 2007 between SaskEnergy Incorporated and SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd.

Subscription for Shares: Heritage Gas Limited dated August 17, 2007, for \$242,560.

(Sessional Paper No. 116)

Subscription Agreement dated September 25, 2007 between SaskEnergy Incorporated and SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd.

Subscription for Shares: Heritage Gas Limited dated September 25, 2007, for \$599,520.

(Sessional Paper No. 117)

Subscription Agreement dated October 19, 2007 between SaskEnergy Incorporated and SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd.

Subscription for Shares: Heritage Gas Limited dated October 19, 2007, for \$798,195.

(Sessional Paper No. 118)

Subscription Agreement dated December 3, 2007 between SaskEnergy Incorporated and SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd.

Subscription for Shares: Heritage Gas Limited dated December 3, 2007, for \$300,600.

(Sessional Paper No. 119)

Subscription Agreement dated December 14, 2007 between SaskEnergy Incorporated and SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd.

Subscription for Shares: Heritage Gas Limited dated December 14, 2007, for \$291,155.

(Sessional Paper No. 120)

Subscription Agreement dated January 7, 2008 between SaskEnergy Incorporated and SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd.

Subscription for Shares: Heritage Gas Limited dated January 7, 2008, for \$1,689,770.

(Sessional Paper No. 121)

Subscription Agreement dated February 22, 2008 between SaskEnergy Incorporated and SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd.

Subscription for Shares: Heritage Gas Limited dated February 22, 2008, for \$668,460.

(Sessional Paper No. 122)

Debt Agreement dated July 22, 2003 between SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd. and Heritage Gas Limited.

(Sessional Paper No. 123)

Debt Agreement dated July 22, 2003 between SaskEnergy Incorporated and SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd.

(Sessional Paper No. 124)

Subscription Agreement dated October 31, 2007 between Bayhurst Gas Limited and Bayhurst Energy Services Corporation.

(Sessional Paper No. 125)

Debt Agreement dated October 31, 2007 between Bayhurst Gas Limited and Bayhurst Energy Services Corporation.

(Sessional Paper No. 126)

Asset and Share Purchase Agreement between Bayhurst Energy Services Corporation and ATCO Midstream Ltd. and each of the Share Vendors, Asset Vendors and Asset Vendor Principals listed in the attached Schedule "A".

(Sessional Paper No. 127)

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2008
(20TH DAY)

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Iwanchuk, Higgins and Atkinson.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide funding for the expansion and renovation of the Moose Jaw Union Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS

According to Order, the Clerk Assistant having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petition was read and received:

Of Caronport Schools, in the Province of Saskatchewan, praying for an Act to amend *The Caronport Schools Act*.

BUDGET DEBATE

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, seconded by Ms. Wilson:

That the Assembly approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government,

And the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Van Mulligen, seconded by Mr. Quennell:

That all the words after “That the Assembly” be deleted and the following be added:

“condemn the government for stockpiling a 1.3 billion dollar surplus without addressing the most pressing needs of Saskatchewan people, in particular: property tax relief, skills training, the environment, and the ongoing housing crisis.”

The debate continuing and the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 36

Wall	Stewart	Elhard	Bjornerud	Draude
Krawetz	Boyd	McMorris	D'Autremont	Hickie
Cheveldayoff	Heppner	Tell	Gantefoer	Harpauer
Norris	Morgan	Hutchinson	Huyghebaert	Brkich
Hart	Kirsch	Schreimer	Allchurch	Weekes
Chisholm	Wilson	Duncan	Michelson	LeClerc
Ottenbreit	Ross	Reiter	Bradshaw	Harrison
McMillan				

NAYS – 17

Calvert	Harper	Junor	Trew	Van Mulligen
Atkinson	Nilson	Yates	Higgins	Belanger
Iwanchuk	Forbes	Taylor	Quennell	Brotten
McCall	Wotherspoon			

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 6(6).

The Assembly adjourned at 1:00 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Housing Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2007, including Supplier, Grant and other Payments for 2007 as well as Consolidation Schedule, Corporate and Housing Authority Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 128)

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008
(21ST DAY)

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: Higgins, Iwanchuk, Calvert and Forbes.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide funding for the expansion and renovation of the Moose Jaw Union Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

GOVERNMENT MOTION

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

That the *Rules and Procedures* for the sitting times of the Assembly and the sitting times for standing committees shall be varied on an interim basis for the remainder of the First Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature as follows:

1. Notwithstanding Rule 6(1), the ordinary times for the daily meetings and adjournments of the sitting of the Assembly on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays shall be 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight, with a recess from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
2. Standing committees shall meet and adjourn at the following times when convened:
 - a. On Thursdays: 2:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight, with a recess from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
 - b. On Fridays: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;
3. By order, the Assembly and standing committees may adjourn earlier than the adjournment times specified by this sessional order; and further,

That the provisions of this sessional order shall come into effect the sitting day after its adoption and shall expire upon the adjournment of the Assembly on the sitting day preceding the “Completion Day” of the First Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature.

A debate arising on the motion, the Assembly recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The debate being resumed on the motion, the Acting Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 6(6).

The Assembly adjourned at 10:30 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2008
(22ND DAY)

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: Higgins, Forbes, Iwanchuk and Trew.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that the Task Force on Housing Affordability hold open public consultations.

(Sessional Paper No. 129)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide funding for the expansion and renovation of the Moose Jaw Union Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

NOTICE OF CLOSURE

Before Orders of the Day, the Hon. Mr. Gantfoer, standing in his place gave notice pursuant to Rule 66(1), that at the next sitting of the Assembly when the Order of the Day is called for resuming consideration of the government motion for the sessional revision of sitting times, he would move that consideration of the said motion be not further postponed.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 451 to 548, they were answered. (See Appendix)

GOVERNMENT MOTION

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

That the *Rules and Procedures* for the sitting times of the Assembly and the sitting times for standing committees shall be varied on an interim basis for the remainder of the First Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature as follows:

1. Notwithstanding Rule 6(1), the ordinary times for the daily meetings and adjournments of the sitting of the Assembly on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays shall be 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight, with a recess from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
2. Standing committees shall meet and adjourn at the following times when convened:
 - a. On Thursdays: 2:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight, with a recess from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
 - b. On Fridays: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;
3. By order, the Assembly and standing committees may adjourn earlier than the adjournment times specified by this sessional order; and further,

That the provisions of this sessional order shall come into effect the sitting day after its adoption and shall expire upon the adjournment of the Assembly on the sitting day preceding the "Completion Day" of the First Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature.

The debate continuing, the Assembly recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The debate being resumed on the motion, it was moved by Mr. Yates in amendment thereto:

That all the words in clause 1 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

- "1. Notwithstanding Rule 6(1), the ordinary times for the daily meetings and adjournment of the sittings of the Assembly on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays shall be 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., with a recess from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m."

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, the Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 6(6).

The Assembly adjourned at 10:30 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2008
(23RD DAY)

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: Iwanchuk, Forbes and Higgins.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reassess its decision to close the South Hill liquor store in Moose Jaw.

(Sessional Paper No. 130)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reverse its decision to means test seniors for the provincial prescription drug plan.

(Sessional Paper No. 131)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that the Task Force on Housing Affordability hold open public consultations.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 129)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 22 – The Irrigation Amendment Act, 2008

(Hon. Mr. Bjornerud)

Bill No. 23 – The Municipal Revenue Sharing Amendment Act, 2008

(Hon. Mr. Hutchinson)

Bill No. 24 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2)

(Hon. Mr. Norris)

Bill No. 25 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2008

(Hon. Ms. Heppner)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS

Mr. Allchurch, Chair of the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the First Report of the said committee which is as follows:

Your committee has duly examined the under-mentioned Petition for a Private Bill and finds that the provisions of Rules 91, 92 and 95 have been fully complied with:

Of Caronport Schools, in the Province of Saskatchewan, praying for an Act to amend *The Caronport Schools Act*.

(Sessional Paper No. 132)

On motion of Mr. Allchurch:

Ordered, That the First Report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills be now concurred in.

Thereupon the Clerk laid upon the Table the following Bill:

Bill No. 901 – The Briercrest College and Seminary Amendment Act, 2008

(Mr. Michelson)

The said Bill was deemed to have been read the first time, and ordered for Second Reading at the next sitting, pursuant to Rule 98.

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

(Remarks by Member)

During the evening sitting of April 7, 2008, the Opposition House Leader raised a point of order regarding certain remarks made by the Member from Kindersley from his seat. I have now had a chance to carefully review the *Hansard* for the evening of April 7. I find there is nothing on the record regarding any remarks by the Member from Kindersley. However, I would like to take this opportunity to caution all members that inflammatory language incites disorder and interferes with the proper functioning of the Assembly.

I would like to remind members of a ruling of a former Speaker made during a similar circumstance. On April 15, 1999, Speaker Hagel reminded members that shouting across the floor does not contribute to the proper conduct of debate and does nothing to preserve the dignity in this Assembly.

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
(Question of Privilege – Closure and Extended Hours Motion)

Yesterday the Opposition House Leader (Len Taylor) gave notice of a question of privilege concerning the Government's decision to invoke the closure rule on the motion to extend the sessional sitting hours. I thank the Member for raising this matter by the proper means and for providing me with the advantage of a day's notice in which to consider it.

Under the Rules of this Assembly, my role as Speaker when presented with a question of privilege is restricted to determining whether a *prima facie* case of privilege has been established. If I am satisfied that this threshold has been met, the question is put before the Assembly for it to decide whether or not a breach of privilege has been committed.

In order for a *prima facie* case of privilege to be found, the actions complained of must amount to an impediment to a Member's ability to carry out his or her functions as a Member. It must be clearly demonstrated that a Member has been obstructed or interfered with in his or her parliamentary work.

It is the submission of the Opposition House Leader that changes to the Rules or standing orders of parliaments are traditionally only implemented after opposition parties have been consulted and their consent obtained, or after a lengthy parliamentary debate. In his opinion, the Government's decision to unilaterally move to extend the sitting hours and to curtail debate on the motion after two days debate unduly limits the ability and opportunity of Opposition Members to consult with their constituencies and to develop and offer alternatives.

A further consideration raised by the Opposition House Leader is whether the application of closure is within the spirit of this Assembly's Rules and practices. It was his assertion that the impact of the proposed sessional sitting hours would permit the government majority to in effect impose closure on specified bills in contravention of Rule 66(2).

Let me begin with the closure rule itself. The purpose of the closure rule is to give the government a procedural device to bring debate on a question to a close. The rule is only available to ministers but it has been rarely used despite having been part of the rules of this Assembly since 1917. It has been invoked only seven times. The rule was first used in 1989 and hasn't been applied since 1993. An observation by the Speaker of the Canadian House of Commons on June 29, 1987 captures the nuances of its use:

“[Closure] is not a new Standing Order, even if only infrequently used. This present situation is not without precedent. Closure has been used by all Parties while in Government; it has been used after much, and after very little debate. It remains to this day a procedural avenue available to the Government. By and large, the timing of its use becomes a political issue, but some debate clearly must have taken place. Thus, the timing of closure in debate is clearly not a procedural matter.”

My decision on this question of privilege must rest on whether the government's actions are an impediment to Members' ability to perform their parliamentary duties. To answer this question, I must consider the matter in the context of the rules and procedures that Members' themselves have put in place and have a continuing ability to modify as they see fit.

When the new rules for a parliamentary calendar were put into place the closure rule was retained, except that it could not be applied to “specified bills.” The application in this instance is not on a “specified bill” nor does the motion under notice of closure attempt to curtail debate on those bills. I should also point out that the rules contain many other examples where this Assembly has imposed limitations on debate through its standing orders. In these instances where Members themselves have established limitations on debate, or means to curtail debate, the Speaker has no discretionary authority to intervene as a matter of

privilege. The issues the Opposition House Leader has raised are properly questions of order, and not privilege. In this instance the closure rule has been applied properly. I do not agree that its impact would amount to an infringement on any Member's freedom of speech beyond what is already made acceptable by the rules.

Accordingly, I find that the application of the closure rule on the motion to extend the sessional sitting hours does not meet the threshold required to establish a *prima facie* breach of privilege.

CLOSURE MOTION

Before the Order of the Day was called for resuming debate on the Government Motion to revise sitting times, it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

That debate on the motion regarding the revision of sessional sitting times, and on any amendment or sub-amendments proposed thereto, be not further adjourned.

The question being put, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 33

Stewart	Elhard	Bjornerud	Draude	Krawetz
Boyd	Eagles	D'Autremont	Hickie	Cheveldayoff
Heppner	Tell	Gantefoer	Harpauer	Morgan
Hutchinson	Huyghebaert	Brkich	Kirsch	Schreimer
Allchurch	Weekes	Chisholm	Wilson	Duncan
Michelson	LeClerc	Ottenbreit	Ross	Reiter
Bradshaw	Harrison	McMillan		

NAYS – 18

Calvert	Harper	Junor	Trew	Van Mulligen
Atkinson	Nilson	Yates	Higgins	Belanger
Furber	Iwanchuk	Forbes	Taylor	Quennell
Broten	McCall	Wotherspoon		

GOVERNMENT MOTION

Pursuant to Rule 66(1), the Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

That the *Rules and Procedures* for the sitting times of the Assembly and the sitting times for standing committees shall be varied on an interim basis for the remainder of the First Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature as follows:

1. Notwithstanding Rule 6(1), the ordinary times for the daily meetings and adjournments of the sitting of the Assembly on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays shall be 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight, with a recess from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
2. Standing committees shall meet and adjourn at the following times when convened:
 - a. On Thursdays: 2:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight, with a recess from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
 - b. On Fridays: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;

3. By order, the Assembly and standing committees may adjourn earlier than the adjournment times specified by this sessional order; and further,

That the provisions of this sessional order shall come into effect the sitting day after its adoption and shall expire upon the adjournment of the Assembly on the sitting day preceding the “Completion Day” of the First Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature,

And the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Yates:

That all the words in clause 1 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

“1. Notwithstanding Rule 6(1), the ordinary times for the daily meetings and adjournment of the sittings of the Assembly on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays shall be 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., with a recess from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.”

The debate continuing and the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on the motion as amended, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 30

Stewart	Elhard	Bjornerud	Draude	Krawetz
Boyd	Eagles	McMorris	D'Autremont	Heppner
Tell	Gantefoer	Harpauer	Norris	Morgan
Huyghebaert	Brkich	Kirsch	Schreimer	Allchurch
Weekes	Chisholm	Wilson	Duncan	LeClerc
Ottenbreit	Reiter	Bradshaw	Harrison	McMillan

NAYS – 17

Calvert	Harper	Junor	Trew	Van Mulligen
Atkinson	Nilson	Yates	Higgins	Belanger
Furber	Iwanchuk	Taylor	Quennell	Broten
McCall	Wotherspoon			

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 6(6).

The Assembly adjourned at 9:01 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Gantfoer:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for SaskEnergy Retiring Allowance Plan for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 133)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Public Employees Deferred Salary Leave Fund for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 134)

By the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Transportation Company for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 135)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Information Services Corporation of Saskatchewan for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 136)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Water Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 137)

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2008
(24TH DAY)

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Higgins, Iwanchuk, Taylor and Trew.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reassess its decision to close the South Hill liquor store in Moose Jaw.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 130)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 26 – The Midwifery Amendment Act, 2008

(Hon. Mr. McMorris)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 549, the answer was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk to Return No. 34 pursuant to Rule 20(6).

(Sessional Paper No. 138)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 550 to 554, they were answered. (See Appendix)

SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

The Order of the Day being called for the following Motion for a Seventy-five Minute Debate, it was moved by Ms. Junor:

That this Assembly call on the government to restore funding to the Station 20 project in Saskatoon.

A debate arising, it was moved by Ms. Schriemer, in amendment thereto:

That the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “That” and the following substituted therefor:

“this government is committed to improving the social and health services delivered to persons in our inner cities and communities and to address the social problems that were not addressed under the previous provincial government.”

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, and the period of seventy-five minutes having expired, pursuant to Rule 24(4) the Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings.

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTION

The Order of the Day being called for **Motion No. 2**, it was moved by Mr. Weekes:

That the government be commended for recognizing the immediate and future need to invest in the infrastructure of the province, neglected under the previous administration, and to ensure Saskatchewan sustains its growth.

A debate arising, the Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 6(6).

The Assembly adjourned at 1:00 p.m. until Monday at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to an Order of the Assembly dated April 9, 2008.

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008
(25TH DAY)

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Higgins, Iwanchuk and Quennell.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide funding for the expansion and renovation of the Moose Jaw Union Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to expand on-campus and off-campus housing options for Saskatchewan's students.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 99)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Les projets de loi suivants sont reçus, lus une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 27 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2008

Projet de loi n^o 27 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. D'Autremont)

Bill No. 28 – The Vital Statistics Administration Transfer Act

(Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff)

Bill No. 29 – The Education Amendment Act, 2008

Projet de loi n° 29 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Krawetz)

Bill No. 30 – The Statutes and Regulations Revision Act

(Hon. Mr. Morgan)

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Norris: That Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Iwanchuk, adjourned.

Bill No. 6 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2007

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Norris: That Bill No. 6 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2007 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, the Assembly recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

The debate being resumed on Second Reading of Bill No. 6 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2007, it was on motion of Ms. Higgins, adjourned.

Bill No. 2 – The Enterprise Saskatchewan Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Stewart: That Bill No. 2 – The Enterprise Saskatchewan Act – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Quennell, adjourned.

Bill No. 1 – The Growth and Financial Security Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer: That Bill No. 1 – The Growth and Financial Security Act – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Van Mulligen, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:20 a.m. until Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 139)

By the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Auto Fund for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 140)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for SGI Canada for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 141)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Coachman Insurance Company for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 142)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Insurance Company of Prince Edward Island for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 143)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Insurance Superannuation Plan for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 144)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for SGI Canada Insurance Services Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 145)

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2008
(26TH DAY)

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Higgins, Atkinson and Iwanchuk.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide funding for the expansion and renovation of the Moose Jaw Union Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The Minister, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, the following Bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 33 – The Active Families Benefit Act

(Hon. Ms. Tell)

BILL NO. 36 - WITHDRAWN

The Order of the Day being called for the introduction of Bill No. 36 – The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2008 – the said Bill was withdrawn.

SPEAKER TABLES REPORTS

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the following:

Report of the Provincial Auditor on the 2007 Financial Statements of CIC Crown Corporations and Related Entities, dated April 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 146)

Chief Electoral Officer's Report pursuant to section 286 of *The Election Act, 1996* for the by-election held on March 5, 2007 in the constituency of Martensville, dated April 14, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 147)

Chief Electoral Officer's Report pursuant to section 286 of *The Election Act, 1996* for the by-election held on June 19, 2006 in the constituency of Weyburn-Big Muddy, dated April 14, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 148)

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
(Unparliamentary Language)

I wish to rule on the point of order raised by the Government House Leader (Hon. Mr. Gantefer) regarding certain statements made during the Seventy-five Minute Debate last Thursday. I thank both House Leaders for their interventions.

The first session of every Legislature is a time for newly elected Members and returning veterans to familiarize themselves with the Rules and traditions of the Assembly. Determining how best to phrase one's views and positions in a forceful yet respectful manner requires skill and a sound understanding of the factors involved. The issue of unparliamentary language has been dealt with by my predecessors on numerous occasions, including April 17, 2000, May 12, 2000 and April 11, 2007.

A ruling made on June 13, 2003 clearly summarizes the guidelines used by Presiding Officers in determining the acceptability of language. These include balancing the right of every Member to speak freely while respecting those limitations imposed by the Assembly itself. The context that the language was spoken in and its impact on the decorum in the House are also important considerations.

Applying these guidelines to the comments made during last Thursday's debate, I find that the comments in question, while pointed and direct, do not exceed the boundaries that this Assembly has set for acceptable and spirited debate.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 555, pursuant to Rule 20(5), it was transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) No. 35.

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 556 to 575 and 577, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 576, the answer was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk to Return No. 36 pursuant to Rule 20(6).

(Sessional Paper No. 149)

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS**Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Norris: That Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act – was committed to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Bill No. 6 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2007

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Norris: That Bill No. 6 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2007 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 6 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2007 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Bill No. 2 – The Enterprise Saskatchewan Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Stewart: That Bill No. 2 – The Enterprise Saskatchewan Act – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 2 – The Enterprise Saskatchewan Act – was committed to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

Bill No. 1 – The Growth and Financial Security Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer: That Bill No. 1 – The Growth and Financial Security Act – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 1 – The Growth and Financial Security Act – was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

Bill No. 4 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council (Fixed Election Dates) Amendment Act, 2007

Projet de loi n° 4 – Loi de 2007 modifiant la Loi de 2007 sur l'Assemblée législative et le Conseil exécutif (élections à date fixe)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 4 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council (Fixed Election Dates) Amendment Act, 2007 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Morgan: Que le projet de loi n° 4 – Loi de 2007 modifiant la Loi de 2007 sur l'Assemblée législative et le Conseil exécutif (élections à date fixe) – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Morgan, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 4 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council (Fixed Election Dates) Amendment Act, 2007 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Selon la désignation de l'hon. M. Morgan, conformément au règlement 81, le projet de loi n° 4 – Loi de 2007 modifiant la Loi de 2007 sur l'Assemblée législative et le Conseil exécutif (élections à date fixe) – est renvoyé au Comité permanent des affaires intergouvernementales et de la justice.

Bill No. 3 – The Potash Development Repeal Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 3 – The Potash Development Repeal Act – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 3 – The Potash Development Repeal Act – was committed to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE

Bill No. 23 – The Municipal Revenue Sharing Amendment Act, 2008

The Hon. Mr. Hutchinson, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 23 – The Municipal Revenue Sharing Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 23 – The Municipal Revenue Sharing Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Bill No. 15 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2008

The Hon. Mr. Hutchinson, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 15 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 15 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Bill No. 12 – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act, 2008

The Hon. Mr. Morgan, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 12 – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Morgan, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 12 – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Bill No. 13 – The Teachers' Life Insurance (Government Contributory) Amendment Act, 2008

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz: That Bill No. 13 – The Teachers' Life Insurance (Government Contributory) Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Krawetz, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 13 – The Teachers' Life Insurance (Government Contributory) Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Human Services

Bill No. 18 – The Public Service Amendment Act, 2008

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Elhard: That Bill No. 18 – The Public Service Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 18 – The Public Service Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

Bill No. 11 – The Enforcement of Canadian Judgments Amendment Act, 2008
Projet de loi n° 11 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 2002 sur l'exécution des jugements canadiens

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 11 – The Enforcement of Canadian Judgments Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

L'hon. M. Morgan propose: Que le projet de loi n° 11 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 2002 sur l'exécution des jugements canadiens – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

Il s'élève un débat et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Morgan, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 11 – The Enforcement of Canadian Judgments Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Selon la désignation de l'hon. M. Morgan, conformément au règlement 81, le projet de loi n° 11 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 2002 sur l'exécution des jugements canadiens – est renvoyé au Comité permanent des affaires intergouvernementales et de la justice.

Bill No. 14 – The Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials Repeal Act

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz: That Bill No. 14 – The Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials Repeal Act – be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Krawetz, in accordance with Rule 81, That Bill No. 14 – The Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials Repeal Act – was committed to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:13 p.m. until Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Norris:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 150)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2008
(27TH DAY)

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Higgins, Forbes and Morin.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reassess its decision to close the South Hill liquor store in Moose Jaw.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 130)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 34 – The Graduate Retention Program Act

(Hon. Mr. Norris)

Bill No. 35 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2008

(Hon. Mr. Gantefoer)

Bill No. 38 – The Corporate Capital Tax Act

(Hon. Mr. Gantefoer)

SPEAKER TABLES REPORTS

The Speaker laid before the Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*, the Report of the Provincial Auditor on the Financial Statements of Crown Agencies for Years Ending in the 2007 Calendar Year, dated April 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 151)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 578 to 587, they were answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE**Bill No. 33 – The Active Families Benefit Act**

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Tell: That Bill No. 33 – The Active Families Benefit Act – be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Gantfoer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 33 – The Active Families Benefit Act – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Bill No. 17 – The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2008

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Elhard: That Bill No. 17 – The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Gantfoer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 17 – The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

Bill No. 26 – The Midwifery Amendment Act, 2008

Moved by the Hon. Mr. McMorris: That Bill No. 26 – The Midwifery Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Gantfoer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 26 – The Midwifery Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Bill No. 19 – The Social Workers Amendment Act, 2008

The Hon. Ms. Harpauer, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 19 – The Social Workers Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 19 – The Social Workers Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

Bill No. 28 – The Vital Statistics Administration Transfer Act

The Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 28 – The Vital Statistics Administration Transfer Act – be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 28 – The Vital Statistics Administration Transfer Act – was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

Bill No. 27 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2008**Projet de loi n° 27 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard**

The Hon. Mr. D'Autremont, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 27 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Yates, adjourned.

L'hon. M. D'Autremont, membre du Conseil exécutif, fait savoir à l'Assemblée que Son Honneur le Lieutenant-gouverneur, ayant été informé de l'objet du projet de loi, le recommande à la considération de l'Assemblée et propose: Que le projet de loi n° 27 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

Il s'élève un débat et sur motion de M. Yates, le débat est ajourné.

Bill No. 20 – The Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 2008
Projet de loi n° 20 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi sur l’administration des successions

The Hon. Mr. Morgan, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 20 – The Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

L’hon. M. Morgan, membre du Conseil exécutif, fait savoir à l’Assemblée que Son Honneur le Lieutenant-gouverneur, ayant été informé de l’objet du projet de loi, le recommande à la considération de l’Assemblée et propose: Que le projet de loi n° 20 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi sur l’administration des successions – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

Il s’élève un débat et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Morgan, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 20 – The Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Selon la désignation de l’hon. M. Morgan, conformément au règlement 81, le projet de loi n° 20 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi sur l’administration des successions – est renvoyé au Comité permanent des affaires intergouvernementales et de la justice.

Bill No. 21 – The Teachers Superannuation and Disability Benefits Amendment Act, 2008

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz: That Bill No. 21 – The Teachers Superannuation and Disability Benefits Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 21 – The Teachers Superannuation and Disability Benefits Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

Bill No. 22 – The Irrigation Amendment Act, 2008

The Hon. Mr. Bjornerud, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 22 – The Irrigation Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 22 – The Irrigation Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

Bill No. 25 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2008

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Heppner: That Bill No. 25 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Yates, adjourned.

Bill No. 29 – The Education Amendment Act, 2008
Projet de loi n° 29 –Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

The Hon. Mr. Krawetz, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 29 – The Education Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

L'hon. M. Krawetz, membre du Conseil exécutif, fait savoir à l'Assemblée que Son Honneur le Lieutenant-gouverneur, ayant été informé de l'objet du projet de loi, le recommande à la considération de l'Assemblée et propose: Que le projet de loi n° 29 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Yates, adjourned.

Il s'élève un débat et sur motion de M. Yates, le débat est ajourné.

Bill No. 30 – The Statutes and Regulations Revision Act

The Hon. Mr. Morgan, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 30 – The Statutes and Regulations Revision Act – be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Gantfoer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 30 – The Statutes and Regulations Revision Act – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 8 – The Natural Resources Amendment Act, 2008

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Heppner: That Bill No. 8 – The Natural Resources Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Gantfoer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 8 – The Natural Resources Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

Bill No. 10 – The Miscellaneous Pensions Statutes (Commencement of Pension) Amendment Act, 2008

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer: That Bill No. 10 – The Miscellaneous Pensions Statutes (Commencement of Pension) Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 10 – The Miscellaneous Pensions Statutes (Commencement of Pension) Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:11 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Association:
Saskatchewan College of Midwives

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 37)

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2008
(28TH DAY)

10:00 a.m.

*PRAYERS***PRESENTING PETITIONS**

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Higgins, Quennell and Trew.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide funding for the expansion and renovation of the Moose Jaw Union Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Les projets de loi suivants sont reçus, lus une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 31 – The Executive Government Administration Act

(Hon. Mr. Morgan)

Bill No. 32 – The Executive Government Administration Consequential Amendment Act, 2008
Projet de loi n^o 32 – Loi de 2008 apportant des modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Executive Government Administration Act

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Morgan)

Bill No. 37 – The Parks Amendment Act, 2008

(Hon. Ms. Tell)

MOTION TO REVISE SESSIONAL ORDER

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Order of the Assembly adopted April 9, 2008, regarding the revision of sessional Assembly and committee sitting times, be rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

That the *Rules and Procedures* for the sitting times of the Assembly and the sitting times for standing committees shall be varied on an interim basis for the remainder of the First Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature as follows:

1. Notwithstanding Rule 6(1), the ordinary times for the daily meetings and adjournments of the sittings of the Assembly on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays shall be at 1:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. of the following day, with a recess from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
2. Standing committees shall meet and adjourn at the following times when convened:
 - a. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon;
 - b. On Thursdays: 2:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight, with a recess from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.;
 - c. On Fridays: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;
3. By order, the Assembly and standing committees may adjourn earlier than the sitting periods defined by this sessional order; and further,

That the provisions of this sessional order shall come into effect the sitting day after its adoption and shall expire upon the adjournment of the Assembly on the sitting day preceding the "Completion Day" of the First Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature.

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 901 – The Briercrest College and Seminary Amendment Act, 2008

Moved by Mr. Michelson: That Bill No. 901 – The Briercrest College and Seminary Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

The Order of the Day being called for the following Motion for a Seventy-five Minute Debate, it was moved by Mr. Harrison:

That this Assembly supports the enhancement of uranium value-added opportunities in Saskatchewan and recognizes the benefit it provides to the growth and prosperity of the people of the province.

A debate arising and the period of seventy-five minutes having expired, pursuant to Rule 24(4) the Speaker interrupted proceedings.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTION

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed **Motion No. 1** moved by Mr. Yates:

That this Assembly calls on the government to refrain from the political destruction of both the civil service and crown corporations and in doing so keep the civil service and crown corporations professional and non-partisan.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Trew, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:35 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to an Order made this day.

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008
(29TH DAY)

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: Higgins, Iwanchuk, Broten and Taylor.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reassess its decision to close the South Hill liquor store in Moose Jaw.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 130)

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

(Questions taken as notice)

Last week the Minister of Finance (Hon. Mr. Gantefoer) took notice of questions directed to the Minister of Health (Hon. Mr. McMorris). During Question Period the following day, the Minister of Health stood to answer the questions. Under Rule 19(3), questions taken as notice may be answered at a subsequent Question Period.

Following Question Period, the Speaker asked that in the future ministers rise to respond during the final minute of Question Period; in that way they would not hinder the flow of questions in Question Period.

After further discussion with the government and opposition House Leaders, it was agreed that ministers could rise at any time during Question Period to respond to a question taken by notice, provided they did not disrupt the flow of a specific line of questioning.

I want to thank the government and opposition House Leaders for their thoughts and input regarding the application of Rule 19(3).

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

**Bill No. 29 – The Education Amendment Act, 2008
Projet de loi n° 29 –Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Krawetz: That Bill No. 29 – The Education Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Krawetz: Que le projet de loi n° 29 –Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Higgins, adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de Mme Higgins, il est ajourné.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:38 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2008
(30TH DAY)

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: Morin and Iwanchuk.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide property tax relief to homeowners and renters.

(Sessional Paper No. 152)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reassess its decision to close the South Hill liquor store in Moose Jaw.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 130)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE
RAPPORT DU COMITÉ PERMANENT DES AFFAIRES INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES ET DE LA JUSTICE

The following Bills were reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, they were read the third time and passed:

Les projets de loi suivants sont rapportés sans amendement et avec la permission de l'Assemblée de passer outre au renvoi au Comité plénier, sont lus une troisième fois et adoptés:

Bill No. 15 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2008

Bill No. 4 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council (Fixed Election Dates) Amendment Act, 2007

Projet de loi n° 4 – Loi de 2007 modifiant la Loi de 2007 sur l'Assemblée législative et le Conseil exécutif (élections à date fixe)

Bill No. 30 – The Statutes and Regulations Revision Act

Bill No. 11 – The Enforcement of Canadian Judgments Amendment Act, 2008

Projet de loi n° 11 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 2002 sur l'exécution des jugements canadiens

Bill No. 20 – The Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 2008

Projet de loi n° 20 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi sur l'administration des successions

Bill No. 12 – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act, 2008

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 35 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2008

The Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 35 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Yates, adjourned.

Bill No. 38 – The Corporate Capital Tax Act

The Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 38 – The Corporate Capital Tax Act – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Yates, adjourned.

Bill No. 24 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Norris: That Bill No. 24 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:46 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for SaskEnergy Incorporated for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 153)

Financial Statements for SaskEnergy Incorporated (Consolidated); SaskEnergy Incorporated (Distribution Division); SaskEnergy Incorporated (Holdings Division); TransGas Limited; Many Islands Pipe Lines (Canada) Limited; Bayhurst Gas Limited; Bayhurst Energy Services Corporation, Swan Valley Gas Corporation; Saskatchewan First Call Corporation; SaskEnergy International Incorporated; SaskEnergy Chilean Holdings I Ltd.; SaskEnergy Chilean Holdings II Ltd.; SaskEnergy Chilean Holdings Limitada; SaskEnergy Mexican Holdings Ltd.; SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd.; Heritage Gas Limited for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 154)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008
(31ST DAY)

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: Higgins, Yates and Atkinson.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

SPEAKER TABLES REPORTS

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the Annual Report for Provincial Ombudsman Saskatchewan for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 164)

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

(Appropriateness of Statement by Minister)

Before Orders of the Day, I wish to address a concern I have regarding the appropriateness of the statement made by the Minister of the Environment (Hon. Ms. Heppner) during yesterday's proceedings.

The Minister's comments outlined a number of initiatives undertaken by the government in the environmental field and noted that April 22 was marked around the world as Earth Day. The comments were made during the period reserved for Ministerial Statements.

In reviewing the statement made by the Minister, I find that it did not announce any new policy, initiatives or programmes as required by the practices of this Assembly. Instead, the initiatives identified had been previously announced, either during the Speech from the Throne, the presentation of the budget or in a separate event.

I remind Members of my statement of December 19, in which I outlined the Assembly's practice regarding statements by individual Members and by Ministers. At that time, the period set aside for Ministerial Statements was described as an opportunity for Ministers "... to advise the Assembly of matters relating to government policy, ministerial action or to announce a new direction or programme. Ministers are not permitted to use this period to comment on matters that have previously been announced or to make congratulatory messages."

Members will appreciate the difficulty faced by the Speaker in determining the appropriateness of a Ministerial Statement as it is being delivered. Often it is only once a statement is well under way or has been completed that I may identify whether or not a new policy or direction has been announced. Compounding my difficulty is the need to ensure fairness to the Opposition by affording their representative an equal opportunity to respond.

In reviewing the record, I find that Environment Minister's statement did not meet the requirements for a Ministerial Statement. It could, however, have been made by seeking leave prior to Orders of the Day. In the future, I caution Ministers to ensure that they choose the appropriate time to deliver their statements.

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE

Bill No. 34 – The Graduate Retention Program Act

The Hon. Mr. Norris, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 34 – The Graduate Retention Program Act – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Furber, adjourned.

Bill No. 31 – The Executive Government Administration Act

The Hon. Mr. Morgan, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 31 – The Executive Government Administration Act – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Yates, adjourned.

Bill No. 32 – The Executive Government Administration Consequential Amendment Act, 2008 Projet de loi n° 32 – Loi de 2008 apportant des modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Executive Government Administration Act

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 32 – The Executive Government Administration Consequential Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

L'hon. M. Morgan propose: Que le projet de loi n° 32 – Loi de 2008 apportant des modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Executive Government Administration Act – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Yates, adjourned.

Il s'élève un débat et sur motion de M. Yates, le débat est ajourné.

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

Bill No. 35 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2008

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: That Bill No. 35 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 35 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

Bill No. 38 – The Corporate Capital Tax Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: That Bill No. 38 – The Corporate Capital Tax Act – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 38 – The Corporate Capital Tax Act – was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

Bill No. 29 – The Education Amendment Act, 2008
Projet de loi n° 29 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Krawetz: That Bill No. 29 – The Education Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Krawetz: Que le projet de loi n° 29 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Krawetz, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 29 – The Education Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Selon la désignation de l'hon. M. Krawetz, conformément au règlement 81, le projet de loi n° 29 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation – est renvoyé au Comité permanent des affaires intergouvernementales et de la justice.

Bill No. 25 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2008

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Heppner: That Bill No. 25 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Forbes, adjourned.

Bill No. 27 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2008
Projet de loi n° 27 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons
alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont: That Bill No. 27 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Krawetz, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 27 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. D'Autremont: Que le projet de loi n° 27 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

Selon la désignation de l'hon. M. Krawetz, conformément au règlement 81, le projet de loi n° 27 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard – est renvoyé au Comité permanent des sociétés d'état et des organismes centraux.

Bill No. 24 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Norris: That Bill No. 24 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:56 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

Annual Report for SaskTel for the year ended December 31, 2007 and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2007.
(Sessional Paper No. 155)

Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Telecommunications for the year ended December 31, 2007.
(Sessional Paper No. 156)

Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Telecommunications International, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2007.
(Sessional Paper No. 157)

Financial Statements for DirectWest Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2007.
(Sessional Paper No. 158)

Financial Statements for DirectWest Canada, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2007.
(Sessional Paper No. 159)

Financial Statements for SecurTek Monitoring Solutions Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2007.
(Sessional Paper No. 160)

Financial Statements for Hospitality Network Canada Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2007.
(Sessional Paper No. 161)

Financial Statements for Saskatoon 2 Properties Limited Partnership for the year ended December 31, 2007.
(Sessional Paper No. 162)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Pension Board for the year ended December 31, 2007.
(Sessional Paper No. 163)

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2008
(32ND DAY)

10:00 a.m.

*PRAYERS***PRESENTING PETITIONS**

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Higgins, Iwanchuk and Broten.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide funding for the expansion and renovation of the Moose Jaw Union Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now proceed to Government Orders.

SECOND READINGS**Bill No. 37 – The Parks Amendment Act, 2008**

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Tell: That Bill No. 37 – The Parks Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Yates, adjourned.

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS**Bill No. 34 – The Graduate Retention Program Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Norris: That Bill No. 34 – The Graduate Retention Program Act – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 34 – The Graduate Retention Program Act – was committed to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Bill No. 31 – The Executive Government Administration Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 31 – The Executive Government Administration Act – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Taylor, adjourned.

Bill No. 32 – The Executive Government Administration Consequential Amendment Act, 2008
Projet de loi n° 32 – Loi de 2008 apportant des modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Executive Government Administration Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 32 – The Executive Government Administration Consequential Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Morgan: Que le projet de loi n° 32 – Loi de 2008 apportant des modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Executive Government Administration Act – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Taylor, adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Taylor, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 25 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2008

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Heppner: That Bill No. 25 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Nilson, adjourned.

Bill No. 24 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Norris: That Bill No. 24 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Yates, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 11:43 a.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Liquor Board Superannuation Commission for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 165)

By the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

Report pursuant to *The Penalties and Forfeitures Act*.

(Sessional Paper No. 166)

Annual Report for Saskatchewan Public and Private Rights Board for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 167)

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008
(33RD DAY)

1:30 p.m.

ABSENCE OF THE SPEAKER

The Clerk advised the Assembly that the Speaker would not be present to open the sitting. Thereupon, the Acting Speaker took the chair.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Higgins, Forbes and Iwanchuk.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reassess its decision to close the South Hill liquor store in Moose Jaw.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 130)

MOMENT OF SILENCE

With unanimous consent, the Assembly observed a moment of silence in remembrance of workers killed or injured in the course of their employment.

INTERIM SUPPLY

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider resolutions for Interim Supply.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

That a sum not exceeding one billion, four hundred fifty-two million, eight hundred twenty-eight thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, on account, for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, the sum of one billion, four hundred fifty-two million, eight hundred twenty-eight thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

The said resolution was reported, read twice and agreed to, and the Committee given leave to sit again.

THE APPROPRIATION ACT, 2008 (NO. 2)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer, by leave of the Assembly: That Bill No. 39 – The Appropriation Act, 2008 (No. 2) – 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 72(2), the said Bill was then read a second and third time and passed under its title.

ROYAL ASSENT / SANCTION ROYALE

3:06 p.m.

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

Son Honneur l'administrateur fait son entrée dans le Chambre et prend place au Trône.

The Deputy Speaker addressed His Honour:

Le Président adjoint 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. 15 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2008

Bill No. 4 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council (Fixed Election Dates) Amendment Act, 2007

Projet de loi n° 4 – Loi de 2007 modifiant la Loi de 2007 sur l'Assemblée législative et le Conseil exécutif (élections à date fixe)

Bill No. 30 – The Statutes and Regulations Revision Act

Bill No. 11 – The Enforcement of Canadian Judgments Amendment Act, 2008

Projet de loi n° 11 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 2002 sur l'exécution des jugements canadiens

Bill No. 20 – The Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 2008

Projet de loi n° 20 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi sur l'administration des successions

Bill No. 12 – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act, 2008

His Honour the Administrator then replied: "In Her 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 Deputy 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. 39 – The Appropriation Act, 2008 (No. 2)

His Honour the Administrator then replied: "In Her Majesty's name, I thank the Legislative Assembly, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

His Honour then retired from the Chamber.

3:09 p.m.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:10 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund Management Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 168)

Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund II Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 169)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund III Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 170)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund IV Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 171)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund (1997) V Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 172)

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund VI Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 173)

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund VII Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 174)

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund VIII Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 175)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 176)

Annual Report and Consolidated and Non-Consolidated Financial Statements for Investment Saskatchewan Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 177)

By the Hon. Mr. Norris:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Pension Plan for the Employees of the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 178)

By the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2007, including Supplementary Payment Information.

(Sessional Paper No. 179)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Municipal Employees' Pension Commission for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 180)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Extended Health Care Plan for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 181)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Extended Health Care Plan for Certain Other Employees for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 182)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Extended Health Care Plan for Retired Employees for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 183)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Extended Health Care Plan for Certain Other Retired Employees for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 184)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Insurance Service Recognition Plan for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 185)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Water Corporation Retirement Allowance Plan for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 186)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Power Corporation Severance Pay Credits Plan for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 187)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Public Employees Dental Fund for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 188)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Public Employees Group Life Insurance Fund for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 189)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Public Employees Disability Income Fund for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 190)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Power Corporation Designated Employee Benefit Plan for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 191)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Power Corporation Supplementary Superannuation Plan for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 192)

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2008
(34TH DAY)

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: Morin, Higgins and Broten.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reassess its decision to close the South Hill liquor store in Moose Jaw.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 130)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

The following Bills were reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, they were read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 13 – The Teachers' Life Insurance (Government Contributory) Amendment Act, 2008

Bill No. 14 – The Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials Repeal Act

Bill No. 26 – The Midwifery Amendment Act, 2008

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE
RAPPORT DU COMITÉ PERMANENT DES AFFAIRES INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES ET DE LA JUSTICE**

The following Bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed: Le projet de loi suivant est rapporté sans amendement et avec la permission de l'Assemblée de passer outre au renvoi au Comité plénier, est lu une troisième fois et adopté:

Bill No. 29 – The Education Amendment Act, 2008
Projet de loi n° 29 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 588 to 594, they were answered. (See Appendix)

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 37 – The Parks Amendment Act, 2008

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Tell: That Bill No. 37 – The Parks Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Taylor, adjourned.

Bill No. 25 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2008

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Heppner: That Bill No. 25 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Yates, adjourned.

Bill No. 24 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Norris: That Bill No. 24 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Trew, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:51 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

Consolidated Financial Statements for SaskPower International Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 193)

Financial Statements for Power Greenhouses Inc. (SaskPower Shand Greenhouse) for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 194)

Financial Statements for NorthPoint Energy Solutions Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 195)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Power Corporation Superannuation Plan for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 196)

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Power Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 197)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2008
(35TH DAY)

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: Higgins, Iwanchuk, Forbes, Atkinson, Junor and Taylor.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide funding for the expansion and renovation of the Moose Jaw Union Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS

Mr. Allchurch, Chair of the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presents the Second Report of the said committee which is as follows:

Your committee has considered the following Bill and has agreed to report the same without amendment:

Bill No. 901 – The Briercrest College and Seminary Amendment Act, 2008

And further, that the fees less the cost of printing be remitted to the petitioners for Bill No. 901.

(Sessional Paper No. 212)

On motion of Mr. Allchurch:

Ordered, That the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills be now concurred in.

Thereupon, the following Bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 901 – The Briercrest College and Seminary Amendment Act, 2008

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES
RAPPORT DU COMITÉ PERMANENT DES SOCIÉTÉS D'ÉTAT ET DES ORGANISMES CENTRAUX**

The following Bills were reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, they were read the third time and passed: Les projets de loi suivants sont rapportés sans amendement et avec la permission de l'Assemblée de passer outre au renvoi au Comité plénier, sont lus une troisième fois et adoptés:

Bill No. 28 – The Vital Statistics Administration Transfer Act

Bill No. 27 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2008
Projet de loi n° 27 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard

Bill No. 1 – The Growth and Financial Security Act

Bill No. 10 – The Miscellaneous Pensions Statutes (Commencement of Pension) Amendment Act, 2008

Bill No. 35 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2008

Bill No. 38 – The Corporate Capital Tax Act

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

The following Bills were reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, they were read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 3 – The Potash Development Repeal Act

Bill No. 19 – The Social Workers Amendment Act, 2008

Bill No. 21 – The Teachers Superannuation and Disability Benefits Amendment Act, 2008

Bill No. 22 – The Irrigation Amendment Act, 2008

Bill No. 8 – The Natural Resources Amendment Act, 2008

TABLING OF FURTHER ESTIMATES

The Hon. Mr. Gantefoer delivered a message from the Lieutenant Governor which was read by the Speaker as follows:

April 30, 2008

The Lieutenant Governor transmits Further Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

GORDON L. BARNHART
Lieutenant Governor

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 110)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 595 to 602 and 606 to 615, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 603 to 605, the answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 37 to 39 pursuant to Rule 20(6).

(Sessional Paper Nos. 198 to 200)

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:41 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Association:

College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Saskatchewan

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 37)

By the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 201)

Public Accounts of the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 202)

Financial Statements for Municipal Potash Tax Sharing Administration Board for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 203)

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Municipal Board for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 204)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Northern Revenue Sharing Trust Account for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 205)

By the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Capital Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 206)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Development Fund Corporation and Saskatchewan Development Fund for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 207)

Financial Statements for First Nations and Métis Fund Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 208)

Financial Statements for Gradworks Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 209)

Annual Report and Consolidated and Non-Consolidated Financial Statements for Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 210)

By the Hon. Ms. Draude:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Clarence Campeau Development Fund for the year ended December 31, 2007, including Payee list.

(Sessional Paper No. 211)

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2008
(36TH DAY)

10:00 a.m.

*PRAYERS***PRESENTING PETITIONS**

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Higgins, Quennell, Forbes and Iwanchuk.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide funding for the expansion and renovation of the Moose Jaw Union Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to develop, announce and implement a plan to address school closures.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 88)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that the Task Force on Housing Affordability hold open public consultations.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 129)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reverse its decision to means test seniors for the provincial prescription drug plan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 131)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

The following Bill was reported with amendment and ordered referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting:

Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act

CONDOLENCE MOTIONS

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency and to the province.

Wesley Albert Robbins, who passed away on March 12, 2008, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1964 until 1967 and from 1971 until 1982. He represented the constituencies of Saskatoon City for the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation and the constituencies of Saskatoon Nutana Centre and Saskatoon Nutana for the New Democratic Party.

Mr. Robbins was born on August 14, 1916 on his family's farm near Laura, Saskatchewan. He attended local schools before pursuing his studies at the Saskatoon Teachers' College. Mr. Robbins was a lifelong learner and continued to take classes at the University of Saskatchewan for decades after he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Mr. Robbins married Marion Nicol on June 14, 1946. He is survived by wife, three children and six grandchildren.

Mr. Robbins' professional career encompassed many fields. He was first employed as a teacher in rural communities. Later he pursued his interest in the co-operative movement by assuming positions with a number of organizations. Mr. Robbins served as an accounting clerk and publicity director with the Saskatchewan Co-operative Wholesale Society. His tenure as Secretary Manager of the Co-operative Superannuation Society extended over sixteen years and initiated his advocacy for defined contribution pension plans. The Saskatoon Credit Union and the Co-op Trust Company also benefited from his contributions.

In his personal life, Mr. Robbins was an active participant in a number of community and sport organizations. He continued to participate in tennis competitions into his 80s. Mr. Robbins retained a passionate interest in his family's farm and would participate in the operations as time permitted.

Mr. Robbins was first elected to this Assembly in 1964 and served one term representing the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation in Opposition. In 1971, he was elected as a member of the New Democratic Party and successfully retained his seat in the following two elections. Mr. Robbins was appointed to cabinet in 1973 and remained in the executive until his retirement from elected office. He held a number of portfolios over this period, notably Finance, Health, Consumer Affairs, Co-operation and Co-operative Development and Revenue.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy with members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Resolution just passed, together with a transcript of oral tributes to the memory of the deceased, be communicated to the bereaved family on behalf of this Assembly by Mr. Speaker.

Unanimous consent having been granted, the Assembly proceeded to Motions for Returns (Debatable).

MOTIONS FOR RETURNS (DEBATABLE)

Return No. 33

Moved by Ms. Higgins: That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a **Return No. 33** showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: The percentage of spillage and breakage over the last 20 years or since the location was opened, on a store-by-store basis.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was negatived, on Division.

Return No. 35

Moved by Ms. Junor: That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a **Return No. 35** showing:

To the Minister of Health: (1) The number of patients who were turned away per service or department from Royal University Hospital for each day of the 2007 University of Saskatchewan labour strike. (2) The services or departments that were affected. (3) The services or departments that were not affected.

The question being put, it was agreed to and an Order of the Assembly issued.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 37 – The Parks Amendment Act, 2008

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Tell: That Bill No. 37 – The Parks Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 37 – The Parks Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Bill No. 25 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2008

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Heppner: That Bill No. 25 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 25 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

Bill No. 24 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Norris: That Bill No. 24 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Quennell, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:35 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008
(37TH DAY)

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: Higgins, Iwanchuk, Forbes, Harper and Taylor.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide funding for the expansion and renovation of the Moose Jaw Union Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that the Task Force on Housing Affordability hold open public consultations.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 129)

ADJOURNED DEBATES**Bill No. 24 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2)**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Norris: That Bill No. 24 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Higgins, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:31 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Association:

Certified General Accountants Association of Saskatchewan

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 37)

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008
(38TH DAY)

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: Higgins, Atkinson, Broten and Iwanchuk.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to maintain the lowest cost utility bundle in Canada.
(Sessional Paper No. 213)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide funding for the expansion and renovation of the Moose Jaw Union Hospital.
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that the Task Force on Housing Affordability hold open public consultations.
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 129)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 40 – The Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act
(Hon. Mr. Krawetz)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

The following Bill was reported with amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed, on Division:

Bill No. 34 – The Graduate Retention Program Act

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE

The following Bill was reported with amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 23 – The Municipal Revenue Sharing Amendment Act, 2008

The following Bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 33 – The Active Families Benefit Act

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

The following Bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 18 – The Public Service Amendment Act, 2008

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

The following Bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 17 – The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2008

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 616 to 627, pursuant to Rule 20(5), they were passed by the Assembly as Orders for Returns Nos. 40 to 51, and Orders of the Assembly issued:

Mr. Taylor, for Return No. 40 showing:

(1) The total number of employees in Executive Council. (2) The number that are male and the number that are female.

Mr. Taylor, for Return No. 41 showing:

(1) The total number of employees in ministerial offices (combining all offices together for calculation purposes). (2) The number of male and female employees (combining all offices together for calculation purposes).

Mr. Taylor, for Return No. 42 showing:

Including Executive Council and all Ministers' offices together into one calculation, the number of male and female employees in the executive government of the legislature.

Mr. Taylor, for Return No. 43 showing:

Including Executive Council and all Ministers' offices together into one calculation, the mean and median of the overall employees' salaries in the executive government of the legislature.

Mr. Taylor, for Return No. 44 showing:

Including Executive Council and all Ministers' offices together into one calculation, the mean and median of the male employees' salaries in the executive government of the legislature.

Mr. Taylor, for Return No. 45 showing:

Including Executive Council and all Ministers' offices together into one calculation, the mean and median of the female employees' salaries in the executive government of the legislature.

Mr. Taylor, for Return No. 46 showing:

The mean and median of the female employees' salaries in Ministers' offices (combining all offices together for calculation purposes).

Mr. Taylor, for Return No. 47 showing:

The mean and median of the male employees' salaries in Ministers' offices (combining all offices together for calculation purposes).

Mr. Taylor, for Return No. 48 showing:

The mean and median of the employees' salaries in Ministers' offices (combining all offices together for calculation purposes).

Mr. Taylor, for Return No. 49 showing:

The mean and median of the female employees' salaries in Executive Council.

Mr. Taylor, for Return No. 50 showing:

The mean and median of the male employees' salaries in Executive Council.

Mr. Taylor, for Return No. 51 showing:

The mean and median of the employees' salaries in Executive Council.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 24 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Norris: That Bill No. 24 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. McCall, adjourned.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Ministry of Executive Council.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009, the sum of \$8,611,000 for Executive Council (Ordinary).

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 6:12 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

Subscription for Units dated June 22, 2007 between CIC Equity Holding Corp. and Apex Investment Limited Partnership.

(Sessional Paper No. 214)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2008
(39TH DAY)

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: Furber, Atkinson, Taylor, Iwanchuk and Higgins.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide funding for the expansion and renovation of the Moose Jaw Union Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that the Task Force on Housing Affordability hold open public consultations.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 129)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE

The following Bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 37 – The Parks Amendment Act, 2008

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

The following Bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 25 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2008

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
(Unparliamentary Language)

Before Orders of the Day, I wish to remind Members of your role in ensuring that the debates of this Assembly are conducted in a respectful and dignified manner.

Yesterday during Question Period, the Member for Regina Rosemont (Mr. Wotherspoon) used a phrase that upon review implied improper motives on the part of another Member of this Assembly. At the time, I was unsure whether I had heard the Member correctly and chose to review the verbatim record before interrupting the proceedings.

In reviewing the record, I find that the manner in which the Member for Regina Rosemont chose to present his views could be interpreted as implying that the Minister of Education (Mr. Krawetz) was attempting to deceive the public on the adequacy of funding for education.

Members will be aware that it is improper to impute unworthy motives to another Member for their actions. This parliamentary tradition is set out in paragraph 484(3) of *Beauchesne's* (6th edition) and confirmed in Rule 50(f) of the Assembly's rule book.

I appreciate that it is not always possible or desirous to prepare in advance every remark or intervention that is to be made in the Assembly. Nor is it reasonable to expect that Members will review every remark or intervention prior to delivery to ensure that they abide by all rules of debate. Indeed, history records that often the most effective and compelling debates occur when Members passionately and forcefully present their positions. Nevertheless, I do wish to caution Members on their choice of language, particularly when participating in a lively proceeding such as Question Period. Challenging the position of another Member is acceptable. Questioning their character is not. A personal charge or accusation against another Member may only be done by way of a substantive motion.

Thereupon, Mr. Wotherspoon withdrew his remarks.

MOTION TO GRANT LEAVE OF ABSENCE

On motion of Mr. Taylor, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That leave of absence be granted to the Member for Regina Northeast for Friday, May 9, 2008 to Friday, May 16, 2008 to attend the 39th British Islands and Mediterranean Regional Conference in Gibraltar on behalf of this Assembly.

BILL NO. 40 – THE UKRAINIAN FAMINE AND GENOCIDE (HOLODOMOR) MEMORIAL DAY ACT

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz: That Bill No. 40 – The Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act – be now read a second time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Krawetz, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 40 – The Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act – was committed to a Committee of the Whole later this day.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

By leave of the Assembly, pursuant to Rule 72(1), the following Bill was reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 40 – The Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

ADJOURNED DEBATES**Bill No. 24 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2)**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Norris: That Bill No. 24 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 24 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) – was committed to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:55 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2008
(40TH DAY)

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Higgins, Iwanchuk and Broten.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to add at least 2000 new child care spaces in Saskatchewan by 2011.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 95)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reduce the education portion of property taxes by doubling property tax rebates over four years.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 96)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reassess its decision to close the South Hill liquor store in Moose Jaw.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 130)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

The following Bill was reported without amendment, and leave of the Assembly having been granted to waive consideration in Committee of the Whole, it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

That Bill No. 6 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2007 - be now read the third time and passed under its title.

The question being put, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 35

Stewart	Elhard	Bjornerud	Draude	Krawetz
Boyd	Eagles	McMorris	D'Autremont	Hickie
Cheveldayoff	Heppner	Gantefoer	Harpauer	Norris
Morgan	Hutchinson	Huyghebaert	Brkich	Hart
Kirsch	Schriemer	Allchurch	Weekes	Chisholm
Wilson	Duncan	Michelson	LeClerc	Ottenbreit
Ross	Reiter	Bradshaw	Harrison	McMillan

NAYS – 18

Calvert	Harper	Junor	Trew	Van Mulligen
Atkinson	Yates	Higgins	Belanger	Furber
Iwanchuk	Forbes	Morin	Taylor	Quennell
Broten	McCall	Wotherspoon		

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES

Mr. Taylor, Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on House Services presented the Fourth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

Your Committee considered the Estimates of the Legislative Branch of Government and adopted the following resolutions:

Main Estimates, 2008-2009:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009, the following sum:

For Children's Advocate	\$1,361,000
For Conflict of Interest Commissioner.....	\$151,000
For Information and Privacy Commissioner	\$822,000
For Legislative Assembly.....	\$7,925,000
For Ombudsman	\$1,898,000
For Provincial Auditor.....	\$6,945,000

Your committee reviewed the following Estimates for which no funds were requested or required to be voted:

Main Estimates, 2008-2009:

For Chief Electoral Officer (statutory)

Your 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. 215)

On motion of Mr. Taylor:

Ordered, That the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on House Services be now concurred in.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 628 to 649, they were answered. (See Appendix)

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 11:25 a.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008
(41ST DAY)

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: Higgins, Broten and Iwanchuk.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide funding for the expansion and renovation of the Moose Jaw Union Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

The following Bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed, on Division:

Bill No. 2 – The Enterprise Saskatchewan Act

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 650 to 659, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 660, the answer was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk to Return No. 52 pursuant to Rule 20(6).

(Sessional Paper No. 216)

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:19 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2008
(42ND DAY)

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: Higgins, Quennell, Taylor, Forbes and Iwanchuk.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide funding for the expansion and renovation of the Moose Jaw Union Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

The following Bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed, on Division:

Bill No. 24 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2)

Mr. Hart, Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Services presented the Third Report of the said committee which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Estimates of the following government ministries and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

Main Estimates, 2008-2009:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009, the following sums:

Executive Branch of Government

For Advanced Education, Employment and Labour	\$761,779,000
For Corrections, Public Safety and Policing	\$314,116,000
For Education	\$1,016,747,000
For Health.....	\$3,773,609,000
For Social Services	\$635,475,000

Lending and Investing Activities

For Advanced Education, Employment and Labour	\$43,000,000
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Your 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. 217)

On motion of Mr. Hart:

Ordered, That the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Human Services be now concurred in.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE

Mr. Kirsch, Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice, presented the Third Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Estimates and Further Estimates of the following government ministries and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

Main Estimates, 2008-2009:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009, the following sums:

Executive Branch of Government

For First Nations and Métis Relations.....	\$70,286,000
For Intergovernmental Affairs	\$3,538,000
For Justice and Attorney General	\$120,400,000

For Municipal Affairs \$245,307,000

For Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport \$139,230,000

Your committee reviewed the following Estimates for which no funds were requested or required to be voted:

Lending and Investing Activities

For Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan (Statutory)

Your 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. 218)

On motion of Mr. Kirsch:

Ordered, That the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice be now concurred in.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 661 to 679 and 681 to 692, they were answered.
(See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 680, the answer was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk to Return No. 53 pursuant to Rule 20(6).
(Sessional Paper No. 219)

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:29 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2008
(43RD DAY)

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: Higgins, Junor, Broten, Taylor and Iwanchuk.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that the Task Force on Housing Affordability hold open public consultations.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 129)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reassess its decision to close the South Hill liquor store in Moose Jaw.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 130)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reverse its decision to means test seniors for the provincial prescription drug plan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 131)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

Mr. Duncan, Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies presented the Third Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Estimates of the following government ministries and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

Main Estimates, 2008-2009:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009, the following sums:

For Finance.....	\$179,830,000
For Government Services.....	\$40,220,000
For Information Technology Office	\$5,575,000
For Office of the Provincial Secretary.....	\$4,153,000
For Public Service Commission	\$37,692,000

Your committee reviewed the following Estimates and Further Estimates for which no funds were requested or required to be voted:

Main Estimates, 2008-2009:

Executive Branch of Government

For Finance – Servicing the Government Debt (Statutory)

Fund Transfers

For Growth and Financial Security Fund

Lending and Investing Activities

For Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation (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 Finance – Debt Redemption (Statutory)

For Finance – Sinking Fund Payments – Government Share (Statutory)

For Finance – Interest on Gross Debt – Crown Enterprise Share (Statutory)

Your 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. 220)

On motion of Mr. Duncan:

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

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

Mr. Huyghebaert, Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy, presented the Third Report of the said committee which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Estimates of the following government ministries and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

Main Estimates, 2008-2009:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009, the following sums:

Executive Branch of Government

For Agriculture	\$300,080,000
For Energy and Resources	\$33,980,000
For Enterprise and Innovation	\$60,061,000
For Environment	\$208,985,000
For Highways and Infrastructure	\$287,421,000
For Saskatchewan Research Council	\$12,082,000

Lending and Investing Activities

For Agriculture	\$3,025,000
For Enterprise and Innovation	\$5,500,000
For Highways and Infrastructure	\$750,000

Major Capital Expenditure

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009, the following sums, which to the extent that they remain unexpended for that fiscal year are also granted for the fiscal year ending on March 31, 2010:

For Highways and Infrastructure Capital \$225,712,000

Your committee reviewed the following Estimates for which no funds were requested or required to be voted:

Main Estimates, 2008-2009:

Lending and Investing Activities

For Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan (Statutory)

For Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (Statutory)

Your 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. 221)

On motion of Mr. Huyghebaert:

Ordered, That the Third Report of the Standing Committee on the Economy be now concurred in.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE

Mr. Kirsch, Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice, presented the Fourth Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Estimates of the following government ministry and adopted the following resolution:

Main Estimates, 2008-2009:

Lending and Investing Activities

For First Nations and Métis Relations \$1,600,000

Your 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. 222)

On motion of Mr. Kirsch:

Ordered, That the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice be now concurred in.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

Summary of Resolutions adopted:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND

MAIN ESTIMATES 2008-2009

EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009 the following sums:

BUDGETARY EXPENSES

1.	For Advanced Education, Employment and Labour	\$761,779,000
2.	For Agriculture	300,080,000
3.	For Corrections, Public Safety and Policing	314,116,000
4.	For Education	1,016,747,000
5.	For Energy and Resources	33,980,000
6.	For Enterprise and Innovation.....	60,061,000
7.	For Environment	208,985,000
8.	For Executive Council.....	8,611,000
9.	For Finance	179,830,000
10.	For First Nations and Métis Relations.....	70,286,000
11.	For Government Services.....	40,220,000
12.	For Health	3,773,609,000
13.	For Highways and Infrastructure.....	287,421,000
14.	For Information Technology Office.....	5,575,000
15.	For Intergovernmental Affairs	3,538,000
16.	For Justice and Attorney General.....	120,400,000
17.	For Municipal Affairs	245,307,000
18.	For Office of the Provincial Secretary	4,153,000

19.	For Public Service Commission.....	37,692,000
20.	For Saskatchewan Research Council	12,082,000
21.	For Social Services.....	635,475,000
22.	For Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport	139,230,000

LENDING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES

23.	For Advanced Education, Employment and Labour	\$43,000,000
24.	For Agriculture.....	3,025,000
25.	For Enterprise and Innovation.....	5,500,000
26.	For First Nations and Métis Relations.....	1,600,000
27.	For Highways and Infrastructure.....	750,000

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT

28.	For Children's Advocate	\$1,361,000
29.	For Conflict of Interest Commissioner.....	151,000
30.	For Information and Privacy Commissioner	822,000
31.	For Legislative Assembly	7,925,000
32.	For Ombudsman.....	1,898,000
33.	For Provincial Auditor	6,945,000

GENERAL REVENUE FUND

MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009, the following sums, which to the extent that they remain unexpended for that fiscal year are also granted for the fiscal year ending on March 31, 2010:

1.	For Highways and Infrastructure Capital	\$225,712,000
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On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty, on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, the sum of six billion, nine hundred sixteen million, nine hundred forty-five thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, which to the extent that they remain unexpended for the fiscal year are also granted for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010, the sum of one hundred eighty-eight million, ninety-three 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, 2008 (No. 3)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer: That Bill No. 41 – The Appropriation Act, 2008 (No. 3) – 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.

Pursuant to Rule 72(2), the said Bill was then read a second and third time and passed under its title, on Division.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Pursuant to Rule 34, the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act.

The following Bill was reported with amendment:

Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Norris: That Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act – be now read a third time and passed under its title.

The question being put, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

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Wall	Stewart	Elhard	Bjornerud	Draude
Krawetz	Boyd	Eagles	McMorris	D'Autremont
Hickie	Cheveldayoff	Heppner	Tell	Gantefoer
Harpauer	Norris	Morgan	Hutchinson	Huyghebaert
Brkich	Hart	Kirsch	Schreimer	Allchurch
Weekes	Chisholm	Wilson	Duncan	Michelson
Ottenbreit	Ross	Reiter	Bradshaw	Harrison
McMillan				

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Calvert	Junor	Trew	Van Mulligen	Atkinson
Nilson	Yates	Higgins	Belanger	Furber
Iwanchuk	Forbes	Morin	Taylor	Quennell
Broten	McCall	Wotherspoon		

The said Bill was, accordingly, read the third time and passed.

ROYAL ASSENT / SANCTION ROYALE

3:28 p.m.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Chamber, took His seat upon the Throne.

Son Honneur le Lieutenant gouverneur fait son entrée dans le 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. 13 – The Teachers' Life Insurance (Government Contributory) Amendment Act, 2008

Bill No. 14 – The Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials Repeal Act

Bill No. 26 – The Midwifery Amendment Act, 2008

Bill No. 29 – The Education Amendment Act, 2008
Projet de loi n° 29 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

Bill No. 901 – The Briercrest College and Seminary Amendment Act, 2008

Bill No. 28 – The Vital Statistics Administration Transfer Act

Bill No. 27 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2008
Projet de loi n° 27 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard

Bill No. 1 – The Growth and Financial Security Act

Bill No. 10 – The Miscellaneous Pensions Statutes (Commencement of Pension) Amendment Act, 2008

Bill No. 35 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2008

Bill No. 38 – The Corporate Capital Tax Act

Bill No. 3 – The Potash Development Repeal Act

Bill No. 19 – The Social Workers Amendment Act, 2008

Bill No. 21 – The Teachers Superannuation and Disability Benefits Amendment Act, 2008

Bill No. 22 – The Irrigation Amendment Act, 2008

Bill No. 8 – The Natural Resources Amendment Act, 2008

Bill No. 34 – The Graduate Retention Program Act

Bill No. 23 – The Municipal Revenue Sharing Amendment Act, 2008

Bill No. 33 – The Active Families Benefit Act

Bill No. 18 – The Public Service Amendment Act, 2008

Bill No. 17 – The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2008

Bill No. 37 – The Parks Amendment Act, 2008

Bill No. 25 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2008

Bill No. 40 – The Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act

Bill No. 6 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2007

Bill No. 2 – The Enterprise Saskatchewan Act

Bill No. 24 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2)

Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then replied:
“In Her Majesty’s name, I assent to these Bills.”

Son Honneur le Lieutenant gouverneur alors a
répondu: “Au nom de Sa Majestée, 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. 41 – The Appropriation Act, 2008 (No. 3)

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then replied: “In Her Majesty’s name, I thank the Legislative Assembly, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill.”

His Honour then retired from the Chamber.

3:32 p.m.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:35 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Associations:

Saskatchewan Association of Architects

Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists

The Real Estate Commission

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 37)

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008
(44TH DAY)

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Furber, Tell, Higgins, Morin, Forbes and Iwanchuk.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to add at least 2000 new child care spaces in Saskatchewan by 2011.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 95)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to expand on-campus and off-campus housing options for Saskatchewan's students.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 99)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reassess its decision to close the South Hill liquor store in Moose Jaw.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 130)

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
(Allegation of Conflict of Interest)

Yesterday, the Government House Leader (Hon. Mr. Gantfoer) raised a point of order concerning the appropriateness of a series of questions posed by the Member for Moose Jaw Wakamow (Ms. Higgins) during Tuesday's Question Period. It was the contention of the House Leader that the questions impugned the character of the Minister responsible for SaskTel (Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff) by suggesting that he was in a conflict of interest. The House Leader further contended that the questions amounted to a serious allegation of financial impropriety against the Minister and the chair of the SaskTel Board of Directors.

Members will be aware that their interventions in the Assembly, whether in debate or during another proceeding such as Question Period, may not make a personal charge or accusation against another Member. Such a charge or accusation may only be made by way of a substantive motion moved with notice. This long held parliamentary practice is codified in Rule 50(f).

In reviewing the Hansard, I find that the interventions of the Member for Moose Jaw Wakamow were phrased to include a preamble followed by a concise, direct question. The preambles consisted of statements outlining the relationships and connections between SaskTel and Jump.ca, the Minister and the SaskTel board chair, the Golden Opportunities Fund and the Minister's private investments.

Based upon these statements, the questions then posed by the Member sought the Minister's opinion on the possible conflicts of interest that he or the board chair might be in, and what actions the Minister might take to address these conflicts.

I remind Members that it is not the role of the Speaker to determine the veracity of what Members say in debate or question period. It is the assumption, and indeed expectation of this Assembly, that Members will be truthful and forthright in their interventions. However, in those instances where there is a difference of opinion, Members are free to debate, disagree or offer alternative versions of the facts in dispute.

From the record it is clear that the Member for Moose Jaw Wakamow phrased her questions in such a manner that did not make a personal charge or accusation. For this reason, I find the point of order not well taken.

Before closing this matter, I want to point out what a former Speaker said in this Assembly about Question Period on May 27, 1998: "... it is never, ever appropriate that, engaging in political cut and thrust of debate in this Assembly, that members would draw into question the character of another member..." I think it is appropriate that Members are reminded about this point.

I also want to point out that there are alternate and formal means to pursue questions of conflict of interest, means which this Assembly itself put into law. I refer members to *The Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, section 29(1), which provides a mechanism for a member who has "reasonable and probable grounds to believe that another member is in contravention of the act" to ask the conflict of interest commissioner for an opinion.

Although I find the point of order not well taken, I do want Members to be mindful that they should be respectful of one another's character when putting comments on the record; and, that there are formal means available to Members when they have questions about conflict of interest.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE SESSION

It was moved by the Hon. Mr. Gantfoer, by leave of the Assembly:

That when this Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, in accordance with the parliamentary calendar, it shall stand adjourned until 10:00 a.m. on October 22, 2008, unless earlier recalled by Mr. Speaker upon the request of the government, and if recalled, Mr. Speaker shall give each member seven clear days notice, if possible, of such date and time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

The Assembly adjourned at 11:07 a.m. until October 22, 2008, pursuant to an Order made this day.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2008
(45TH DAY)

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

The Speaker informed the Assembly that the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly had received from the Chief Electoral Officer:

A Certificate of the following election and return:

Of Doyle Vermette as Member for the Constituency of Cumberland

(Sessional Paper No. 380)

Doyle Vermette, Member for the Constituency of Cumberland, having previously taken the Oath accordingly to law, and subscribed the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the Assembly.

PROROGATION SPEECH

10:03 a.m.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Chamber, took his seat upon the Throne. His Honour was then pleased to deliver the following speech:

Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly.

It is my duty to release you from further attendance at the First Session of the Twenty-Sixth Legislature.

In thus relieving you, I would like to thank you for the work done and the progress made.

The past year has been an extremely eventful one.

This session's work included passage of *The Growth and Financial Security Act*, which includes specific measures to ensure balanced budgets and the appropriate use of surplus revenues.

In just a year, members of this Assembly can proudly point to the fact that Saskatchewan's debt has already been reduced by one-third, with debt reduction remaining a high priority.

In this session, you passed a budget, which included the unprecedented "Ready for Growth" initiative, a \$1 billion investment in our future.

Legislation was passed that saw the creation of Enterprise Saskatchewan.

This new agency will collaborate with First Nations, the private sector, labour, post-secondary educational institutions and municipalities to sustain economic momentum in Saskatchewan.

The passage of Bill Nos. 5 and 6 have brought Saskatchewan's labour legislation into line with other Canadian jurisdictions.

The commitment to keep royalty rates unchanged continues to bring record-breaking activity to crown lease auctions.

With one sale remaining, year-to-date revenue from land sales now stands in excess of \$1 billion - the first time in history the billion-dollar mark has been exceeded.

This Assembly approved the full and immediate funding of AgriStablity and AgriInvest, programs aimed at improving income support for our agricultural sector.

The commitment to establish a Graduate Retention Program has been fulfilled, making post-secondary graduates eligible for rebates of up to \$20,000 over seven years, provided they stay in our province. Saskatchewan now has the most aggressive youth retention plan in Canada.

Revenue sharing for municipalities was increased in the budget, then again in April, in response to growing provincial revenues. Revenue sharing in 2008/09 will now total \$140.5 million, an increase of 15 per cent.

Progress was made on addressing the shortage of registered nurses in Saskatchewan. New nurses from the Philippines are, as I speak, beginning work in our province. More are coming.

In addition, a partnership agreement was signed with the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses. It commits all parties to finding ways to bring 800 new nurses to Saskatchewan by 2011.

In 2008/09, \$100 million in new funding was provided to address urgent health facility maintenance and needed repairs across our health care system. Work has begun on a ten-year health sector human resources plan, a ten-year capital plan and a senior's health care strategy.

This year also saw the largest ever single year funding increase for the agencies across Saskatchewan that provide crucial services to people in need. The \$18.3 million investment in Community Based Organizations will help them recruit new workers and retain existing ones through salary increases and improved benefits.

In May, an important commitment was fulfilled when the first-ever Round Table on the Duty to Consult took place in Saskatoon.

The round table included representatives from First Nations, Métis, business and all levels of government.

Other initiatives seen in the past year include:

- \$16.3 million for revitalization of St. Mary's Community School and the Pleasant Hill neighbourhood in Saskatoon;
- \$2 million for 38 pre-kindergarten programs for 3000 vulnerable children;
- \$500,000 for school lunch and anti-hunger programs in community schools;
- \$400,000 to help Saskatchewan pork producers provide 320,000 kilograms of pork to our food banks;
- A 15 percent increase in payments to people who provide support for children in foster care;
- The largest increase in Saskatchewan's history to the Employment Supplement, benefiting 5,800 low income—mostly single parent families;

- \$5.1 million for 88 additional addictions treatment beds;
- A 3 million increase in programming for students with learning disabilities;
- \$10.7 million more for cancer care; and
- \$1.1 million more for transition houses and sexual assault centres.

We, in Saskatchewan, have been truly blessed. Our province now has the resources needed to make these important investments in our future.

However, we must remain aware of the fact that we are global trading partners. We are not isolated from events taking place around the globe.

As world financial markets experience uncertainty, it is important for members of this Assembly to plan a wise and careful course for the future of Saskatchewan.

This course must be characterized by fiscal prudence, a desire to make the investments that will allow for continued prosperity in our province and the need to assure that everyone has an opportunity to benefit from that prosperity.

Finally, in taking leave of you, I wish to thank you for the diligent manner in which you have devoted your energies to the activities of this session, and wish you the full blessings of Providence.

The Hon. Mr. Elhard, Provincial Secretary, then said:

It is the will and pleasure of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until later today, the 22nd day of October, 2008 at 2:00 p.m., and this Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.

10:11 a.m.

Hon. Don Toth
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were tabled intersessionally during the period from May 15, 2008 to October 22, 2008:

NO.	RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS	DATE TABLED
223	<i>Public Accounts</i> of the Province of Saskatchewan for year ended March 31, 2008 (Volume 2)	October 7, 2008
224	Doukhobors of Canada C.C.U.B. Trust Fund Board: Financial Statements for the year ended May 31, 2007	October 14, 2008
225	Provincial Auditor's 2008 Report (Volume 1), in accordance with the provisions of section 14.1 of <i>The Provincial Auditor Act</i> 2008 Report (Volume 2)	May 27, 2008 September 4, 2008
226	Provincial Auditor: Annual Report on Operations, pursuant to section 14.1 of <i>The Provincial Auditor Act</i> , for the year ended March 31, 2008	June 10, 2008
227	Children's Advocate: Annual Report for the year 2007	June 26, 2008
228	<i>Public Accounts</i> of the Province of Saskatchewan for year ended March 31, 2008 (Volume 1)	June 27, 2008
229	Information and Privacy Commissioner: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	June 27, 2008
230	Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 15, 2008
231	Conexus Arts Centre: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Supplementary Financial Information	July 17, 2008
232	Law Foundation of Saskatchewan: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2007	July 21, 2008
233	Financial Services Commission: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 21, 2008
234	Saskatchewan Public Complaints Commission: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008, pursuant to s.15 of <i>The Police Act, 1990</i>	July 21, 2008
235	Farm Land Security Board: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 21, 2008
236	<i>The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i> : Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 21, 2008
237-248	Return Nos. 40 to 51	July 18, 2008
249	Public Disclosure Committee: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008, pursuant to s.12 of <i>The Public Disclosure Act</i>	July 23, 2008
250	Saskatchewan Police Commission: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 23, 2008
251	Sask911: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 23, 2008
252	Saskatchewan Communications Network Corporation: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Payee List	July 24, 2008
253	Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 24, 2008

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254	Saskatchewan Research Council: Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Supplementary Information	July 24, 2008
255	Finance: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 24, 2008
256	Watershed Authority Retirement Allowance Plan: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 24, 2008
257	Public Employees Benefits Agency Revolving Fund: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 24, 2008
258	Saskatchewan Pension Annuity Fund: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 24, 2008
259	Public Employees Pension Plan: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 24, 2008
260	Judges of the Provincial Court Superannuation Plan: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 24, 2008
261	Public Service Superannuation Board: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 24, 2008
262	Conflict of Interest Commissioner: Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2007	July 24, 2008
263	Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 25, 2008
264	Correctional Facilities Industries Revolving Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 25, 2008
265	Education: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 28, 2008
266	Transportation Partnerships Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 28, 2008
267	Municipal Affairs: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 28, 2008
268	Public Service Commission: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 28, 2008
269	Highways and Infrastructure: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 28, 2008
270	Gaming Corporation: Annual Report, Consolidated Financial Statements and Supplementary Financial Information for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Supplementary Financial Information of SGC Holdings Inc. for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 28, 2008
271	Office of the Provincial Secretary: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 28, 2008
272	Saskatchewan Multitype Library Board: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 28, 2008
273	Intergovernmental Affairs: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 28, 2008
274	Liquor and Gaming Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Supplementary Financial Information	July 28, 2008
275	Provincial Ombudsman Saskatchewan: Report entitled <i>My Brother's Keeper – A Review of Electronic Control Devices in Saskatchewan Correctional Centres Housing Male Inmates</i> dated June 2008	July 29, 2008

NO.	RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS	DATE TABLED
276	Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority: Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Supplier Supplementary Financial Information	July 28, 2008
277	Western Canada Lottery Corporation – VLT Division: Supplementary Financial Information for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 28, 2008
278	Agriculture: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
279	Cattle Marketing Deductions Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
280	Watershed Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Payee Information for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
281	Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Supplementary Information	July 29, 2008
282	Government House Foundation: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
283	Information Technology Office: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
284	Enterprise and Innovation: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
285	Agricultural Implements Board: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
286	Agricultural Stabilization Fund: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
287	Saskatchewan Agri-Food Council: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
288	Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Consolidated Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
289	Irrigation Crop Diversification Corporation: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
290	First Nations and Métis Relations: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
291	Thomson Meats Ltd. (subsidiary of Agricultural Credit Corporation): Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007	July 29, 2008
292	Resource Protection and Development Revolving Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
293	State of Drinking Water Quality in Saskatchewan and the Safe Drinking Water Strategy: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
294	School Division Tax Loss Compensation Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
295	Technology Supported Learning Revolving Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
296	Prince of Wales Scholarship Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
297	Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan: Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008

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298	Individual Cattle Feeder Loan Guarantee Provincial Assurance Fund: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
299	Agri-Food Innovation Fund: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
300	Social Services Central Trust Account: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
301	Valley View Centre Grants and Donations Trust Account and Institutional Collective Benefit Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
302	Valley View Centre Residents' Trust Account: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
303	Social Services: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
304	Cypress Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
305	Saskatoon Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
306	Prince Albert Parkland Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
307	Sunrise Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
308	Five Hills Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
309	Keewatin Yatthé Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008 List of Personal Services and Supplier Payments	July 29, 2008 October 8, 2008
310	Heartland Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
311	Sun Country Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
312	Saskatchewan Health Information Network: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Payee List	July 29, 2008
313	Medical Services Branch: Annual Statistical Report, supplementary to the Annual Report of Saskatchewan Health, for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
314	Regina Qu'Appelle Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
315	Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
316	<i>The Crown Administration of Estates Act</i> : Report dated July 16, 2008	July 29, 2008
317	Energy and Resources: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
318	Environment: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
319	<i>The Family Farm Credit Act</i> : Report dated 1 April 2008	July 29, 2008
320	Institutional Control Monitoring and Maintenance Fund and Institutional Control Unforeseen Events Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
321	Justice: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008

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322	Justice Ministry – Victims’ Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
323	Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Personal Services list	July 29, 2008
324	Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
325	Legal Aid Commission: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
326	Legal Aid Commission: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
327	Legal Aid Commission: Financial Statements of the Staff Pension Plan, for the year ended December 31, 2007	July 29, 2008
328	Office of Residential Tenancies – Director’s Trust Account: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
329	Oil and Gas Orphan Fund: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
330	Provincial Mediation Board Trust Accounts: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
331	Public Guardian and Trustee of Saskatchewan: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
332	Public Guardian and Trustee of Saskatchewan – Estates and Trusts under Administration: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
333	Queen’s Printer Revolving Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
334	Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
335	Saskatchewan Student Aid Fund: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
336	Saskatchewan Arts Board: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including list of disbursements	July 29, 2008
337	Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
338	Saskatchewan Snowmobile Fund: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 29, 2008
339	Western Development Museum: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Supplementary Information	July 29, 2008
340	Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport – Commercial Revolving Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 30, 2008
341	Board of Governors, Uranium City Hospital: Chairperson’s Report to the Minister of Health for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 31, 2008
342	Community Initiatives Fund: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 31, 2008
343	Health: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 31, 2008
344	Health Quality Council: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Supplementary Information	July 31, 2008
345	Kelsey Trail Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 31, 2008

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346	Mamawetan Churchill River Regional Health Authority: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 31, 2008
347	North Sask. Laundry and Support Services Ltd.: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 31, 2008
348	Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Payee List	July 31, 2008
349	Saskatchewan Impaired Driver Treatment Centre: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 31, 2008
350	Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including list of Community Grants	July 31, 2008
351	University of Saskatchewan: Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended April 30, 2007	July 31, 2008
352	101047589 Saskatchewan Ltd.: Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007	July 31, 2008
353	101047593 Saskatchewan Ltd.: Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007	July 31, 2008
354	Government Services: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2008	July 31, 2008
355	Horned Cattle Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	August 1, 2008
356	Livestock Services Revolving Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008	August 1, 2008
357	Subscription for Units dated April 22, 2008 between CIC Economic Holdco Ltd. and Saskatchewan Entrepreneurial Fund Joint Venture	August 6, 2008
358	Committed Capital Notice dated April 23, 2008 between CIC Equity Holding Corporation and Apex Investment Limited Partnership	August 6, 2008
359	Subscription for Units dated June 9, 2008 between CIC Equity Holding Corporation and Apex Investment Limited Partnership	August 6, 2008
360	Committed Capital Notice dated April 23, 2008 between CIC Apex Equity Holdco Ltd. and Apex Investment Limited Partnership	August 6, 2008
361	Subscription for Units dated May 8, 2008 between CIC Economic Holdco Ltd. and Saskatchewan Entrepreneurial Fund Joint Venture	August 6, 2008
362	Subscription for Units dated February 27, 2008 between CIC Economic Holdco Ltd. and Saskatchewan Entrepreneurial Fund Joint Venture	August 6, 2008
363	Fish and Wildlife Development Fund: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008 Supplementary Information	August 18, 2008 August 20, 2008
364	Saskatchewan Archives Board: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2007	August 19, 2008
365	Water Appeal Board: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, including Honoraria paid to Board Members	August 20, 2008
366	Debt Agreement dated July 22, 2003 between SaskEnergy Incorporated and SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd.	August 21, 2008
367	Debt Agreement dated July 22, 2003 between SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd. and Heritage Gas Limited	August 21, 2008

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368	Subscription Agreement dated June 18, 2008 between SaskEnergy Incorporated and SaskEnergy Nova Scotia Holdings Ltd. Subscription for Shares: Heritage Gas Limited dated June 18, 2008, for \$45,440	August 21, 2008
369	University of Regina: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended April 30, 2008	August 28, 2008
370	University of Saskatchewan: Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended April 30, 2008	August 28, 2008
371	Return No. 35	September 3, 2008
372	Notice of incorporation by Investment Saskatchewan, pursuant to section 30(3) of <i>The Crown Corporations Act, 1993</i> and <i>The Tabling of Documents Act, 1991</i> : subsidiary called IS Belle Plaine Holdings, Inc.	September 5, 2008
373	Chief Electoral Officer: Statement of Votes (Volume 1) pursuant to section 286 of <i>The Election Act, 1996</i> for the 26 th General Provincial Election held on November 7, 2007	September 8, 2008
374	University of Saskatchewan Academic Employees' Pension Plan: Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007	September 18, 2008
375	University of Saskatchewan Pension Plan for Eligible Employees: Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007	September 18, 2008
376	University of Saskatchewan 1999 Academic Pension Plan: Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007	September 18, 2008
377	University of Saskatchewan 2000 Academic Money Purchase Pension Plan: Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007	September 18, 2008
378	University of Saskatchewan and Federated Colleges Non-Academic Pension Plan: Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2007	September 18, 2008
379	Committed Capital Notice dated August 8, 2008 between CIC Equity Holding Corporation, CONEXUS Credit Union (2006), Cornerstone Credit Union, Innovation Credit Union and PFM Capital Inc.	October 7, 2008

APPENDIX A
QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Chronological List

DECEMBER 19, 2007

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 1, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many monthly bus passes has the Ministry of Social Services subsidized since Jan. 1, 2007 in Saskatoon and in Saskatchewan? (2) What have been the costs incurred to do this in total and for the city of Saskatoon?

Answer:

- (1) For the period January 1, 2007 to November 30, 2007:
Saskatchewan: 57,900 (estimated)
Saskatoon: 27,462
- (2) Social Services has incurred the following cost:
Saskatchewan: \$1,105,000 (estimated)
Saskatoon: 494,316

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 2, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many monthly bus passes has the Ministry of Social Services subsidized for those specifically on Social Assistance (SAP) since Jan. 1, 2007 in Saskatoon and in Saskatchewan? (2) What have been the costs incurred to do this in total and for the city of Saskatoon?

Answer:

- (1) Each municipality is required to submit an annual reconciliation of the number of passes sold. The municipality does not submit a record of passes sold by program type.
- (2) The ministry reconciles payments to the municipality based on the total number of passes sold for all programs.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 3, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many monthly bus passes has the Ministry of Social Services subsidized for those specifically on transitional employment allowance (TEA) since Jan. 1, 2007 in Saskatoon and in Saskatchewan? (2) What have been the costs incurred to do this in total and for the city of Saskatoon?

Answer:

- (1) Each municipality is required to submit an annual reconciliation of the number of passes sold. The municipality does not submit a record of passes sold by program type.
- (2) The ministry reconciles payments to the municipality based on the total number of passes sold for all programs.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 4, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many monthly bus passes has the Ministry of Social Services subsidized for those specifically on provincial training allowance (PTA) since Jan. 1, 2007 in Saskatoon and in Saskatchewan? (2) What have been the costs incurred to do this in total and for the city of Saskatoon?

Answer:

- (1) Each municipality is required to submit an annual reconciliation of the number of passes sold. The municipality does not submit a record of passes sold by program type.
- (2) The ministry reconciles payments to the municipality based on the total number of passes sold for all programs.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 5, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many monthly bus passes has the Ministry of Social Services subsidized for those specifically receiving employment supplement since Jan. 1, 2007 in Saskatoon and in Saskatchewan? (2) What have been the costs incurred to do this in total and for the city of Saskatoon?

Answer:

- (1) Each municipality is required to submit an annual reconciliation of the number of passes sold. The municipality does not submit a record of passes sold by program type.
- (2) The ministry reconciles payments to the municipality based on the total number of passes sold for all programs.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 6, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: What are the dates planned for the CBO Summit?

Answer:

The dates for the CBO Summit have not been finalized.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 7, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: What is the budget for the CBO Summit?

Answer:

The budget has not been finalized.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 8, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: What CBOs will be invited to the CBO summit?

Answer:

The list of invitees has not been finalized.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 9, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: Will advocacy groups be invited to the CBO summit?

Answer:

The list of invitees has not been finalized.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 10, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) Will CBOs that support those with disabilities be invited? (2) If so, which ones?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The list of invitees has not been finalized.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 11, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) Will Community Economic Development CBOs be invited?
(2) If so, which ones?

Answer:

- (1) The list of invitees has not been finalized.
- (2) To be determined.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 12, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: When does the caregiver's allowance announced in your campaign go into effect?

Answer:

This does not fall under the Ministry of Social Services.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 13, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many vacancies are at the Office of Disability Issues?

Answer:

There are no vacancies.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 14, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: How many people had Saskatchewan driver's licenses as of March 31, 2006?

Answer:

There were 678,900 Saskatchewan licences as of March 31, 2006.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 15, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: How many people had Saskatchewan driver's licenses as of March 31, 2007?

Answer:

There were 681,793 Saskatchewan licences as of March 31, 2007.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 16, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: How many people had Saskatchewan driver's licenses as of November 21, 2007?

Answer:

There were 689,026 Saskatchewan licences as of November 21, 2007.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 17, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: How many drivers' licenses has SGI issued to people moving to Saskatchewan from out of province between April 1, 2007 to November 21, 2007?

Answer:

SGI has issued an estimated 13,251 driver's licences.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 18, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: (1) How many drivers' licenses were transferred from each province? (2) From out of country?

Answer:

(1) For the period April 1, 2007 to November 21, 2007, the number of licences transferred from each is estimated to be:

Alberta	6,994
British Columbia	1,990
Manitoba	1,145
N.W. Territories	118
New Brunswick	87
Newfoundland	94
Nova Scotia	210
Nunavut	118
Ontario	1,363
P.E.I.	28
Quebec	218
Yukon	50

(2) For the period April 1, 2007 to November 21, 2007, the number of licences transferred from out of country is estimated to be 836.

Mr. Van Mulligen asked the Government the following Question No. 19, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

To the Minister of Finance: Who has the government consulted with subsequent to November 7, 2007 on the elimination of the PST on the purchase of used light vehicles?

Answer:

Saskatchewan Automobile Dealers Association and some individual dealers were consulted.

Mr. Van Mulligen asked the Government the following Question No. 20, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

To the Minister of Finance: How will the Government of Saskatchewan measure the increased participation of children age six to 14 in sports, cultural and recreation activities as a result of the Active Saskatchewan Families Benefit?

Answer:

When the Active Saskatchewan Families Benefit is implemented, further information will be available.

Mr. Van Mulligen asked the Government the following Question No. 21, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

To the Minister of Finance: How much will it cost the Ministry of Finance to administer rebates to individuals applying for their PST exemption on used cars?

Answer:

Due to the relatively short time period involved, refunds of PST overpayments on eligible used vehicles are being administered by reallocating existing Ministry of Finance resources.

Mr. Van Mulligen asked the Government the following Question No. 22, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

To the Minister of Finance: What will be the annual cost to the provincial treasury in uncollected PST on new vehicle purchases where the purchaser provides a trade-in on which the PST has not been paid for the fiscal years 2007/08, 2008/09 and 2009/10?

Answer:

In order for a vehicle to be traded in as part of a light vehicle purchase, it is considered to be previously tax paid. The government has already said that reducing the incidence of applying the PST to just once on each light vehicle will result in a provincial revenue reduction of about \$45 million annually. Included in the 2007/08 mid-year report was a provision of \$20 million for the 2007/08 impact of this initiative.

Mr. Witherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 23, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: How many schools have applied for dedicated funding as schools of opportunity?

Answer:

No schools have applied for dedicated funding as schools of opportunity.

Mr. Witherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 24, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: How many schools have applied for dedicated funding as schools of necessity?

Answer:

No schools have applied for dedicated funding as schools of necessity.

Mr. Witherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 25, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: What are the criteria that schools have to meet to be considered a school of opportunity?

Answer:

A process will be put in place to consult with education partners in the development of these criteria. The consultation process will begin early in the new year.

Mr. Witherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 26, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: What are the criteria that schools have to meet to be considered a school of necessity?

Answer:

A process will be put in place to consult with education partners in the development of these criteria. The consultation process will begin early in the new year.

Mr. Witherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 27, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: How many schools are being reviewed by school boards for possible closure or grade reduction in 2007/08?

Answer:

By August 2007, 23 schools were closed and 6 schools experienced grade reductions. To date, 19 schools are under review for school closure/grade reduction potentially for fall 2008.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 28, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) How many staff members will be assigned to each Legislative Secretary? (2) Will they be housed in Ministries or in Minister's offices? (3) What are their salaries? (4) What are their roles and responsibilities?

Answer:

- (1) None. Depending on the particular Legislative Secretary and the assignment, there may be some ministry staff and resources allocated but this has not been finalized.
- (2) Legislative Secretaries will work out of their respective government caucus offices.
- (3) There is no additional compensation allocated at this time.
- (4) Their roles are specific in nature and targeted around a specific assignment, which is outlined in their respective titles.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 29, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: What is the cost of converting the Department of Agriculture (and every other Department) to the Ministry of Agriculture (and every other Ministry)?

Answer:

The only costs associated with converting departments to ministries are outlined in the answers to Question Nos. 31 to 36 and 42.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 30, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, what is the estimated cost of unused “department” stationary, including letterhead and envelopes, that will not be used as a result of the change?

Answer:

No cost. The changes will be made as stock is replenished on a go-forward basis.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 37, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: Will the Wheat Sheaf logo be used in conjunction with the new Ministry name?

Answer:

Yes.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 38, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: What is the cost of replacing the Wheat Sheaf with the Coat of Arms on all print materials and Ministry’s website?

Answer:

The Coat of Arms is only being replaced on new materials that need to be printed.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 39, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) Was research conducted prior to changing the names from “department” to “ministry”? (2) At what cost? (3) What did it say?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) No cost.
- (3) The use of the term “department” reflects an older bureaucratic organizational structure. The term “ministry” reflects a more team-based approach to public sector management and is used by provinces such as British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 40, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) Was research conducted prior to dropping the Wheat Sheaf as a logo? (2) At what cost? (3) What did it say?

Answer:

The Wheat Sheaf is not being dropped as a logo.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 43, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) Have you had to bring in additional support staff to assist with the transition? (2) How many? (3) At what cost?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Two.
- (3) To date, the approximate cost is \$7,250.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 44, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: What is the timeline for completing the transition?

Answer:

Unknown at this time.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 45, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) Did you seek legal opinion prior to severing any of the following: Deb MacDonald, Barbara MacLean, Bill Craik, Lily Stonehouse, John Wright, Richard Gladue, Bonnie Durnford or Harvey Brooks? (2) If so, how much did that cost?

Answer:

- (1) Yes. The Civil Law Division of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice provided legal advice to government.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 46, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: What criteria were followed in determining which Deputy Ministers to sever?

Answer:

Deputy Ministers serve at the pleasure of the Lieutenant Governor in Council. No Deputy Ministers were terminated with cause.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 47, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) What was the total severance paid to each of the following: Deb MacDonald, Barbara MacLean, Bill Craik, Lily Stonehouse, John Wright, Richard Gladue, Bonnie Durnford and Harvey Brooks? (2) Is the severance a lump sum severance or mitigated payment? (3) If a combination of both, what percentage is lump sum and what percentage is mitigated?

Answer:

- (1) Severance details have not been finalized. *The Crown Employment Contracts Act* provides these individuals with certain entitlements which are part of the process which has not been concluded.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 48, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) How was the compensation figure determined for each of the following: Deb MacDonald, Barbara MacLean, Bill Craik, Lily Stonehouse, John Wright, Richard Gladue, Bonnie Durnford and Harvey Brooks? (2) What is the time frame that the compensation will cover?

Answer:

- (1) Severance details have not been finalized.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 49, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: Were any of the following people given an option to stay in government in another capacity: Deb MacDonald, Barbara MacLean, Bill Craik, Lily Stonehouse, John Wright, Richard Gladue, Bonnie Durnford and Harvey Brooks?

Answer:

- (1) The leadership team was assessed and as the result of re-organizations and consolidations, together with the need to renew the executive leadership team, it was determined that there were no opportunities for these particular individuals. Each was thanked for their service. In the case of Mr. Wright, he was on a secondment from Saskatchewan Power that had ended, been extended and was to end in the summer of 2008. There were no opportunities in Saskatchewan Power or the Crown sector to accommodate a transfer.
- (2) Severance details have not been finalized.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 50, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) How much outstanding vacation leave did each of the following have: Deb MacDonald, Barbara MacLean, Bill Craik, Lily Stonehouse, John Wright, Richard Gladue, Bonnie Durnford and Harvey Brooks? (2) What is the cost to pay this out?

Answer:

This is personal information governed by the privacy provisions of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 51, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) How much outstanding sick leave did each of the following have: Deb MacDonald, Barbara MacLean, Bill Craik, Lily Stonehouse, John Wright, Richard Gladue, Bonnie Durnford and Harvey Brooks? (2) What is the cost to pay this out?

Answer:

This is personal information governed by the privacy provisions of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. There is no provision, nor is it the practice of the Government of Saskatchewan to pay out unused sick leave days.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 52, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) When will you determine whether any other senior executives will be dismissed? (2) Who is making this determination? (3) What criteria are being used? (4) Which Ministries will be affected?

Answer:

The transition process is not complete, and therefore, this is unknown at this time.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 53, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: What is the total budget set aside to cover the cost of severing public servants between November 21, 2007 and March 31, 2008?

Answer:

The transition process is not complete, and therefore, this is unknown at this time.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 54, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: What was the total compensation paid to Deputy Ministers from April 1, 2007 to November 21, 2007?

Answer:

The total compensation paid to Deputy Ministers from April 1, 2007 to November 21, 2007 was \$3,238,420.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 55, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: What is the projected total compensation paid to Deputy Ministers from November 21, 2007 to March 31, 2008?

Answer:

This has not yet been fully determined.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 56, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) For fiscal year 2008/09, what is the projected total compensation that will be paid to Deputy Ministers? (2) What is their annual salary increase projected to be?

Answer:

The 2008/09 budget is currently under development. This information is prepared during the budget process and at this time is not available.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 57, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) Has the pay range changed for new Deputy Ministers compared to those who served in the previous administration? (2) If yes, how were the new figures determined? (3) If yes, will those who worked for the former administration be compensated at the new rate?

Answer:

- (1) No.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 58, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) What amount of vacation leave is being provided to each of the new Deputy Ministers? (2) How much vacation leave was provided to each of the Deputies under the previous administration? (3) If this figure has changed, how was this arrived at?

Answer:

- (1) Under the new administration, Deputy Ministers receive up to 30 days vacation leave.
- (2) Under the previous administration, Deputy Ministers received up to 30 days vacation leave.
- (3) N/A

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 59, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: At the Deputy Ministers level, how much vacation liability is the government currently carrying?

Answer:

This information is not currently available. Vacation liability is determined at each fiscal year end.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 60, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) What criteria were used in hiring new Deputy Ministers? (2) Who established the criteria?

Answer:

- (1) Criteria were based on the needs of the ministry and included appropriate levels of education, experience, skills, abilities and knowledge.
- (2) The criteria were established as part of the transition process.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 61, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) Which of the new Deputy Ministers is moving to Regina from another location? (2) Will their moving expenses be covered?

Answer:

- (1) At this time, we are able to confirm that three Deputy Ministers will be moving to Regina from another location being, Elizabeth Quarshie, Deputy Minister of Environment, Gren Smith-Windsor, Associate Deputy Minister and Acting Deputy Minister of Health, and Rick Mantey, Deputy Provincial Secretary and Deputy Cabinet Secretary and Clerk of the Executive Council.
- (2) Their moving expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with the Public Service Commission's Relocation Policy.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 62, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: For each Deputy Minister receiving moving expenses, what is each individual receiving in moving expenses?

Answer:

Deputy Minister moving expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with the Public Service Commission's Relocation Policy.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 63, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) Can moving expenses be clawed back if the Deputy Minister does not remain for an agreed to length of time? (2) If not, why not? (3) If yes, what is the length of time the Deputy Minister must remain on the job to be fully compensated for moving expenses? (4) How was this number arrived at?

Answer:

Deputy Minister moving expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with the Public Service Commission's Relocation Policy.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 64, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) What is the benefits package for each Deputy Minister? (2) How does this compare to the Deputy Ministers hired under the previous administration?

Answer:

- (1) The benefits package for each Deputy Minister is specified in their employment contract which is filed with the Clerk of the Executive Council. The standard Deputy Minister contract was used for each new appointment. These documents are made public.
- (2) The Deputy Ministers hired under the previous administration signed standard Deputy Minister contracts.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 65, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) What baseline core competencies does each Deputy Minister require to work for the provincial administration? (2) How were these core competencies determined? (3) Who was consulted to determine the core competencies? (4) At what cost?

Answer:

- (1) Core competencies vary by ministry. For each ministry, an appropriate combination of education, experience, skills, abilities and knowledge is required.
- (2) Core competencies were determined through a matching of the needs of the ministry with criteria related to education, skills, abilities, experience, knowledge and a number of other factors.
- (3) Core competencies were determined as part of the transition process.
- (4) There was no cost attributable to this part of the transition process.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 66, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) What criteria were used in determining the level of compensation for political staff? (2) Were outside experts employed to assist in establishing the salary range? (3) If yes, at what cost? (4) If no, who made the salary determination?

Answer:

- (1) This administration used the same levels of compensation for political staff as was used by the past administration except in the case of the Chief of Staff position. A higher level of compensation was used to reflect the additional skills, abilities, education and experience needed in this role.
- (2) No.
- (3) N/A
- (4) Salary was determined as part of the transition process.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 67, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: How many people will work in each of the Minister's offices?

Answer:

The number will vary based on the size and complexity of each ministry.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 68, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: Who will hire these staff in Minister's offices – the Minister or the Chief of Staff?

Answer:

The Chief of Staff is responsible for hiring in consultation with his/her Minister.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 69, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) How many cell phones will be provided to each Minister's office? (2) How many Blackberries will be provided to each Minister's office? (3) How many employees will have business cards? (4) How many will be ordered for each employee?

Answer:

- (1) Cell phones are and will be assigned based on business need.
- (2) Blackberries are and will be assigned based on business need.
- (3) Business cards will be ordered based on business need.
- (4) It is procurement policy that at a minimum, 100 business cards are ordered.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 70, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) What is the projected total cost to operate Minister's offices, including salaries, between April 1, 2007 and November 20, 2007, inclusive? (2) What is the projected cost to operate Minister's offices between November 21, 2007 and March 21, 2008, inclusive? (3) What is the projected annual cost to operate each Minister's office?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question because of the difficulty in separating the costs for some of the Minister's Offices from the total expenditures in each ministry, and also because the cost for each Minister's office up until November 20, 2007 includes only a portion of the severance payments for Ministerial Assistants dismissed by the previous government, as some have not yet settled their claims.
- (2) Unknown at this time.
- (3) The budget is under development. Therefore, this information is not currently available.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 72, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: What is the total monthly expenditure on salaries and benefits in the Executive Council for December of 2007?

Answer:

As the December 2007 pay period is not complete, this information is not available.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 73, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: What is the total monthly expenditure on salaries and benefits in the Executive Council for December of 2006?

Answer:

The total monthly expenditure on salaries and benefits for employees in Executive Council for the period December 2006 was \$562,437.

Mr. Quennell asked the Government the following Question No. 80, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

To the Minister of Enterprise and Innovation: What costs have been associated with the design-build of Enterprise Saskatchewan?

Answer:

None to date.

Mr. Quennell asked the Government the following Question No. 81, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

To the Minister of Enterprise and Innovation: What consultations have taken place with stakeholders in the design-build process of Enterprise Saskatchewan?

Answer:

Extensive consultations will be starting after tabling and first reading of the Bill.

Mr. Quennell asked the Government the following Question No. 82, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

To the Minister of Enterprise and Innovation: (1) Has the Ministry received any requests for membership in Enterprise Saskatchewan that were refused? (2) If so, why was each refused?

Answer:

None to date.

Mr. Quennell asked the Government the following Question No. 83, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

To the Minister of Enterprise and Innovation: How many people were employed by the Department of Industry and Resources as of November 1, 2007?

Answer:

330.9 FTEs.

Mr. Quennell asked the Government the following Question No. 84, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

To the Minister of Enterprise and Innovation: How many of the employees of the Department of Industry and Resources as of November 1, 2007 are now employed by the Ministry of Energy and Resources?

Answer:

284.9 FTEs.

Mr. Quennell asked the Government the following Question No. 85, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

To the Minister of Enterprise and Innovation: How many of the employees of the Department of Industry and Resources as of November 1, 2007 are now employed by the Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation?

Answer:

46.0 FTEs.

Mr. Quennell asked the Government the following Question No. 86, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

To the Minister of Enterprise and Innovation: How many of the employees of the Department of Industry and Resources as of November 1, 2007 are now employed by any Ministry or agency of the Government of Saskatchewan, other than the Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation or the Ministry of Energy and Resources?

Answer:

None.

Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 88, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What consultations, discussion, or meetings took place with members of the Canadian Wheat Board, Friends of the Canadian Wheat Board, or other farm groups in the month of November, 2007?

Answer:

The Minister of Agriculture consulted, held discussions with or met with the following organizations in the month of November, 2007:

Canadian Cattlemen's Association

SaskPork

Saskatchewan Cattle Feeders' Association

Saskatchewan Stock Growers' Association

Western Canadian Wheat Growers' Association

Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 89, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What legal opinion was sought prior to terminating the province's financial support for the Friends of the Canadian Wheat Board legal case against the federal government over its handling of changes to the Board's single desk marketing authority?

Answer:

The ministry was not committed to provide financial support for the Friends of the Canadian Wheat Board. Thus, no legal opinion was necessary.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 90, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many Saskatchewan Health cards were issued and in service as of November 7, 2007?

Answer:

The number of people who, on November 7, 2007 held a valid Saskatchewan health services card were eligible to receive insured health services from Saskatchewan Health is 1,023,912.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 91, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: What are the expected administrative costs associated with means testing the government's drug plan for seniors?

Answer:

A response at this time as to costs would be speculative. The ministry is currently considering a variety of possible implementation options.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 92, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many children were born in Saskatchewan between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006?

Answer:

The Vital Statistics registry records a total of 12,509 births in Saskatchewan between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006. Of this total, 12,427 were live births and 82 were stillbirths. The figures include births to Saskatchewan residents who were in the province at the time of giving birth, as well as residents of other provinces (or countries) who were in Saskatchewan at the time of giving birth.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 93, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many people died in Saskatchewan between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006?

Answer:

The Vital Statistics registry records a total of 9,100 deaths in Saskatchewan between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006. This figure includes deaths to Saskatchewan residents who were in the province at the time of their death, as well as residents of other provinces (or countries) who were in Saskatchewan at the time of their death.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 94, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many children have been born in Saskatchewan between January 1, 2007 and November 20, 2007?

Answer:

On December 12, 2007, the Vital Statistics registry showed a total of 11,807 births in Saskatchewan between January 1, 2007 and November 20, 2007. Of this total, 11,729 were live births and 78 were stillbirths. These figures include births to Saskatchewan residents who were in the province at the time of giving birth, as well as residents of other provinces (or countries) who were in Saskatchewan at the time of giving birth.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 95, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many people died in Saskatchewan between January 1, 2007 and November 20, 2007?

Answer:

On December 12, 2007, the Vital Statistics registry showed a total of 7,837 deaths in Saskatchewan between January 1, 2007 and November 20, 2007. This figure includes deaths to Saskatchewan residents who were in the province at the time of their death, as well as residents of other provinces (or countries) who were in Saskatchewan at the time of their death.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 96, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What is the population as of November 20, 2007? (2) What is your source for this figure?

Answer:

(1) The Ministry of Finance advises that the most recent Statistics Canada estimate for the population of Saskatchewan was dated July 1, 2007. The number was 996,869. This number was determined as a result of the Estimates of Total Population, Canada, Provinces and Territories Survey completed by Statistics Canada. It is important to remember that the results of this survey are an estimate only. It is not a result of a direct population count such as the census. The quarterly Estimates Survey takes into account births, deaths, and other demographic changes such as migration every quarter.

(2) CANSIM 051-0005 database (Statistics Canada, accessed December 13, 2007)

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 97, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: When the July 1, 2007 population figures were released for Saskatchewan, Census Canada agreed at the time of the report that Saskatchewan's population had already surpassed one million people. (1) Was Saskatchewan's population above one million people on October 10, 2007? (2) What is your source for this figure?

Answer:

(1) The Ministry of Finance advises that Statistics Canada has estimated that the population of Saskatchewan as of July 1, 2007 was 996,869. This is the latest official estimate for the population of the province. This number was determined as a result of the Estimates of Total Population, Canada, Provinces and Territories Survey completed by Statistics Canada. It is important to remember that the results of this survey are an estimate only. It is not a result of a direct population count such as the census. The quarterly Estimates Survey takes into account births, deaths, and other demographic changes such as migration every quarter.

(2) CANSIM 051-0005 database (Statistics Canada, accessed December 13, 2007)

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 98, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What is the estimated date that Saskatchewan's population surpassed one million people? (2) What is your source for this figure?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Finance advises that the most recent Statistics Canada estimate for the population of Saskatchewan was dated July 1, 2007. The number was 996,869. This number was determined as a result of the Estimates of Total Population, Canada, Provinces and Territories Survey completed by Statistics Canada. It is important to remember that the results of this survey are an estimate only. It is not a result of a direct population count such as the census. The quarterly Estimates Survey takes into account births, deaths, and other demographic changes such as migration every quarter.
- (2) CANSIM 051-0005 database (Statistics Canada, accessed December 13, 2007)

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 99, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Was the one millionth person born in Saskatchewan or moved here? (2) What is your source for this figure?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Finance advises that the most recent Statistics Canada estimate for the population of Saskatchewan was dated July 1, 2007. The number was 996,869. This number was determined as a result of the Estimates of Total Population, Canada, Provinces and Territories Survey completed by Statistics Canada. It is important to remember that the results of this survey are an estimate only. It is not a result of a direct population count such as the census. The quarterly Estimates Survey takes into account births, deaths, and other demographic changes such as migration every quarter. There is no central population register that indicates the exact time and/or method of arrival (birth, inter-provincial migration, etc.) for the population of the province. Therefore, should the population grow to a million, it would be impossible to determine the precise moment when the millionth person appeared.
- (2) CANSIM 051-0005 database (Statistics Canada, accessed December 13, 2007)

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 100, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What percentage of Saskatchewan's population is aboriginal? (2) What percentage represents immigrants? (3) What is your source for this figure?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Finance advises that the 2001 Census of Population remains the most accurate nation-wide statement of Aboriginal population until the release of the relevant 2006 Census numbers on Aboriginal population on January 15, 2008. In the 2001 census 130,185 Saskatchewan residents had identified themselves as being of Aboriginal origin. This was 13.52% of the entire 2001 Census population of Saskatchewan, which was 963,155.
- (2) The 2006 Census of Population has indicated that there were 48,160 immigrants in Saskatchewan in 2006 compared with 47,820 as indicated in the 2001 Census (a marginal increase of 340 persons). There were 4,610 non-permanent residents (which include persons who held work or study permits, refugee claimants as well as family members living with them in Canada) in Saskatchewan in 2006 compared with 3,110 in 2001. Immigrants and non-permanent residents accounted for 5.5 percent of the Saskatchewan population in 2006. This is well below the national average of 20.7 percent.
- (3) Census of Population, Statistics Canada

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 101, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What was the size of each of Saskatchewan's four major cities as of March 31, 2006? (2) As of March 31, 2007? (3) What are the population projections for March 31, 2008?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Finance advises that the 2001 Census of Population numbers would have been the most current available statements of population for Saskatchewan cities as of March 31, 2006. The 2006 Census of Population numbers were made publicly available on March 13, 2007. Therefore, the latter would have been current as of March 31, 2007.

The numbers for the four largest cities are as follows:

Saskatoon	2001	196,861
	2006	202,340
Regina	2001	178,225
	2006	179,246
Prince Albert	2001	34,291
	2006	34,138
Moose Jaw	2001	32,131
	2006	32,132

- (2) See above.
(3) There are no projections for city populations for March 31, 2008.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 102, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

- To the Minister of Health: (1) What percentage of people in Saskatchewan live in rural communities? (2) In small cities? (3) On reserves?

Answer:

- (1) The 2006 Census of Population indicates that 359,275 residents of Saskatchewan live in rural areas (36.7% of the total Census population of 978,933) while there are 619,658 individuals in urban areas (63.3% of the total).
(2) Small cities are all of those other than the four largest. There are 10 (ten) cities that fall into this category, including the parts of Lloydminster and Flin Flon that are within Saskatchewan territory. There are 85,390 residents living in these small cities and they make up 8.7% of the total provincial 2006 Census population of 978,933.
(3) The 2006 Census population of enumerated reserves was 48,141, or 4.9% of the total population of Saskatchewan.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 103, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

- To the Minister of Health: (1) What is the average age of rural residents? (2) What is the average age of urban residents? (3) What is the average age of aboriginal residents?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Finance advises that according to the 2006 Census of Population, the median age of Saskatchewan residents is 38.7 years.
(2) The median age of City of Regina residents is 37.3 years, and for the City of Saskatoon is 35.9 years.
(3) There are no data available for average age or median age for urban and rural areas as a whole or for the Aboriginal population.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 104, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

- To the Minister of Health: (1) How many seniors live in Saskatchewan? (2) How many people below 35?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Finance advises that Statistics Canada has estimated that the Saskatchewan population aged 65 and over as of July 1, 2007, was 148,314 or 14.9 per cent of total population.
- (2) The provincial population under the age of 35 on the same date was estimated to be 466,492 or 46.8 per cent of total population. This number was determined as a result of the Estimates of Population by Age and Sex for Canada, Provinces and Territories Survey completed by Statistics Canada. It is important to remember that the results of this survey are an estimate only. They are not the result of a direct population count such as the census. The quarterly Estimates Survey takes into account births, deaths, and other demographic changes such as migration every quarter.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 105, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: How many policing positions were added in Saskatchewan between 1998/99 and 2007/08, including Project Hope units, Child Sexual Exploitation units, Missing Persons units, ICE units, Gang Suppression units, municipal police forces, and RCMP unit funding?

Answer:

The Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing provided funding for 233 policing positions in Saskatchewan between 1998/99 and 2007/08, including Project Hope units, Child Sexual Exploitation units, Missing Persons units, ICE units, Gang Suppression units, municipal police services, and RCMP unit funding. However, not all of those policing positions have been filled by police officers and some of the positions were not “new” positions. In 2002-2003, much of the funding that was provided to the RCMP for the 61 positions that were funded was used to “back-fill” pre-existing RCMP vacancies.

According to the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics (CCJS), there were 1,896 police officers in Saskatchewan as of June 15, 1998. As of May 15, 2007, CCJS reports that there were 2,046 police officers in Saskatchewan, a net gain of 150 police officers between 1998 and 2007.

According to the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics (CCJS), there were 1,930 police officers in Saskatchewan as of June 15, 1999. As of May 15, 2007, CCJS reports that there were 2,046 such police officers in Saskatchewan, a net gain of 116 police officers between 1999 and 2007.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 106, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers worked in the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) unit of Saskatchewan Justice in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Zero police officers worked in the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) unit of Saskatchewan Justice in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 107, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many investigators worked in the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) unit of Saskatchewan Justice in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Eight investigators worked in the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) unit of Saskatchewan Justice in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 108, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers work in the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) unit of Saskatchewan Justice as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Zero police officers worked in the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) unit of Saskatchewan Justice as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 109, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers worked for Saskatchewan municipal police forces in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 865 police officers worked for Saskatchewan municipal police forces in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the applicable municipal police services.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 110, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers worked for Saskatchewan municipal police forces in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 917 police officers worked for Saskatchewan municipal police forces in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the applicable municipal police services.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 111, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers worked for Saskatchewan municipal police forces as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 941 police officers worked for Saskatchewan municipal police forces as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the applicable municipal police services.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 112, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many RCMP officers worked in Saskatchewan in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 1,188 RCMP officers worked in Saskatchewan in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 113, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many RCMP officers worked in Saskatchewan in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 1,229 RCMP officers worked in Saskatchewan in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 114, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many RCMP officers worked in Saskatchewan as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 1,215 RCMP officers worked in Saskatchewan as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 115, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to gang suppression activities in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 14 police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to gang suppression activities in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 116, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to gang suppression activities in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 14 police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to gang suppression activities in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 117, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to gang suppression activities as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 14 police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to gang suppression activities as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 118, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to gang suppression duties in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 14 police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to gang suppression duties in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 119, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to gang suppression duties in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 14 police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to gang suppression duties in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 120, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to gang suppression duties as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 14 police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to gang suppression duties as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 121, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to child sexual exploitation duties in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 14 police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to child sexual exploitation duties in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the applicable municipal police services and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 122, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to child sexual exploitation duties in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 14 police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to child sexual exploitation duties in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the applicable municipal police services and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No.123, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to child sexual exploitation duties as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 18 police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to child sexual exploitation duties as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the applicable municipal police services and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 124, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to child sexual exploitation duties in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 14 police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to child sexual exploitation duties in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the applicable municipal police services and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 125, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to child sexual exploitation duties in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 14 police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to child sexual exploitation duties in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the applicable municipal police services and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 126, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to child sexual exploitation duties as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 18 police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to child sexual exploitation duties as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the applicable municipal police services and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 127, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to internet child exploitation duties in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Zero police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to internet child exploitation duties in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from all the municipal police services and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 128, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to internet child exploitation duties in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Zero police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to internet child exploitation duties in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from all the municipal police services and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 129, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to internet child exploitation duties as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Two police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to internet child exploitation duties as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 130, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to internet child exploitation duties in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Zero police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to internet child exploitation duties in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from all the municipal police services and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 131, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to internet child exploitation duties in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Zero police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to internet child exploitation duties in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from all the municipal police services and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 132, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to internet child exploitation duties as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Two police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to internet child exploitation duties as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 133, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to drug education duties or other responsibilities connected with Project Hope in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Two police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to drug education duties or other responsibilities connected with Project Hope in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 134, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to drug education duties or other responsibilities connected with Project Hope in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Six police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to drug education duties or other responsibilities connected with Project Hope in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 135, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to drug education duties or other responsibilities connected with Project Hope as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Six police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to drug education duties or other responsibilities connected with Project Hope as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 136, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to drug education duties or other responsibilities connected with Project Hope in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Two police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to drug education duties or other responsibilities connected with Project Hope in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 137, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to drug education duties or other responsibilities connected with Project Hope in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Six police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to drug education duties or other responsibilities connected with Project Hope in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 138, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to drug education duties or other responsibilities connected with Project Hope as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Six police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to drug education duties or other responsibilities connected with Project Hope as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 139, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to RCMP Tech Crimes duties in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Four police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to RCMP Tech Crimes duties in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 140, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to RCMP Tech Crimes duties in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Four police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to RCMP Tech Crimes duties in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 141, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to RCMP Tech Crimes duties as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Six police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to RCMP Tech Crimes duties as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 142, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to RCMP Tech Crimes duties in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Four police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to RCMP Tech Crimes duties in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 143, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to RCMP Tech Crimes duties in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Four police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to RCMP Tech Crimes duties in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 144, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to RCMP Tech Crimes duties as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Six police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to RCMP Tech Crimes duties as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, "F" Division headquarters.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 145, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to missing persons duties in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Two police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to missing persons duties in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 146, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to missing persons duties in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Eight police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to missing persons duties in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 147, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to missing persons duties as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Eight police officers in Saskatchewan were assigned to missing persons duties as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 148, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to missing persons duties in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Two police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to missing persons duties in 2005/06.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 149, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to missing persons duties in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Eight police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to missing persons duties in 2006/07.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 150, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to missing persons duties as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) Eight police officers in Saskatchewan were directly assigned to missing persons duties as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) The source for the number provided is from Committee of Finance, Estimates.

Mr. Furber asked the Government the following Question No. 155, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: By production, what were the key positions that were eligible for the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit in fiscal year 2006/07?

Answer:

There are two methods of determining which productions are associated with any particular fiscal year:

- The year in which the principal photography occurred (which would be the year in which a production registered for the tax credit program)
- The year in which the production filed their application for a tax credit (which is the year to which the cost of the tax credit applies)

The response to the question has used the second method as it provides the most complete data at this time.

Position	Potential Points
Writer	1
Director	1
Director of Photography	1
Gaffer	1
Key Grip	1
Production Designer	1
Property Master	1
Costume Designer	1
Production Coordinator	1
Locations Manager	1

To qualify for the key bonus, the production must obtain at least 6 of the above points.

Mr. Furber asked the Government the following Question No. 164, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: What was the projected spin-off benefit to the Saskatchewan economy for each production that received the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit between April 1, 2007 and November 20, 2007?

Answer:

There are two methods of determining which productions are associated with any particular fiscal year:

- The year in which the principal photography occurred (which would be the year in which a production registered for the tax credit program)
- The year in which the production filed their application for a tax credit (which is the year to which the cost of the tax credit applies)

The response to the question has used the second method as it provides the most complete data at this time. The economic model used by Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport to assess spin-off benefit to the provincial economy is valid only for complete aggregated data and is not valid for assessing the spin-off benefits of individual productions or partial production years. The data to calculate the projected economic spin-off benefit for 2007/08 film productions is not yet complete.

Mr. Furber asked the Government the following Question No. 167, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: How many Saskatchewan people will be employed on each specific production (by number of individuals as well as percentage of total employed) receiving the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit for the balance of the fiscal year, including November 21, 2007 to March 31, 2008?

Answer:

There are two methods of determining which productions are associated with any particular fiscal year:

- The year in which the principal photography occurred (which would be the year in which a production registered for the tax credit program)
- The year in which the production filed their application for a tax credit (which is the year to which the cost of the tax credit applies)

The response to the question has used the second method as it provides the most complete data at this time. Because none of the productions relating to this period have filed a final application for the tax credit, there is no data available with which to respond to the question.

Mr. Furber asked the Government the following Question No. 168, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: By production, what are the eligible key positions for the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit for the balance of the fiscal year, including November 21, 2007 to March 31, 2008?

Answer:

There are two methods of determining which productions are associated with any particular fiscal year:

- The year in which the principal photography occurred (which would be the year in which a production registered for the tax credit program)
- The year in which the production filed their application for a tax credit (which is the year to which the cost of the tax credit applies)

The response to the question has used the second method as it provides the most complete data at this time. Because none of the productions relating to this period have filed a final application for the tax credit, there is no data available with which to respond to the question.

Mr. Furber asked the Government the following Question No. 169, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: What is the anticipated spin-off benefit to the Saskatchewan economy for each production that received the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit produced in fiscal year 2007/08?

Answer:

There are two methods of determining which productions are associated with any particular fiscal year:

- The year in which the principal photography occurred (which would be the year in which a production registered for the tax credit program)
- The year in which the production filed their application for a tax credit (which is the year to which the cost of the tax credit applies)

The response to the question has used the second method as it provides the most complete data at this time. Because none of the productions relating to this period have filed a final application for the tax credit, there is no data available with which to respond to the question.

Mr. Furber asked the Government the following Question No. 170, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: How many companies that applied for the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit were denied in fiscal year 2006/07?

Answer:

No companies that applied for the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit were denied in the fiscal year 2006/07.

Mr. Furber asked the Government the following Question No. 171, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: What were the reasons production companies were denied the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit in fiscal year 2006/07?

Answer:

As no production companies were denied the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit in 2006/07, no reasons were provided.

Mr. Furber asked the Government the following Question No. 172, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: How many companies that applied for the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit were denied in fiscal year 2007/08 (include projections if possible)?

Answer:

No companies that applied for the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit were denied in the fiscal year 2007/08. The answer relates to only those companies that have applied for a tax credit in 2007/08. It is impossible to provide projections in that, until a company applies for a tax credit, no determination is made regarding the acceptance of the application.

Mr. Furber asked the Government the following Question No. 173, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: What were the reasons production companies were denied the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit in fiscal year 2007/08?

Answer:

As no production companies were denied the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit in 2007/08, no reasons were provided.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 174, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many hits did the saskjobs.ca website generate in each month of 2007 from computers within Saskatchewan? (2) Within Canada? (3) In total?

Answer:

Our statistics tool does not record hits, but visits.

- (1) 57,557 visits.
- (2) 69,571 visits (including Saskatchewan).
- (3) 70,938 visits.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 175, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many people were eligible for the Graduate Tax Exemption in 2007?

Answer:

2006 and 2007 graduates meeting the eligibility criteria are eligible for the Graduate Tax Exemption in the 2007 taxation year. To date, the ministry estimates 10,000 graduates from 2006 are eligible based on the number of certificates issued under the 2006 Graduate Tax Credit.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 176, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: When will you be setting up the new Harassment Prevention Unit within the Occupational Health and Safety Division of Saskatchewan Labour to begin addressing *The Occupational Health and Safety (Harassment Prevention) Amendment Act, 2007*?

Answer:

The establishment of this unit formally commenced when the first dedicated position was advertised on September 7, 2007.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 177, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many employees do you anticipate hiring to staff the Harassment Prevention Unit?

Answer:

In July 2007, incremental resources were approved, including five full-time officer positions for a harassment prevention unit.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 178, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What will be the annualized cost of hiring the complement of employees within the Harassment Prevention Unit?

Answer:

The current annualized cost of hiring the complement of employees within the Harassment Prevention Unit is \$129,709.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 179, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many positions within the Harassment Prevention Unit will be part-time? (2) How many will be full-time?

Answer:

- (1) Currently, none of the positions within the Harassment Prevention Unit are part-time.
- (2) Currently, two of the positions within the Harassment Prevention Unit are full-time.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 180, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many special adjudicators and how many support staff do you anticipate hiring to staff the Office of the Special Adjudicator as required by *The Occupational Health and Safety (Harassment Prevention) Amendment Act, 2007*?

Answer:

The number has not been determined yet.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 181, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many positions within the Office of the Special Adjudicator will be part-time? (2) How many will be full-time?

Answer:

The number has not been determined yet.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 182, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What will be the annualized cost of hiring special adjudicators and support staff within the Office of the Special Adjudicator?

Answer:

To be determined.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 183, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: On what date do you anticipate advertising and posting for the positions within the Harassment Prevention Unit?

Answer:

The first position for the unit – a supervisor – was advertised from September 7 to 20, 2007. The first Regina-based officer position was advertised from October 11 to 25, 2007. The first Saskatoon-based officer position was advertised from November 14 to 21, 2007.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 184, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: On what date do you anticipate filling the positions within the Harassment Prevention Unit?

Answer:

The supervisor commenced on October 29, 2007. The Regina-based officer is commencing on January 7, 2008

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 185, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: On what date do you anticipate advertising and posting for the positions within the Office of the Special Adjudicator?

Answer:

The specific date has not yet been determined.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 186, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: On what date do you anticipate filling the positions within the Office of the Special Adjudicator?

Answer:

The specific date has not yet been determined.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 187, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: When do you anticipate the Office of the Special Adjudicator will be fully operational?

Answer:

The specific date has not yet been determined.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 188, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: When do you anticipate the Harassment Prevention Unit will be fully operational?

Answer:

To be determined.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 189, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: Have you completed a timeline which you will follow to make the Office of the Special Adjudicator and the Harassment Prevention Unit fully operational?

Answer:

Yes.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 190, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: When will you advise in writing all stakeholders of the timeline you have prepared to make the Office of the Special Adjudicator and the Harassment Prevention Unit fully operational?

Answer:

Communication with stakeholders is scheduled for February and March 2008.

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Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 191, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: What is the number of registered nurses employed by health regions as of September 30, 2007?

Answer:

The total number of Saskatchewan Union of Nurses* employed by health regions as of September 30, 2007 is 8,164:

Regional Health Authority	SUN* Employee Count
Provincial Total	8,164
Sun Country	347
Five Hills	373
Cypress	279
Regina Qu'Appelle	2,201
Sunrise	454
Saskatoon	2,894
Heartland	259
Kelsey Trail	247
Prince Albert Parkland	447
Prairie North	533
Mamawetan Churchill River	66
Keewatin Yatthe	64
Source: SAHO Payroll Database, data extracted December 14, 2007	
* Note: The Saskatchewan Union of Nurses represents both Registered Nurses and Registered Psychiatric Nurses	

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 192, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: What is the number of registered nurses employed by health regions per region?

Answer:

The number of Saskatchewan Union of Nurses* employed by the health regions as of September 2007 is:

Regional Health Authority	SUN* Employee Count
Sun Country	347
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Provincial Total	8,164
Source: SAHO Payroll Database, data extracted December 14, 2007	
* Note: The Saskatchewan Union of Nurses represents both Registered Nurses and Registered Psychiatric Nurses	

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 193, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: What is the rate of attrition of registered nurses per year?

Answer:

Data on attrition rates is not tracked on a yearly basis by the Ministry of Health.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 194, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many SGEU, SEIU, CUPE, HSA members are employed in health regions per region? (2) What is the total number of employees for the province in each union as of March 1, 2007?

Answer:

(1)

Organization Name	#HSAS	Union	Count	Total
Saskatchewan Cancer Agency	n/a	SGEU	378	378
Sun Country	151	CUPE	1,653	1,804
Five Hills	110	SEIU	1,216	1,326
Cypress	109	SEIU	1,217	1,326
Regina Qu'Appelle	749	CUPE	5,152	5,901
Sunrise	143	CUPE	2,053	2,196
Saskatoon	940	SEIU	6,899	7,839
Heartland	143	SEIU	1,211	1,354
Kelsey Trail	67	SGEU	1,103	1,170
Prince Albert Parkland	138	CUPE	1,547	1,685

Prairie North	178	CUPE	1,824	2,002
Mamawetan Churchill River	43	SGEU	165	208
Keewatin Yatthe	44	SGEU	211	255
TOTAL	2,815	Total	24,629	27,444

(2)

Union	Count
HSAS	2,815
CUPE	12,229
SEIU	10,543
SGEU	1,857
Total	27,444

Note:

- CUPE = Canadian Union of Public Employees
- HSAS = Health Sciences Association of Saskatchewan
- SEIU = Service Employees International Union
- SGEU = Saskatchewan Government and General Employees Union
- SUN = Saskatchewan Union of Nurses

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 195, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: What is the number of registered nurses employed in health regions from outside Canada?

Answer:

As of 2006, the percentage of internationally educated registered nurses employed in Saskatchewan is 2.7% of the total RN workforce.

Saskatchewan Percentage (%) Distribution of Regulated Nursing Workforce by Location of Graduation, 2006			
	RNs	LPNs	RPNs
Internationally Educated	2.7	1.3	1.1
Saskatchewan Graduates	83.0	80.1	91.8
Inter-provincial Graduates	14.3	18.6	7.1
Source: Canadian Institute of Health Information (2007) <i>Highlights From the Regulated Nursing Workforce in Canada, 2006</i>			
*Total internationally educated nurses based on 2006 Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association total registered nurses of 8,480 X 2.7% = 228.96			

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 196, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: What is the number of registered nurses employed in health regions from other provinces in Canada?

Answer:

As of 2006, the percentage of registered nurses employed in Saskatchewan health regions that were educated outside of Saskatchewan and are Canadian graduates is 14.3% of the RN workforce.

Saskatchewan Percentage (%) Distribution of Regulated Nursing Workforce by Location of Graduation, 2006			
	RNs	LPNs	RPNs
Inter-provincial Graduates	14.3	18.6	7.1
Retained Graduates	83.0	80.1	91.8
Internationally Educated	2.7	1.3	1.1
Source: Canadian Institute of Health Information (2007) <i>Highlights From the Regulated Nursing Workforce in Canada, 2006</i>			
*Total inter-provincially educated nurses based on 2006 Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association total registered nurses of 8,480 X 14.3% = 1212.64			

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 197, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: What percent of the health budget was spent on administration in the fiscal years between 2001 and 2007 inclusive?

Answer:

The percent of the health budget spent on Central Management and Services administration averaged 0.5% in these fiscal years. Central Management and Services provides executive direction and centrally manages services in the areas of finance, human resources, policy and planning, communications and other operational services that include head office and program-based accommodation required for the delivery of the ministry's mandate.

The percent of the health budget spent on other program support services averaged 1.3% in these fiscal years. Other program services support all provincial health services, such as regional health authorities, health registration, drug plan and medical services programs.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 198, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What is the projected administrative cost associated with ending the Graduate Tax Exemption?

Answer:

Projected administrative costs associated with ending the Graduate Tax Exemption are unknown at this time as tax benefits for graduates are currently under review.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 199, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many students who graduated in 2006 have applied for the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption?

Answer:

To date there are approximately 3,600 graduates from 2006 who have applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 200, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many students who graduated in 2006 and applied for the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption received a certificate? (2) A diploma? (3) A degree? (4) Certification to journey person?

Answer:

The breakdown is as follows:

- Approximately 1,000 graduates in 2006 received a certificate.
- Approximately 600 graduates in 2006 received a diploma.
- Approximately 1,500 graduates in 2006 received a degree.
- Approximately 500 graduates in 2006 received a journeyman certificate.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 201, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many students who graduated in 2006 and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption were eligible?

Answer:

All students who graduated in 2006 and have applied are eligible for the Graduate Tax Exemption. Approximately 3,600 graduates have applied to date.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 202, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many students who graduated in 2006 and applied for the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption completed their training in province? (2) How many completed their training out of province?

Answer:

- (1) The number of students who graduated in 2006 and completed their training in province is 3,500.
- (2) The number of students who graduated in 2006 and completed their training out of province is approximately 100.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 203, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many students who graduated in 2006, completed their training out of province and applied for the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption had received a certificate? (2) A diploma? (3) A degree? (4) Certification to journeyman?

Answer:

The breakdown is as follows:

- Approximately 15 graduates in 2006 received a certificate.
- Approximately 25 graduates in 2006 received a diploma.
- Approximately 60 graduates in 2006 received a degree.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 204, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many out-of-province students who graduated in 2006 and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption were eligible?

Answer:

All out-of-province students who graduated in 2006 and have applied are eligible for the Graduate Tax Exemption. Approximately 100 graduates have applied to date.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 205, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What was the total tax relief provided for students who graduated in 2006?

Answer:

This does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour, and should be redirected to the Ministry of Finance.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 206, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What was the total tax relief provided to students who graduated in 2006 and received their training outside of the province?

Answer:

This does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour, and should be redirected to the Ministry of Finance.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 207, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many students who graduated in 2007 and applied for the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption received a certificate? (2) A diploma? (3) A degree? (4) Certification to journeyman?

Answer:

2007 Graduate Tax Exemption applications have not yet been processed.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 208, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many students who graduated in 2007 and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption were eligible?

Answer:

2007 Graduate Tax Exemption applications have not yet been processed.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 209, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many students who graduated in 2007 and applied for the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption completed their training in province (2) How many completed their training out of province?

Answer:

2007 Graduate Tax Exemption applications have not yet been processed.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 210, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many students who graduated in 2007, completed their training out of province and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption had received a certificate? (2) A diploma? (3) A degree? (4) Certification to journeyman?

Answer:

2007 Graduate Tax Exemption applications have not yet been processed.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 211, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many out-of-province students who graduated in 2007 and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption were eligible?

Answer:

2007 Graduate Tax Exemption applications have not yet been processed.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 212, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What is the projected total tax relief provided to students who graduated in 2007?

Answer:

This does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour, and should be redirected to the Ministry of Finance.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 213, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What is the projected total tax relief provided to students who graduated in 2007 and received their training outside of the province?

Answer:

This does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour, and should be redirected to the Ministry of Finance.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 214, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) Will students who graduate in 2008 be eligible for the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption? (2) If yes, will students who received the Graduate Tax Exemption also be eligible for the tuition rebate program?

Answer:

Details regarding tax benefits for graduates in 2008 will be finalized through the 2008/09 budget process.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 215, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How will those who have qualified for the Graduate Tax Exemption be informed of program changes?

Answer:

Qualified graduates will be informed of program changes via the ministry's web page and mail-outs.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 216, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What administrative costs are associated with ending the Graduate Tax Exemption?

Answer:

Projected administrative costs associated with ending the Graduate Tax Exemption are unknown at this time, as the tax benefits for graduates are currently under review.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 217, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What will the cost be for informing people of the changes in the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption program?

Answer:

Qualified graduates will be informed of program changes via the ministry's web page and mail-outs. The costs are unknown at this time.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 218, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many students who graduated in 2007 have applied for the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption?

Answer:

Approximately 2,500 graduates have applied to date.

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Mr. Trew asked the Government the following Question No. 220, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: (1) What physical signs (building signs, highway signs, etc.) have been replaced in your department with the change from “department” to “ministry”? (2) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many legal agreements, including employee contracts, must be converted to the new name? (3) At what cost? (4) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many vendors must be contacted to convert billing information? (5) Who will do this work? (6) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many support documents, including brochures, newsletters and reports, are in circulation? (7) How many will be reprinted because of the change? (8) At what cost?

Answer:

The Crown corporations which are included in my portfolio – Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan (CIC), SaskPower, SaskTel, SaskEnergy, Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI), Saskatchewan Transportation Company (STC), SaskWater, Information Services Corporation (ISC) and Saskatchewan Development Fund Corporation – were not affected by the change from “department” to “ministry” as they are Crown corporations. Therefore, the answers to the specific questions are:

- (1) None.
- (2) None.
- (3) N/A
- (4) None.
- (5) N/A
- (6) None.
- (7) None.
- (8) N/A

Mr. Taylor asked the Government the following Question No. 221, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: (1) Who is your ministry’s Freedom of Information officer? (2) What is their contact information? (3) What are the names and job titles of every person who works in your ministerial office (including administrative support)? (4) What are their salaries?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 71 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (2) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 71 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (3) Bill Cooper - Chief of Staff
Cam Baker - Ministerial Assistant
Brian Rakochy - Ministerial Assistant
Elaine Peake - Senior Administrative Assistant
Paddy Dodge - Administrative Assistant

- (4) Bill Cooper - \$7500.00
- Cam Baker - \$5300.00
- Brian Rakochy - \$3916.00
- Elaine Peake - \$3583.00
- Paddy Dodge - \$3583.00

Mr. Taylor asked the Government the following Question No. 222, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: (1) What physical signs (building signs, highway signs, etc.) have been replaced in your department with the change from “department” to “ministry”? (2) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many legal agreements, including employee contracts, must be converted to the new name? (3) At what cost? (4) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many vendors must be contacted to convert billing information? (5) Who will do this work? (6) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many support documents, including brochures, newsletters and reports, are in circulation? (7) How many will be reprinted because of the change? (8) At what cost?

Answer:

- (1) None.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 33 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (3) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 33 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (4) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 35 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (5) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 35 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (6) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 36 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (7) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 36 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (8) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 36 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 223, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) Was the recent February trip to Ontario by the Legislative Secretary for Corrections paid for by the government? (2) If so, what was the total cost (including plane tickets, hotel accommodations, vehicle rentals, taxi services, food, event registration fees and any other expenses) of the trip?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing paid for the recent February trip to Ontario by the Legislative Secretary.
- (2) The total cost (including plane tickets, hotel accommodations, vehicle rentals, taxi services, food, event and registration fees and any other expenses) of the trip was \$2,808.86.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 224, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:

To the Minister of Government Services: (1) What government vehicles have been purchased for the CVA fleet? (2) What are the government's criteria for fuel-efficient vehicles? (3) What is the make and model of the Premier's government vehicle?

Answer:

- (1) The following vehicles have been purchased in 2007/08 as of March 12, 2008:

<u>Type of Vehicle</u>	<u>Quantity Purchased</u>
Compact sedans	17
Mid-size sedans	184
Mini-vans	37
Large mid-size sedans	90
Compact pickup trucks	5
Cargo vans	18
Passenger vans	42
4-wheel drive pickups	190
4-wheel drive sport utility	22
½ & ¾ ton pickups	55
1 ton trucks/bus/cutaway	19
Ambulance	3
Total	682

- (2) Vehicles are evaluated by both purchase cost and fuel efficiency. All vehicles purchased are in the top 20 per cent of fuel efficiency for pre-qualified (GM, Ford, Chrysler) manufacturers.
 (3) 2005 Chevrolet Uplander.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 225, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) Who is your ministry's Freedom of Information officer? (2) What is their contact information? (3) What are the names and job titles of every person who works in your ministerial office (including administrative support)? (4) What are their salaries?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing's Freedom of Information officer is Jim Bingaman.
- (2) Jim Bingaman's contact information is:
 5th Floor, 1874 Scarth Street
 REGINA SK
 787-9512
- (3) The names and titles of staff in the Minister's office:
 Rob Nicolay, Chief of Staff
 Stacey Powell, Ministerial Assistant
 Rebecca Roth, Ministerial Assistant
 Wendy Walter, Senior Administrative Assistant
 Laura Ward, Administrative Assistant
- (4) Salaries for staff in the Minister's office:
 Rob Nicolay - \$7,917/month
 Stacey Powell - \$4,500/month
 Rebecca Roth - \$4,167/month
 Wendy Walter - \$4,000/month
 Laura Ward - \$3,167/month

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 226, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:

To the Minister of Government Services: (1) Who is your ministry's Freedom of Information officer? (2) What is their contact information? (3) What are the names and job titles of every person who works in your ministerial office (including administrative support)? (4) What are their salaries?

Answer:

Part (1) and (2) were answered in Question No. 71 on December 19, 2007 and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).

- (3) 1 - Kim McKechney, Ministerial Assistant
2 - Sally Tonn, Ministerial Assistant
3 - Sherry Rosenberg, Administrative Assistant
4 - Sorcha O'Rorke, Administrative Assistant
5 - Kelly Gallagher, Chief of Staff
- (4) 1 - \$4666/ month
2 - \$4333/ month
3 - \$3430/ month
4 - \$3666/ month
5 - \$9166/ month

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 227, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) What physical signs (building signs, highway signs, etc.) have been replaced in your department with the change from "department" to "ministry"? (2) Due to the change from "department" to "ministry", how many legal agreements, including employee contracts, must be converted to the new name? (3) At what cost? (4) Due to the change from "department" to "ministry", how many vendors must be contacted to convert billing information? (5) Who will do this work? (6) Due to the change from "department" to "ministry", how many support documents, including brochures, newsletters and reports, are in circulation? (7) How many will be reprinted because of the change? (8) At what cost?

Answer:

- (1) None.
- (2) This question was answered in Question No. 33 on December 19, 2007, and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk to a return pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (3) This question was answered in Question No. 33 on December 19, 2007, and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk to a return pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (4) This question was answered in Question No. 35 on December 19, 2007, and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk to a return pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (5) This question was answered in Question No. 35 on December 19, 2007, and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk to a return pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (6) This question was answered in Question No. 36 on December 19, 2007, and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk to a return pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (7) This question was answered in Question No. 36 on December 19, 2007, and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk to a return pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (8) This question was answered in Question No. 36 on December 19, 2007, and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk to a return pursuant to Rule 20(6).

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 228, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:

To the Minister of Government Services: (1) What physical signs (building signs, highway signs, etc.) have been replaced in your department with the change from "department" to "ministry"? (2) Due to the change from "department" to "ministry", how many legal agreements, including employee

contracts, must be converted to the new name? (3) At what cost? (4) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many vendors must be contacted to convert billing information? (5) Who will do this work? (6) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many support documents, including brochures, newsletters and reports, are in circulation? (7) How many will be reprinted because of the change? (8) At what cost?

Answer:

- (1) Regina Walter Scott Building – two door signs and wall directory at a cost of \$55
 Regina T.C. Douglas Building – four interior signs at a cost of \$220
 Government House – one exterior and one interior sign at a cost of \$195
 Legislative Building – four interior signs at a cost of \$300
 Regina Lloyd Place – two interior door signs at a cost of \$21
 Regina Century Plaza – two signs at a cost of \$200
 Regina SIAST – Eight interior signs and 10 parking lot signs at a cost of \$275
 Regina Vet Lab – one interior sign at a cost of \$25
 Regina 500 McLeod – two interior signs at a cost of \$100
 Territorial Building – one sign at a cost of \$2,350
 Prince Albert L.F. McIntosh Building – interior signage and directory at a cost of \$464
 La Ronge Mistachinak Place - interior signage at a cost of \$100
 North Battleford Saskatchewan Hospital – exterior signage at a cost of \$755
 Saskatoon Sturdy Stone Building – three door signs and four directory signs at a cost of \$173
 Swift Current office building - interior signage at a cost of approximately \$160
 Yorkton White Spruce Centre - exterior signage at a cost of approximately \$700
 Yorkton Broadcast Place - interior signage at a cost of approximately \$270
 Yorkton Kuziak Building - interior signage at an approximate cost of \$100
 Weyburn office buildings - two interior signs at a cost of approximately \$290
 Estevan provincial office building – interior sign and directory at a cost of approximately \$200
- (2) Question Nos. 2 and 3 were answered in Question No. 33 on December 19, 2007 and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (3) See above.
- (4) Question Nos. 4 and 5 were answered in Question No. 35 on December 19, 2007 and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (5) See above.
- (6) Question Nos. 6, 7 and 9 were answered in Question No. 36 on December 19, 2007 and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (7) See above.
- (8) See answer to Question No. 6.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 229, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) Was the Premier’s trip to Ottawa, in order to present to the Canada Networking Conference and Exhibition 2008, paid for by the government? (2) If so, what government tasks were performed by the Premier?

Answer:

- (1) The Premier did not attend the conference.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 230, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) Who is your ministry’s Freedom of Information officer? (2) What is their contact information? (3) What are the names and job titles of every person who works in your ministerial office (including administrative support)? (4) What are their salaries?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered in Question No. 71 on December 19, 2007 and by reason of length was converted by the Clerk to a return pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (2) This question was answered in Question No. 71 on December 19, 2007 and by reason of length was converted by the Clerk to a return pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (3) Everett Hindley, Executive Assistant to the Premier; Ruth Gaura, Executive Secretary to the Premier; Elaine Kivisto, Assistant Secretary to the Premier.
- (4) \$5,199; \$5,520; \$4,000.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 231, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) What physical signs (building signs, highway signs, etc.) have been replaced in your department with the change from “department” to “ministry”? (2) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many legal agreements, including employee contracts, must be converted to the new name? (3) At what cost? (4) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many vendors must be contacted to convert billing information? (5) Who will do this work? (6) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many support documents, including brochures, newsletters and reports, are in circulation? (7) How many will be reprinted because of the change? (8) At what cost?

Answer:

- (1) None.
- (2) None.
- (3) No cost.
- (4) None.
- (5) No one.
- (6) None.
- (7) None.
- (8) No cost.

Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 232, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

To the Minister of Agriculture: (1) Who is your ministry’s Freedom of Information officer? (2) What is their contact information? (3) What are the names and job titles of every person who works in your ministerial office (including administrative support)? (4) What are their salaries?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 31 which was converted to Return No. 9.
- (2) N/A
- (3)

Clark, Jill	Junior Ministerial Assistant
Highmoor, Tim	Chief of Staff
Lynch, Tyler	Intermediate Ministerial Assistant
Madsen-Gergely, April	Ministerial Assistant
Marshall, Deanne	Intermediate Secretary
- (4)

Clark, Jill	\$3916.00/month
Highmoor, Tim	\$10167.00/month
Lynch, Tyler	\$4584.00/month
Madsen-Gergely, April	\$3083.00/month
Marshall, Deanne	\$3500.00/month

Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 233, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

To the Minister of Agriculture: (1) What physical signs (building signs, highway signs, etc.) have been replaced in your department with the change from “department” to “ministry”? (2) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many legal agreements, including employee contracts, must be converted to the new name? (3) At what cost? (4) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many vendors must be contacted to convert billing information? (5) Who will do this work? (6) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many support documents, including brochures, newsletters and reports, are in circulation? (7) How many will be reprinted because of the change? (8) At what cost?

Answer:

- (1) None.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 31 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (3) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 31 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (4) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 35 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (5) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 35 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (6) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 36 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (7) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 36 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (8) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 36 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).

Ms. Morin asked the Government the following Question No. 234, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) What was the total cost (including plane tickets, hotel accommodations, vehicle rentals, taxi services, food, event registration fees and any other expenses) of the Minister’s recent trip to Australia in February of 2008? (2) What was the departure day? (3) What was the return day? (4) What was the minister’s full itinerary for those days? (5) Who went on this trip (including name and job title)? (6) How were these people determined?

Answer:

- (1) \$10,016.78
- (2) Friday, February 15, 2008
- (3) Sunday, February 24, 2008
- (4) As the question references the dates of departure and return, the full itinerary for these two dates is as follows:
Friday, February 15, 2008
 - Depart Regina: 4:10 a.m. - Arrive Calgary: 4:39 a.m.
 - Depart Calgary: 6:10 a.m. - Arrive Vancouver: 6:50 a.m.
 - Depart Vancouver: 11:55a.m.Sunday, February 24, 2008
 - Depart Adelaide: 7:00 a.m. - Arrive Sydney: 9:25 a.m.
 - Depart Sydney: 1:30 a.m. - Arrive Vancouver: 8:30 a.m.
 - Depart Vancouver: 12:50 a.m. - Arrive Regina: 4:53 a.m.
- (5) Honourable Nancy Heppner, Minister of Environment; Drew Wilby, Chief of Staff.
- (6) Minister Heppner attended as the representative of Premier Wall. Mr. Wilby attended to provide on site support to Minister Heppner.

Ms. Morin asked the Government the following Question No. 235, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) What physical signs (building signs, highway signs, etc.) have been replaced in your department with the change from “department” to “ministry”? (2) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many legal agreements, including employee contracts, must be converted to the new name? (3) At what cost? (4) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many vendors must be contacted to convert billing information? (5) Who will do this work? (6) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many support documents, including brochures, newsletters and reports, are in circulation? (7) How many will be reprinted because of the change? (8) At what cost?

Answer:

- (1) None.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 33 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (3) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 33 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (4) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 35 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (5) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 35 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (6) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 36 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (7) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 36 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (8) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 36 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).

Mr. Van Mulligen asked the Government the following Question No. 236, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) Who is your ministry’s Freedom of Information officer? (2) What is their contact information? (3) What are the names and job titles of every person who works in your ministerial office (including administrative support)? (4) What are their salaries?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 71 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (2) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 71 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (3) Dick Carter, Chief of Staff, \$10,000 per month
Kim Jalbert, Senior Administrative Assistant, \$5199 per month
Tanya Tuck, Administrative Assistant, \$2850 per month
Krista Baker, Ministerial Assistant, \$1475 per month (part time position)
- (4) Same as above.

Mr. Van Mulligen asked the Government the following Question No. 237, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer :

To the Minister of Finance: (1) What physical signs (building signs, highway signs, etc.) have been replaced in your department with the change from “department” to “ministry”? (2) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many legal agreements, including employee contracts, must be converted to the new name? (3) At what cost? (4) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many vendors must be contacted to convert billing information? (5) Who will do this work? (6) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many support documents, including

brochures, newsletters and reports, are in circulation? (7) How many will be reprinted because of the change? (8) At what cost?

Answer:

- (1) None.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 33 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (3) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 33 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (4) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 35 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (5) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 35 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (6) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 36 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (7) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 36 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (8) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 36 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).

Mr. Quennell asked the Government the following Question No. 238, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

To the Minister of Enterprise and Innovation: (1) Who is your ministry's Freedom of Information officer? (2) What is their contact information? (3) What are the names and job titles of every person who works in your ministerial office (including administrative support)? (4) What are their salaries?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 71.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 71 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (3) Al Nicholson, Chief of Staff
Bonnie Donison, Ministerial Assistant
Henry Dyck, Ministerial Assistant
Shelley Duke, Senior Administrative Assistant
Jackie Truscott, Junior Administrative Assistant
- (4) Al Nicholson, \$10,000/month
Bonnie Donison \$4,249/month
Henry Dyck \$5,199/month
Shelley Duke \$3,914/month
Jackie Truscott \$2,638/month

Mr. Quennell asked the Government the following Question No. 239, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

To the Minister of Enterprise and Innovation: (1) What physical signs (building signs, highway signs, etc.) have been replaced in your department with the change from "department" to "ministry"? (2) Due to the change from "department" to "ministry", how many legal agreements, including employee contracts, must be converted to the new name? (3) At what cost? (4) Due to the change from "department" to "ministry", how many vendors must be contacted to convert billing information? (5) Who will do this work? (6) Due to the change from "department" to "ministry", how many support documents, including brochures, newsletters and reports, are in circulation? (7) How many will be reprinted because of the change? (8) At what cost?

Answer:

- (1) None.
- (2) This question was answered on December 19, 2007, in Question No. 33 the answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 1 to 30 pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (3) This question was answered on December 19, 2007, in Question No. 33 the answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 1 to 30 pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (4) This question was answered on December 19, 2007, in Question No. 35 the answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 1 to 30 pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (5) This question was answered on December 19, 2007, in Question No. 35 the answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 1 to 30 pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (6) This question was answered on December 19, 2007, in Question No. 36 the answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 1 to 30 pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (7) This question was answered on December 19, 2007, in Question No. 36 the answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 1 to 30 pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (8) This question was answered on December 19, 2007, in Question No. 36 the answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 1 to 30 pursuant to Rule 20(6).

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 241, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Who is your ministry's Freedom of Information officer? (2) What is their contact information? (3) What are the names and job titles of every person who works in your ministerial office (including administrative support)? (4) What are their salaries?

Answer:

- (1) Jacqueline Messer-Lepage
- (2) Policy and Planning Branch
Saskatchewan Health 3rd Floor
3475 Albert St.
Regina, SK S4S 6X6
Ph: 306-787-2137
Cell: 306-535-8263
Fax: 306-787-2974
E-mail: jmesserlepage@health.gov.sk.ca
- (3) Susan Kalenchuk – Administrative Assistant
Kimberly Fister – Administrative Assistant
Vonni Widdis – Ministerial Assistant – Casework
Jennifer Margach – Ministerial Assistant – Communications
Kevin Wasko – Ministerial Assistant – Policy
Perry Martin – Chief of Staff
- (4) Susan Kalenchuk – \$3,958
Kimberly Fister - \$2,900
Vonni Widdis - \$3,933
Jennifer Margach - \$4,333
Kevin Wasko - \$5,416
Perry Martin - \$10,000

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 242, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What physical signs (building signs, highway signs, etc.) have been replaced in your department with the change from “department” to “ministry”? (2) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many legal agreements, including employee contracts, must be converted to the new name? (3) At what cost? (4) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many vendors must be contacted to convert billing information? (5) Who will do this work? (6) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many support documents, including brochures, newsletters and reports, are in circulation? (7) How many will be reprinted because of the change? (8) At what cost?

Answer:

- (1) None.
- (2) This question was answered on day 7 of the Fall 2007 Legislative Session, in Question No. 33.
- (3) No cost.
- (4) This question was answered on day 7 of the Fall 2007 Legislative Session, in Question No. 35.
- (5) All vendors will update their billing information as new purchase orders and agreements are made with government.
- (6) This question was answered on day 7 of the Fall 2007 Legislative Session, in Question No. 36.
- (7) None.
- (8) No cost.

Mr. McCall asked the Government the following Question No. 243, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: (1) Who is your ministry’s Freedom of Information officer? (2) What is their contact information? (3) What are the names and job titles of every person who works in your ministerial office (including administrative support)? (4) What are their salaries?

Answer:

- (1) Kerry Gray
- (2) 710 – 1855 Victoria Avenue
Regina, Canada
S4P 3T2
Phone: 306-787-2123
Fax: 306-798-0004
- (3) Cathe Offet – Chief of Staff
Kyle Leonard – Ministerial Assistant
Megan Lazeski – Ministerial Assistant
Marcee Dimen – Secretary
- (4) Cathe Offet – \$8,334 monthly
Kyle Leonard – \$3,430 monthly
Megan Lazeski – \$4,000 monthly
Marcee Dimen - \$3,564 monthly

Mr. McCall asked the Government the following Question No. 244, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: (1) What physical signs (building signs, highway signs, etc.) have been replaced in your department with the change from “department” to “ministry”? (2) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many legal agreements, including employee contracts, must be converted to the new name? (3) At what cost? (4) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many vendors must be contacted to convert billing information? (5) Who will do this work? (6) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how

many support documents, including brochures, newsletters and reports, are in circulation? (7) How many will be reprinted because of the change? (8) At what cost?

Answer:

- (1) None have been changed.
- (2) This question was answered in Question No. 33 on December 19, 2007, tabled and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk to a return pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (3) This question was answered in Question No. 33 on December 19, 2007, tabled and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk to a return pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (4) This question was answered in Question No. 35 on December 19, 2007, tabled and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk to a return pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (5) This question was answered in Question No. 35 on December 19, 2007, tabled and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk to a return pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (6) This question was answered in Question No. 36 on December 19, 2007, tabled and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk to a return pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (7) This question was answered in Question No. 36 on December 19, 2007, tabled and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk to a return pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (8) This question was answered in Question No. 36 on December 19, 2007, tabled and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk to a return pursuant to Rule 20(6).

Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 245, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs: (1) Who is your ministry's Freedom of Information officer? (2) What is their contact information? (3) What are the names and job titles of every person who works in your ministerial office (including administrative support)? (4) What are their salaries?

Answer:

- (1) Elaine Hackel
- (2) 1410 - 1855 Victoria Avenue
Regina, Saskatchewan
S4P 3T2
787-4179
- (3) Douglas Line - Chief of Staff
Joan Nagyl - Ministerial Assistant
Margo Jones - Ministerial Assistant
Morgan Bradshaw - Ministerial Assistant
Karalee Croissant - Ministerial Assistant
- (4) \$8,084/month
\$4,387/month
\$4,000/month
\$3,000/month
\$2,638/month

Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 246, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs: (1) What physical signs (building signs, highway signs, etc.) have been replaced in your department with the change from "department" to "ministry"? (2) Due to the change from "department" to "ministry", how many legal agreements, including employee contracts, must be converted to the new name? (3) At what cost? (4) Due to the change from "department" to "ministry", how many vendors must be contacted to convert billing information? (5) Who will do this work? (6) Due to the change from "department" to "ministry", how many support documents, including brochures, newsletters and reports, are in circulation? (7) How many will be reprinted because of the change? (8) At what cost?

Answer:

- (1) None.
- (2) This question was answered on December 19, 2007, in Question No. 33 the answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 1 to 30 pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (3) This question was answered on December 19, 2007, in Question No. 33 the answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 1 to 30 pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (4) This question was answered on December 19, 2007, in Question No. 35 the answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 1 to 30 pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (5) This question was answered on December 19, 2007, in Question No. 35 the answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 1 to 30 pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (6) This question was answered on December 19, 2007, in Question No. 36 the answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 1 to 30 pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (7) This question was answered on December 19, 2007, in Question No. 36 the answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 1 to 30 pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (8) This question was answered on December 19, 2007, in Question No. 36 the answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 1 to 30 pursuant to Rule 20(6).

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 247, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many students who graduated in 2006 have applied for the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption?

Answer:

As of March 10, 2008, the Ministry's database indicates that there are approximately 9,500 graduates from 2006 who have applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 248, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many students who graduated in 2006 and applied for the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption received a certificate? (2) A diploma? (3) A degree? (4) Certification to journey person?

Answer:

- (1) As of March 10, 2008, the Ministry's database indicates that approximately 2,400 graduates from 2006 who applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption received a certificate.
- (2) As of March 10, 2008, the Ministry's database indicates that approximately 1,500 graduates in 2006 who applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption received a diploma.
- (3) As of March 10, 2008, the Ministry's database indicates that approximately 4,600 graduates in 2006 who applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption received a degree.
- (4) As of March 10, 2008, the Ministry's database indicates that approximately 1,000 graduates in 2006 who applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption received a journey person certificate.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 249, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many students who graduated in 2006 and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption were eligible?

Answer:

As of March 10, 2008, the Ministry's database indicates that there are approximately 9,485 potentially eligible graduates in 2006 who have applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 250, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many students who graduated in 2006 and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption completed their training in province? (2) How many completed their training out of province?

Answer:

- (1) As of March 10, 2008, the Ministry's database indicates that the number of students who graduated in 2006 and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption and completed their training in province is approximately 9,300.
- (2) As of March 10, 2008, the Ministry's database indicates that the number of students who graduated in 2006 and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption and completed their training out of province is approximately 230.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 251, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many students who graduated in 2006, completed their training out of province, and applied for the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption had received: (1) A certificate? (2) A diploma? (3) A degree? (4) Certification to journeyperson?

Answer:

- (1) As of March 10, 2008, the Ministry's database indicates that approximately 29 graduates in 2006 who completed their training out of province and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption received a certificate.
- (2) As of March 10, 2008, the Ministry's database indicates that approximately 60 graduates in 2006 who completed their training out of province and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption received a diploma.
- (3) As of March 10, 2008, the Ministry's database indicates that approximately 140 graduates in 2006 who completed their training out of province and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption received a degree.
- (4) As of March 10, 2008, the Ministry's database indicates that 1 graduate in 2006 who completed their training out of province and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption received a journeypersons certification.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 252, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many out-of-province students who graduated in 2006 and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption were eligible?

Answer:

As of March 10, 2008, the Ministry's database indicates that there are approximately 227 potentially eligible out-of-province graduates from 2006 who have applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 253, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What was the total tax relief provided for students who graduated in 2006?

Answer:

This does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour, and should be redirected to the Ministry of Finance.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 254, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What was the total tax relief provided for students who graduated in 2006 and received their training outside of the province?

Answer:

This does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour, and should be redirected to the Ministry of Finance.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 255, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many students who graduated in 2007 have applied for the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption?

Answer:

As of March 10, 2008, the Ministry's database indicates that there are approximately 9,700 graduates from 2007 who have applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 256, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many students who graduated in 2007 and applied for the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption had received: (1) A certificate? (2) A diploma? (3) A degree? (4) Certification to journeyperson?

Answer:

- (1) As of March 10, 2008, the Ministry's database indicates that approximately 2,310 graduates in 2007 who applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption received a certificate.
- (2) As of March 10, 2008, the Ministry's database indicates that approximately 1,150 graduates in 2007 who applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption received a diploma.
- (3) As of March 10, 2008, the Ministry's database indicates that approximately 5,200 graduates in 2007 who applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption received a degree.
- (4) As of March 10, 2008, the Ministry's database indicates that approximately 1,040 graduates in 2007 who applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption received a journeyperson certificate.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 257, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many students who graduated in 2007 and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption were eligible?

Answer:

As of March 10, 2008, the Ministry's database indicates that there are approximately 9,650 potentially eligible graduates in 2007 who have applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 258, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many students who graduated in 2007 and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption completed their training in province? (2) How many completed their training out of province?

Answer:

- (1) As of March 10, 2008, the Ministry's database indicates that the number of students who graduated in 2007 and completed their training in province is approximately 9,340.
- (2) As of March 10, 2008, the Ministry's database indicates that the number of students who graduated in 2007 and completed their training out of province is approximately 360.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 259, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many students who graduated in 2007, completed their training out of province, and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption had received: (1) A certificate? (2) A diploma? (3) A degree? (4) Certification to journey person?

Answer:

- (1) As of March 10, 2008, the Ministry's database indicates that approximately 50 graduates in 2007 who completed their training out of province and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption received a certificate.
- (2) As of March 10, 2008, the Ministry's database indicates that approximately 100 graduates in 2007 who completed their training out of province and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption received a diploma.
- (3) As of March 10, 2008, the Ministry's database indicates that approximately 200 graduates in 2007 who completed their training out of province and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption received a degree.
- (4) As of March 10, 2008, the Ministry's database indicates that approximately 10 graduates in 2007 who completed their training out of province and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption received journey persons certification.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 260, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many out-of-province students who graduated in 2007 and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption were eligible?

Answer:

As of March 10, 2008, the Ministry's database indicates that there are approximately 345 potentially eligible out-of-province graduates from 2007 who have applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 261, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What is the projected total tax relief provided to students who graduated in 2007?

Answer:

This does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour, and should be redirected to the Ministry of Finance.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 262, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What was the total tax relief provided for students who graduated in 2007 and received their training outside of the province?

Answer:

This does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour, and should be redirected to the Ministry of Finance.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 263, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) Will students who graduate in 2008 be eligible for the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption? (2) If yes, will students who received the Graduate Tax Exemption also be eligible for the tuition rebate program?

Answer:

Details regarding tax benefits for graduates in 2008 will be finalized through the 2008/09 budget process.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 264, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How will those who have qualified for the Graduate Tax Exemption be informed of program changes?

Answer:

Qualified graduates will be informed of program changes through Ministry communications.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 265, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What will the cost be for informing people of changes to the Graduate Tax Exemption program?

Answer:

As of March 10, 2008, exact costs are not known.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 266, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What administrative costs are associated with ending the Graduate Tax Exemption?

Answer:

As of March 10, 2008, exact costs are not known.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 267, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What amount of funding has been contributed to the First Nations Access Roads projects in 2006/07?

Answers:

\$2,144,000

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 268, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What amount of funding has been contributed to the First Nations Access Roads projects in 2007/08?

Answer:

\$9,875,000

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 269, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) Who is your ministry's Freedom of Information officer? (2) What is their contact information? (3) What are the names and job titles of every person who works in your ministerial office (including administrative support)? (4) What are their salaries?

Answer:

- (1) These questions were answered on Day 7 in Question No. 71. The answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (2) These questions were answered on Day 7 in Question No. 71. The answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (3) Clay Reich, Chief of Staff \$10,000/month
Scott Simpkins, Ministerial Assistant \$4,000/month
Alison Bradish, Ministerial Assistant \$3,950/month
Angela Currie, Senior Secretary \$3,800/month
- (4) Same as above.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 270, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) What physical signs (building signs, highway signs, etc.) have been replaced in your department with the change from “department” to “ministry”? (2) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many legal agreements, including employee contracts, must be converted to the new name? (3) At what cost? (4) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many vendors must be contacted to convert billing information? (5) Who will do this work? (6) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many support documents, including brochures, newsletters and reports, are in circulation? (7) How many will be reprinted because of the change? (8) At what cost?

Answer:

- (1) None.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 7 in Question No. 33(1). The answer was tabled and, by reason of the length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to rule 20(6).
- (3) This question was answered on Day 7 in Question No. 33(2). The answer was tabled and, by reason of the length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to rule 20(6).
- (4) These questions were answered on Day 7 in Question No. 35. The answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to rule 20(6).
- (5) These questions were answered on Day 7 in Question No. 35. The answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to 20(6).
- (6) These questions were answered on Day 7 in Question No. 36. The answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to rule 20(6).
- (7) These questions were answered on Day 7 in Question No. 36. The answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to rule 20(6).
- (8) These questions were answered on Day 7 in Question No. 36. The answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to rule 20(6).

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 271, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) How many hours were spent by government lawyers in drafting Bill No. 5? (2) How many hours were spent by government lawyers in drafting Bill No. 6? (3) How many hours were spent by government lawyers in reviewing Bill No. 5? (4) How many hours were spent by government lawyers in reviewing Bill No. 6? (5) What, if any, tasks were contracted out to the private sector in preparing Bill No. 5? (6) By who? (7) What, if any, tasks were contracted out to the private sector in preparing Bill No. 6? (8) By who?

Answer:

- (1) Records are not kept of this kind of information.
- (2) Records are not kept of this kind of information.
- (3) Records are not kept of this kind of information.
- (4) Records are not kept of this kind of information.

- (5) The Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour contracted with MacPherson, Leslie & Tyerman to provide legal advice on labour matters, including the review of Bill Nos. 5 and 6.
- (6) The Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour contracted with MacPherson, Leslie & Tyerman to provide legal advice on labour matters, including the review of Bill Nos. 5 and 6.
- (7) The Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour contracted with MacPherson, Leslie & Tyerman to provide legal advice on labour matters, including the review of Bill Nos. 5 and 6.
- (8) The Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour contracted with MacPherson, Leslie & Tyerman to provide legal advice on labour matters, including the review of Bill Nos. 5 and 6.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 272, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: Did the government seek a legal ruling from Justice as to the legality of transferring funds (specifically the moneys in the Green Future Fund) from the Crown Investment portfolio to the General Revenue Fund?

Answer:

No.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 273, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) Did the Ministry of Justice draft Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act, or was it drafted by an outside agency? (2) If it was drafted by an outside agency, who drafted it? (3) How much were they paid to draft it? (4) When was it drafted?

Answer:

- (1) Bill No. 5 was drafted by the Ministry of Justice.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 274, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) Who is your ministry's Freedom of Information officer? (2) What is their contact information? (3) What are the names and job titles of every person who works in your ministerial office (including administrative support)? (4) What are their salaries?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Justice's Freedom of Information Officer is Jim Bingaman.
- (2) The contact information for the ministry's Freedom of Information Officer is:
Director, Information Management Branch
500 – 1874 Scarth Street
REGINA SK S4P 4B3
(306) 787-9512
jbingaman@justice.gov.sk.ca
- (3) Their names and job titles are:
Denise Batters – Chief of Staff
Shane Mills – Ministerial Assistant
Brian Goodman – Ministerial Assistant
Jean Watts – Senior Administrative Assistant
Michelle Chyz – Administrative Assistant

(4) Their monthly salaries are:

Denise Batters - This question was answered on Day 7, in Question No. 75.

Shane Mills - \$5,834

Brian Goodman - \$3,917

Jean Watts - \$4,000

Michelle Chyz - \$3,430

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 275, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What physical signs (building signs, highway signs, etc.) have been replaced in your department with the change from “department” to “ministry”? (2) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many legal agreements, including employee contracts, must be converted to the new name? (3) At what cost? (4) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many vendors must be contacted to convert billing information? (5) Who will do this work? (6) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many support documents, including brochures, newsletters and reports, are in circulation? (7) How many will be reprinted because of the change? (8) At what cost?

Answer:

(1) None.

(2) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 33 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).

(3) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 33 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).

(4) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 35 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).

(5) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 35 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).

(6) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 36 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).

(7) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 36 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).

(8) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 36 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 276, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in North Battleford in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

(1) 1,039 motor vehicle thefts per 100,000 population in 2006 (crime data is reported by calendar year).

(2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2006.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 277, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) How many Marriage Commissioners held appointments in Saskatchewan in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

(1) 321 as of April 1, 2005 and 325 as of March 31, 2006.

(2) Records of the Marriage Unit, Family Justice Services Branch, Ministry of Justice.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 278, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) How many Marriage Commissioners held appointments in Saskatchewan in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 325 as of April 1, 2006 and 320 as of March 31, 2007.
- (2) Records of the Marriage Unit, Family Justice Services Branch, Ministry of Justice.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 279, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) How many Marriage Commissioners held appointments in Saskatchewan as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 329 as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) Records of the Marriage Unit, Family Justice Services Branch, Ministry of Justice.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 280, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) How many religious officials were authorized to perform marriages in Saskatchewan in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 2,208 as of April 1, 2005 and 2,214 as of March 31, 2006.
- (2) Records of the Marriage Unit, Family Justice Services Branch, Ministry of Justice.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 281, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) How many religious officials were authorized to perform marriages in Saskatchewan in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 2,214 as of April 1, 2006 and 2,220 as of March 31, 2007.
- (2) Records of the Marriage Unit, Family Justice Services Branch, Ministry of Justice.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 282, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) How many religious officials were authorized to perform marriages in Saskatchewan as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 2,280 as of December 1, 2007.
- (2) Records of the Marriage Unit, Family Justice Services Branch, Ministry of Justice.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 283, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the overall crime rate in Saskatchewan in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 14,234 *Criminal Code* incidents per 100,000 population (excluding *Criminal Code* traffic incidents) in 2005 (crime data is reported by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2005.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 284, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the overall crime rate in Saskatchewan in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 13,711 *Criminal Code* incidents per 100,000 population (excluding *Criminal Code* traffic incidents) in 2006 (crime data is reported by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2006.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 285, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the overall crime rate in Saskatchewan as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Crime rates are calculated annually by calendar year, and Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data for 2007 will not be released until sometime in July 2008.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 286, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the violent crime rate in Saskatchewan in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 2,008 violent incidents per 100,000 population in 2005 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2005.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 287, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the violent crime rate in Saskatchewan in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 2,039 violent incidents per 100,000 population in 2006 (crime rates are calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2006.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 288, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the violent crime rate in Saskatchewan as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Crime rates are calculated by calendar year and Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data for 2007 will not be released until sometime in July 2008.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 289, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the homicide rate in Saskatchewan in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 4.34 homicides per 100,000 population in 2005 (homicide data is reported by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Homicide Survey 2005.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 290, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the homicide rate in Saskatchewan in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 4.06 homicides per 100,000 population in 2006 (homicide data is reported by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Homicide Survey 2006.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 291, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the homicide rate in Saskatchewan as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Homicide rates are calculated on an annual basis by calendar year. Homicide data for 2007 will not be released until sometime in July 2008.

Mr. Furber asked the Government the following Question No. 292, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: (1) Who is your ministry's Freedom of Information officer? (2) What is their contact information? (3) What are the names and job titles of every person who works in your ministerial office (including administrative support)? (4) What are their salaries?

Answer:

- (1) S.P. (Van) Isman
- (2) S.P. (Van) Isman, Deputy Minister
Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport
4th Floor, 1919 Saskatchewan Drive
REGINA SK S4P 4H2
Phone: 787-5050
Fax: 798-0033
- (3) Nancy Martin, Chief of Staff
Margaret Huntington, Ministerial Assistant 6
Bob Krawchuk, Ministerial Assistant 4
Jolene N. McDonald, Ministerial Assistant 2
Alicia Hubbard, Ministerial Assistant 1
- (4) Nancy Martin \$9,100
Margaret Huntington \$5,406
Bob Krawchuk \$4,117
Jolene N. McDonald \$3,430
Alicia Hubbard \$2,852

Mr. Furber asked the Government the following Question No. 293, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport (1) What physical signs (building signs, highway signs, etc.) have been replaced in your department with the change from "department" to "ministry"? (2) Due to the change from "department" to "ministry", how many legal agreements, including employee contracts, must be converted to the new name? (3) At what cost? (4) Due to the

change from “department” to “ministry”, how many vendors must be contacted to convert billing information? (5) Who will do this work? (6) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many support documents, including brochures, newsletters and reports, are in circulation? (7) How many will be reprinted because of the change? (8) At what cost?

Answer:

- (1) None.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 33 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (3) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 33 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (4) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 35 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (5) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 35 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (6) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 36 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (7) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 36 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (8) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 36 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).

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Ms. Morin asked the Government the following Question No. 294, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) Who is your ministry’s Freedom of Information officer? (2) What is their contact information? (3) What are the names and job titles of every person who works in your ministerial office (including administrative support)? (4) What are their salaries?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 7, in Question No. 71 and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (2) This question was answered on Day 7, in Question No. 71, and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (3)

Darin Banadyga - Chief of Staff	\$9750 monthly
Scott Weaver - Ministerial Assistant	\$4400
Debra Nyczai - Ministerial Assistant	\$4000
Charlene Jones - Ministerial Assistant	\$4100
Karen Kurtz - Senior Admin Assistant	\$5200
Julie Leggot - Admin Assistant	\$2700
- (4) Same as above.

Ms. Morin asked the Government the following Question No. 295, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What physical signs (building signs, highway signs, etc.) have been replaced in your department with the change from “department” to “ministry”? (2) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many legal agreements, including employee contracts, must be converted to the new name? (3) At what cost? (4) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many vendors must be contacted to convert billing information? (5) Who will do this work? (6) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many support documents, including brochures, newsletters and reports, are in circulation? (7) How many will be reprinted because of the change? (8) At what cost?

Answer:

- (1) None.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 33 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (3) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 33 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (4) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 35 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
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- (6) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 36 which was tabled, and by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (7) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 36 which was tabled, and by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (8) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 36 which was tabled, and by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 296, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What is the projected administrative cost associated with ending the Graduate Tax Exemption?

Answer:

As of March 14, 2008, the Ministry does not project there will be administrative costs associated with ending the Graduate Tax Exemption.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 297, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) Who is your ministry's Freedom of Information officer? (2) What is their contact information? (3) What are the names and job titles of every person who works in your ministerial office (including administrative support)? (4) What are their salaries?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 71 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (2) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 71 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (3) Elaine Smith, Chief of Staff,
Mary Donlevy-Konkin, Senior Ministerial Assistant
Lindell Veitch, Ministerial Assistant
Linda Roy, Senior Ministerial Assistant
Jennifer Franks, Junior Secretary
- (4) Elaine Smith - \$9750.00
Mary Donlevy-Konkin - \$6368.00
Lindell Veitch - \$5193.00
Linda Roy - \$5350.00
Jennifer Franks - \$2638.00

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 298, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) What physical signs (building signs, highway signs, etc.) have been replaced in your department with the change from “department” to “ministry”? (2) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many legal agreements, including employee contracts, must be converted to the new name? (3) At what cost? (4) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many vendors must be contacted to convert billing information? (5) Who will do this work? (6) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many support documents, including brochures, newsletters and reports, are in circulation? (7) How many will be reprinted because of the change? (8) At what cost?

Answer:

- (1) None.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 33 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (3) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 33 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
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- (7) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 36 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (8) This question was answered on Day 7, Question No. 36 which was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk pursuant to Rule 20(6).

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 299, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many students who graduated in 2007 and applied for the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption completed their training in province? (2) How many completed their training out of province?

Answer:

Please see Question No. 258 that was tabled on day no. 14.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 300, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many students who graduated in 2007 and applied for the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption received a certificate? (2) A diploma? (3) A degree? (4) Certification to journey person?

Answer:

Please see Question No. 256 that was tabled on day no. 14.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 301, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many students who received the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption, and graduated in 2006, received their training in British Columbia? (2) Alberta? (3) Manitoba? (4) Ontario? (5) Quebec? (6) New Brunswick? (7) Newfoundland and Labrador? (8) Nova Scotia? (9) Prince Edward Island? (10) Outside of Canada?

Answer:

- (1) As of March 10, 2008, approximately 17 graduates in 2006 who received the Graduate Tax Exemption received their training in British Columbia.
- (2) As of March 10, 2008, approximately 77 graduates in 2006 who received the Graduate Tax Exemption received their training in Alberta.
- (3) As of March 10, 2008, approximately 19 graduates in 2006 who received the Graduate Tax Exemption received their training in Manitoba.
- (4) As of March 10, 2008, approximately 35 graduates in 2006 who received the Graduate Tax Exemption received their training in Ontario.
- (5) As of March 10, 2008, approximately 6 graduates in 2006 who received the Graduate Tax Exemption received their training in Quebec.
- (6) As of March 10, 2008, approximately 6 graduates in 2006 who received the Graduate Tax Exemption received their training in New Brunswick.
- (7) As of March 10, 2008, no 2006 graduates who received their training in Newfoundland and Labrador received the Graduate Tax Exemption.
- (8) As of March 10, 2008, approximately 3 graduates in 2006 who received the Graduate Tax Exemption received their training in Nova Scotia.
- (9) As of March 10, 2008, 1 graduate in 2006 who received the Graduate Tax Exemption received their training in Prince Edward Island.
- (10) As of March 10, 2008, approximately 9 graduates in 2006 who received the Graduate Tax Exemption received their training outside of Canada.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 302, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many students who received the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption, and graduated in 2007, received their training in British Columbia? (2) Alberta? (3) Manitoba? (4) Ontario? (5) Quebec? (6) New Brunswick? (7) Newfoundland and Labrador? (8) Nova Scotia? (9) Prince Edward Island? (10) Outside of Canada?

Answer:

- (1) As of March 10, 2008, approximately 24 graduates in 2007 who received the Graduate Tax Exemption received their training in British Columbia.
- (2) As of March 10, 2008, approximately 209 graduates in 2007 who received the Graduate Tax Exemption received their training in Alberta.
- (3) As of March 10, 2008, approximately 23 graduates in 2007 who received the Graduate Tax Exemption received their training in Manitoba.
- (4) As of March 10, 2008, approximately 40 graduates in 2007 who received the Graduate Tax Exemption received their training in Ontario.
- (5) As of March 10, 2008, approximately 4 graduates in 2007 who received the Graduate Tax Exemption received their training in Quebec.
- (6) As of March 10, 2008, approximately 2 graduates in 2007 who received the Graduate Tax Exemption received their training in New Brunswick.
- (7) As of March 10, 2008, approximately 2 graduates in 2007 who received the Graduate Tax Exemption received their training in Newfoundland and Labrador.
- (8) As of March 10, 2008, approximately 13 graduates in 2007 who received the Graduate Tax Exemption received their training in Nova Scotia.
- (9) As of March 10, 2008, no 2007 graduates who received their training in Prince Edward Island received the Graduate Tax Exemption.
- (10) As of March 10, 2008, approximately 18 graduates in 2007 who received the Graduate Tax Exemption received their training outside of Canada.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 303, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What Saskatchewan airports qualify for funding under the CAPP program?

Answer:

Eligible Saskatchewan airports are those that support economic development, general access to communities and surrounding areas, air ambulance and medevac operations, commercial operations and aviation safety.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 304, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What Saskatchewan airports do not qualify for funding under the CAPP program?

Answer:

Airports that have limited usage (spray applicators) with turf runways in small rural communities and are used primarily for recreation would not qualify under the CAPP program.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 305, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What Saskatchewan airports have applied for funding under the CAPP program?

Answer:

In 2007/08, the following communities applied for funding: Assiniboia, Big River, Birch Hills, Carlyle, Esterhazy, Kindersley, Lucky Lake, Moose Jaw, RM of Moosomin, North Battleford, Rosetown, Swift Current, Esterhazy, Unity, Yorkton, Wynyard, Weyburn, Luseland, Nokomis and Oxbow.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 306, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What Saskatchewan airports have been granted funding under the CAPP program?

Answer:

Airports that were granted funding in 2007/08 include: Assiniboia, Carlyle, Kindersley, Lucky Lake, Moose Jaw, RM of Moosomin, North Battleford, Swift Current, Yorkton and Wynyard.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 307, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What amounts of funding have those Saskatchewan airports that have received funding under the CAPP program been awarded?

Answer:

The following table identifies the amounts of funding provided in 2007/08 to Saskatchewan airports under the CAPP program:

Airport Location	Provincial Funding
Assiniboia	\$25,000
Carlyle	\$33,620
Kindersley	\$38,100
Lucky Lake	\$8,000
Moose Jaw	\$182,000
RM of Moosomin	\$15,000

North Battleford	\$29,000
Swift Current	\$40,000
Yorkton	\$19,850
Wynyard	\$3,000

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 308, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: For what amounts of funding have those Saskatchewan airports that have received funding under the CAPP program applied?

Answer:

The following identifies the funding requests from the Saskatchewan airports that received grants in 2007/08:

Airport Location	Provincial Funding Request
Assiniboia	\$25,000
Carlyle	\$33,620
Kindersley	\$200,000
Lucky Lake	\$8,000
Moose Jaw	\$200,000
RM of Moosomin	\$15,000
North Battleford	\$29,000
Swift Current	\$50,000
Yorkton	\$19,850
Wynyard	\$3,000

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 309, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: For what amounts of funding have those Saskatchewan airports that have not received funding under the CAPP program applied?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan airports that did not receive funding include the following:

Airport Location	Provincial Funding Request
Big River	\$6,500
Birch Hills	\$50,000
Luseland	\$126,405
Nokomis	\$36,860
Oxbow	\$10,000
Weyburn	\$5,000
Esterhazy	\$163,000
Unity	\$142,000
Rosetown	\$20,000

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 310, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: For what reasons have those Saskatchewan airports that have applied for funding but been denied been denied?

Answer:

An independent review panel was established by the ministry consisting of representatives from the Saskatchewan Aviation Council, operational specialists from the Regina and Saskatoon Airport Authorities as well as ministry representatives, to prioritize projects through an objective process. There was a substantial amount of applications received, which exceeded the funding available under the program. The panel considered the financial and detailed project information supplied by the applicant in the prioritization process.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 311, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What projects did those Saskatchewan airports that have received CAPP funding propose?

Answer:

The following identifies the successful applicants' proposals:

Airport Location	Project Proposal
Assiniboia	Repair major perpendicular runway crack which Air Ambulance identified as needing repair.
Carlyle	Phase one site survey, plan and detailed drawings, core testing and cost estimates.
Kindersley	Repaving airport taxi-way and apron.
Lucky Lake	Rehabilitate runway.
Moose Jaw	Runway rehabilitation.
RM of Moosomin	Rehabilitate and expand the manoeuvring areas at runway ends.
North Battleford	Safety related lighting upgrades.
Swift Current	Asphalt upgrades and lighting.
Yorkton	Resurface apron, taxi-way drainage and runway rehabilitation.
Wynyard	Upgrade runway lighting.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 312, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What projects did those Saskatchewan airports that were denied CAPP funding propose?

Answer:

Airport Location	Project Proposal
Big River	Repair existing lighting and requirements to bring airport to regulation.
Birch Hills	Crack sealing and drainage.
Luseland	Repaving runway.
Nokomis	Upgrade runway.
Oxbow	Runway extension.
Weyburn	Recapping taxiway.
Esterhazy	Asphalt overlay of runway, taxi-way and apron.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 313, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: Who was party to the determination processes for CAPP funding for each reward?

Answer:

An independent review panel was established by the ministry consisting of representatives from the Saskatchewan Aviation Council, operational specialists from the Regina and Saskatoon Airport Authorities as well as ministry representatives to prioritize projects through an objective consensual process.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 314, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What sections of Saskatchewan highways qualify as Rural Economic Corridors?

Answer:

The Ministry is currently developing a comprehensive rural highway strategy, driven by an economic analysis framework that considers engineering, economics, functionality, safety, regional stakeholder priorities, tourism and partnership opportunities.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 315, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What is the sum length of the sections of Saskatchewan highways that qualify as Rural Economic Corridors?

Answer:

The Ministry is currently developing a comprehensive rural highway strategy that when completed, will provide criteria for identifying rural highway corridors.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 316, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What percentage of Saskatchewan highways is 12-month primary weight?

Answer:

31.4% of the total provincial highway system length.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 317, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What percentage of Saskatchewan highways support primary weights, but for fewer than 12 months per year?

Answer:

19.3% of the total provincial highway system length.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 318, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What percentage of Saskatchewan highways is gravel surface?

Answer:

21.6% of the total provincial highway system length.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 319, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What sections of Saskatchewan's highways currently exist as failed TMSs?

Answer:

The Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure categorizes the condition of the highway infrastructure by percent good and percent poor. Of the 5,811 km of TMS highways, 81.6% (4,742 km) is in poor condition.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 320, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What TMS highways in Saskatchewan have been resurfaced in the fiscal year 2006/07?

Answer:

The following TMS highways were upgraded to a paved surface standard in 2006/07:

- 5.5 km of Highway 3, near Fairholme
- 12.7 km of Highway 13, near Cadillac
- 1.6 km of Highway 21, near Maidstone
- 13.8 km of Highway 26, near St. Walburg
- 3.2 km of Highway 40, near Cut Knife
- 0.5 km of Highway 51, near Kerrobert
- 5.0 km of Highway 51, Alberta border east
- 1.7 km of Highway 219, south of Saskatoon

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 321, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What TMS highways in Saskatchewan have been resurfaced in the fiscal year 2007/08?

Answer:

The following TMS highways were upgraded to a paved surface standard in 2007/08:

- 5.7 km on Highway 3, near Fairholme
- 12.0 km on Highway 21, near Eatonia
- 10.2 km on Highway 219, south of Saskatoon
- 6.1 km on Highway 908, near Ile-a-la-Crosse

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 322, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What sections of failed TMS highways in Saskatchewan were rebuilt as 12-month primary weight in the fiscal year 2006/07?

Answer:

All TMS highways upgraded in 2006/07 were rebuilt to a standard capable of carrying primary weights, 12 months of the year. Those sections upgraded were:

- 5.5 km of Highway 3, near Fairholme
- 12.7 km of Highway 13, near Cadillac
- 1.6 km of Highway 21, near Maidstone
- 13.8 km of Highway 26, near St. Walburg
- 3.2 km of Highway 40, near Cut Knife
- 0.5 km of Highway 51, near Kerrobert
- 5.0 km of Highway 51, Alberta border east
- 1.7 km of Highway 219, south of Saskatoon

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 323, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What sections of failed TMS highways in Saskatchewan were rebuilt as 12-month primary weight in the fiscal year 2007/08?

Answer:

All TMS highways upgraded in 2007/08 were rebuilt to a standard capable of carrying primary weights, 12 months of the year.

- 5.7 km on Highway 3, near Fairholme
- 12.0 km on Highway 21, near Eatonia
- 10.2 km on Highway 219, south of Saskatoon
- 6.1 km on Highway 908, near Ile-a-la-Crosse

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 324, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What sections of failed TMS highways in Saskatchewan were rebuilt as less than 12-month primary weight in the fiscal year 2006/07?

Answer:

All TMS highways upgraded in 2006/07 were rebuilt to a standard capable of carrying primary weights, 12 months of the year. Those sections upgraded were:

- 5.5 km of Highway 3, near Fairholme
- 12.7 km of Highway 13, near Cadillac
- 1.6 km of Highway 21, near Maidstone
- 13.8 km of Highway 26, near St. Walburg
- 3.2 km of Highway 40, near Cut Knife
- 0.5 km of Highway 51, near Kerrobert
- 5.0 km of Highway 51, Alberta border east
- 1.7 km of Highway 219, south of Saskatoon

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 325, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What sections of failed TMS highways in Saskatchewan were rebuilt as less than 12-month primary weight in the fiscal year 2007/08?

Answer:

All TMS highways upgraded in 2007/08 were rebuilt to a standard capable of carrying primary weights, 12 months of the year.

- 5.7 km on Highway 3, near Fairholme
- 12.0 km on Highway 21, near Eatonia
- 10.2 km on Highway 219, south of Saskatoon
- 6.1 km on Highway 908, near Ile-a-la-Crosse

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 326, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What currently existing municipal roads in Saskatchewan qualify as Urban Connectors?

Answer:

A designated urban connector is a municipal roadway within an urban community of over 1,000 population that connects to a provincial highway.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 327, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What amount of funding has been contributed to each existing project under the Urban Connectors pillar of TEA for 2006/07?

Answer:

The Transportation for Economic Advantage strategy was not introduced until 2007/08. Funding was not provided for this initiative in 2006/07.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 328, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What amount of funding has been contributed to each existing project under the Urban Connectors pillar of TEA for 2007/08?

Answer:

No funding was appropriated for the Urban Connector pillar of TEA in 2007/08.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 329, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What are Saskatchewan's International Gateways and Corridors?

Answer:

Saskatchewan's International Gateway Corridors include all highways in the National Highway System (NHS) in Saskatchewan. These include:

- Highway 1, from the Manitoba border to the Alberta border
- Highway 16, from the Manitoba border to the Alberta border
- Highway 7, from Saskatoon to the Alberta border
- Highway 39 and 6, from United States border to Regina
- Highway 11, from Regina to Saskatoon
- Highway 2, from Moose Jaw to Chamberlain
- Highway 10, from Balgonie to Yorkton
- Highway 2 and 11, from Saskatoon to Prince Albert
- Lewvan Drive and Regina Avenue, from Highway 1 to the Regina Airport
- Airport Drive, from Circle Drive to the Saskatoon Airport
- 11th Street and Chappel Drive, from Highway 7 to the CN rail terminal (Chappel Yard)
- Highway 2, from Prince Albert to La Ronge

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 330, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What amount of funding has been contributed to each existing project under the International Gateways and Corridors pillar of TEA for 2006/07?

Answer:

The Transportation for Economic Advantage strategy was introduced in 2007/08. Funding was not provided for this initiative in 2006/07.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 331, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What amount of funding has been contributed to each existing project under the International Gateways and Corridors pillar of TEA for 2007/08?

Answer:

Total:	\$67.0 M
Highway 1 Twinning:	\$25.8 M
Highway 11 Twinning:	\$14.4 M
Highway 16 Twinning:	\$26.8 M

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 332, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What sections of road in Saskatchewan qualify as First Nations Access Roads?

Answer:

The Ministry does not have a policy that specifically identifies access roads into First Nations communities.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 333, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What is the sum length of the roads that qualify as First Nations Access Roads in Saskatchewan?

Answer:

The Ministry does not maintain information regarding the location and distances of First Nations Access Roads.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 334, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the violent crime rate against seniors in Saskatchewan in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

(1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. The Ministry of Justice and Attorney General does not have an age-specific database or analysis of police-reported victimization data at the provincial level for 2005 or 2006 (crime data is reported by calendar year).

(2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 335, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the violent crime rate against seniors in Saskatchewan in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

(1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. The Ministry of Justice and Attorney General does not have an age-specific database or analysis of police-reported victimization data at the provincial level for 2006 (crime data are reported by calendar year). No 2007 crime data will be available until sometime in July 2008.

(2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 336, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the violent crime rate against seniors in Saskatchewan as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

(1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Crime rates are calculated annually by calendar year. Also, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data for 2007 will not be released until sometime in July 2008.

(2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 337, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the estimated non-reporting rate for violent crime against seniors in Saskatchewan in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

(1) We are not aware of any data source that would permit us to answer this question.

(2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 338, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the estimated non-reporting rate for violent crime against seniors in Saskatchewan in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) We are unaware of any data source that would permit us to answer this question.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 339, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the estimated non-reporting rate for violent crime against seniors in Saskatchewan as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) We are unaware of any data source that would permit us to answer this question.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 340, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the robbery rate in Saskatchewan in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answers:

- (1) 126 incidents per 100,000 population in 2005 (crime data is reported by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2005.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 341, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the robbery rate in Saskatchewan in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 150 incidents per 100,000 population in 2006 (crime data is reported by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2006.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 342, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the robbery rate in Saskatchewan as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Crime rates are calculated annually by calendar year. Moreover, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data for 2007 will not be released until sometime in July 2008.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 343, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the armed robbery rate in Saskatchewan in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) In answering this question, we assume that 'armed' in this context refers to a robbery where the accused is "armed with a weapon or imitation thereof," rather than only a robbery where a firearm was used in the offence. This said, in 2005 there were 7 incidents per 100,000 population for robbery with a firearm and 46 incidents per 100,000 population for robbery with other weapons (crime data is reported by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2005.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 344, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the armed robbery rate in Saskatchewan in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) In answering this question, we assume that "armed" in this context refers to robbery incidents where the accused is "armed with a weapon or imitation thereof," rather than only a robbery where a firearm is used in the offence. This said, in 2006 there were 6 incidents per 100,000 population for robbery with a firearm and 52 incidents per 100,000 population for robbery with other weapons (crime data is reported by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2006.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 345, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the armed robbery rate in Saskatchewan as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Crime rates are calculated annually by calendar year. Moreover, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data for 2007 will not be released until sometime in July 2008.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 346, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the rate of robbery against seniors in Saskatchewan in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. The Ministry of Justice and Attorney General does not have an age-specific database or analysis of police-reported victimization data at the provincial level for 2005 or 2006 (crime data is reported by calendar year).
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 347, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the rate of robbery against seniors in Saskatchewan in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. The Ministry of Justice and Attorney General does not have an age-specific database or analysis of police-reported victimization data at the provincial level for 2006 (crime data are reported by calendar year). No crime data for 2007 will be available until sometime in July 2008.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 348, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the rate of robbery against seniors in Saskatchewan as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Crime rates are calculated annually by calendar year. Moreover, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data for 2007 will not be released until sometime in July 2008.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 349, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the rate of armed robbery against seniors in Saskatchewan in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. The Ministry of Justice and Attorney General does not have an age-specific database or analysis of police-reported data at the provincial level for 2005 or 2006 (crime data are reported by calendar year).
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 350, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the rate of armed robbery against seniors in Saskatchewan in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. The Ministry of Justice and Attorney General does not have an age-specific database or analysis of police-reported data at the provincial level for 2006 (crime data is reported by calendar year). No 2007 crime data will be released until July 2008.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 351, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the rate of armed robbery against seniors in Saskatchewan as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Crime rates are calculated annually by calendar year. Moreover, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data for 2007 will not be released until sometime in July 2008.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 352, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate in Saskatchewan in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 1,490 incidents per 100,000 population in 2005 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2005.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 353, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate in Saskatchewan in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 1,228 incidents per 100,000 population in 2006 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2006.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 354, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate in Saskatchewan as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Crime rates are calculated annually by calendar year. Moreover, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data for 2007 will not be released until sometime in July 2008.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 355, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate against seniors in Saskatchewan in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Police-reported data does not provide detailed information on the characteristics of victims of property crimes.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 356, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate against seniors in Saskatchewan as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Police-reported data does not provide detailed information on the characteristics of victims of property crimes.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 357, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate in Regina in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 1,843 incidents per 100,000 population in 2005 (crime data is calculated by calendar year). This refers to the rate in the City of Regina only, not the Regina Census Metropolitan Area.
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2005.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 358, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate in Regina in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 1,566 incidents per 100,000 population in 2006 (crime data is calculated by calendar year). This refers to the rate in the City of Regina only, not the Regina Census Metropolitan Area.
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2006.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 359, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

- To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate in Regina as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Crime rates are calculated annually by calendar year. Moreover, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data for 2007 will not be released until sometime in July 2008.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 360, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

- To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate in Saskatoon in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 1,706 incidents per 100,000 population in 2005 [and 1,305 in 2006] (crime data is calculated by calendar year). This refers to rates in the City of Saskatoon only, not the Saskatoon Census Metropolitan Area.
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2005.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 361, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

- To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate in Saskatoon as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Crime rates are calculated annually by calendar year. Moreover, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data for 2007 will not be released until sometime in July 2008.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 362, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

- To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate in Prince Albert in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 2,210 incidents per 100,000 population in 2005 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2005.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 363, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

- To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate in Prince Albert in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 1,425 incidents per 100,000 population in 2006 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2006.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 364, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate in Prince Albert as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Crime rates are calculated annually by calendar year. Moreover, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data for 2007 will not be released until sometime in July 2008.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 365, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate in Moose Jaw in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 1,102 incidents per 100,000 population in 2005 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2005.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 366, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate in Moose Jaw in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 953 incidents per 100,000 population in 2006 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2006.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 367, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate in Moose Jaw as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Crime rates are calculated annually by calendar year. Moreover, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data for 2007 will not be released until sometime in July 2008.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 368, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate in Yorkton in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 1,075 incidents per 100,000 population in 2005 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2005.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 369, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate in Yorkton in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 898 incidents per 100,000 population in 2006 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2006.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 370, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate in Lloydminster in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 682 incidents per 100,000 population in 2005 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2005.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 371, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate in Lloydminster in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 945 incidents per 100,000 population in 2006 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2006.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 372, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate in Lloydminster as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Crime rates are calculated annually by calendar year. Moreover, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data for 2007 will not be released until sometime in July 2008.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 373, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate in Battleford in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 630 incidents per 100,000 population in 2005 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2005.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 374, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate in North Battleford in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 3,380 incidents per 100,000 population in 2005 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2005.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 375, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate in North Battleford in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 2,711 incidents per 100,000 population in 2006 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2006.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 376, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate in North Battleford as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Crime rates are calculated annually by calendar year. Moreover, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data for 2007 will not be released until sometime in July 2008.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 377, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate in LaRonge in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 2,234 incidents per 100,000 population in 2005 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2005.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 378, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate in LaRonge in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 1,977 incidents per 100,000 population in 2006 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2006.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 379, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the break and enter rate in LaRonge as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Crime rates are calculated annually by calendar year. Moreover, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data for 2007 will not be released until sometime in July 2008.
- (2) N/A

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Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 380, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

To the Minister of Agriculture: (1) How many out-of-country trips has the Minister taken? (2) What was the nature of each trip out of country? (3) Who accompanied the Minister on each trip out of country? (4) What were the expenses for the Minister and ministerial staff on each trip out of country?

Answer:

- (1) None.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A

Mr. Taylor asked the Government the following Question No. 381, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: (1) How many out-of-country trips has the Minister taken? (2) What was the nature of each trip out of country? (3) Who accompanied the Minister on each trip out of country? (4) What were the expenses for the Minister and ministerial staff on each trip out of country?

Answer:

- (1) One
- (2) The meetings in Washington DC and then New York City served several purposes:
 - develop working relations with key U.S. decision-makers.
 - advance Saskatchewan's policy and economic interests in the energy and agriculture sectors.
 - support the investment attraction efforts of energy companies doing business in Saskatchewan to U.S.-based institutional money managers.
 - Energy Council Meetings.
- (3) On the New York trip the Minister was accompanied by:
 - Mr. Bill Cooper, Chief of Staff to the Minister.
 - Mr. Rae Haverstock, Executive Director, Capital Markets, Ministry of Finance (New York only) was there from Sunday, March 9, 2008 to Tuesday, March 11, 2008.
 - Mr. Glen Veikle, Acting Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy and Resources was there from Tuesday, March 11, 2008 to Saturday, March 15, 2008.On the Washington, D.C trip the Minister was accompanied by:
 - Mr. Bill Cooper, Chief of Staff to the Minister.
 - Mr. Dave Christopherson, Director of International Relations, Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs.
- (4) The total cost of the trip has not yet been tabulated.

Mr. Taylor asked the Government the following Question No. 382, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: (1) How many out-of-province (inside Canada) trips has the Minister taken? (2) What was the nature of each trip out of province? (3) Who accompanied the Minister on each trip out of province? (4) What were the expenses for the Minister and ministerial staff on each trip out of province?

Answer:

- (1) Four.
- (2) Lake Louise - 2007 Global Energy and Environment Conference.
 - Ottawa - meetings with Federal Cabinet Ministers.
 - Calgary - promoting energy and investment opportunities, and meetings with industry organizations.
 - Vancouver - Mineral Exploration Roundup and forestry meetings.
- (3) Lake Louise - Chief of Staff, Bill Cooper
 - Ottawa - Chief of Staff, Bill Cooper
 - Calgary - Chief of Staff, Bill Cooper, Deputy Minister, Glen Veikle, Assistant Deputy Minister, Trevor Dark
 - Vancouver - Chief of Staff, Bill Cooper, Deputy Minister, Glen Veikle, Acting Director of Mines, Mike Detharet, Executive Director of Exploration and Geological Services, George Patterson, Director of Northern Geological Survey, Gary Delaney
- (4) Lake Louise \$3,201.89
 - Ottawa \$3,249.10
 - Calgary \$2,388.16
 - Vancouver \$2,105.69

Mr. Quennell asked the Government the following Question No. 383, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

To the Minister of Enterprise and Innovation: (1) How many out-of-country trips has the Minister taken? (2) What was the nature of each trip out of country? (3) Who accompanied the Minister on each trip out of country? (4) What were the expenses for the Minister and ministerial staff on each trip out of country??

Answer:

- (1) One.
- (2) Great Falls, MO - Border Community Roundtable.
- (3) Henry Dyck, Ministerial Assistant.
- (4) \$734.00

Mr. Quennell asked the Government the following Question No. 384, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister of Enterprise and Innovation: (1) How many out-of-province (inside Canada) trips has the Minister taken? (2) What was the nature of each trip out of province? (3) Who accompanied the Minister on each trip out of province? (4) What were the expenses for the Minister and ministerial staff on each trip out of province?

Answer:

These questions were answered in Question No. 382.

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 385, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many cases before the Labour Relations Board took more than 6 months between the case being heard and a decision being made for each year between 2001 and 2007 inclusive?

Answer:

2000/2001 Fiscal Year:	19
2001/2002 Fiscal Year:	20
2002/2003 Fiscal Year:	7
2003/2004 Fiscal Year:	11
2004/2005 Fiscal Year:	6
2005/2006 Fiscal Year:	20
2006/2007 Fiscal Year:	11
2007/2008 Fiscal Year (to February 15, 2008):	18

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 386, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What was the average time between a case being heard by the Labour Relations Board and a decision being made for the years 2001 to 2007 inclusive?

Answer:

2000/2001 Fiscal Year:	70 days
2001/2002 Fiscal Year:	66 days
2002/2003 Fiscal Year:	29 days
2003/2004 Fiscal Year:	39 days
2004/2005 Fiscal Year:	21 days
2005/2006 Fiscal Year:	91 days
2006/2007 Fiscal Year:	65 days
2007/2008 Fiscal Year (to February 15, 2008):	108 days

Mr. Broten asked the Government the following Question No. 387, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many out-of-province (inside Canada) trips has the Minister taken? (2) What was the nature of each trip out of province? (3) Who accompanied the Minister on each trip out of province? (4) What were the expenses for the Minister and ministerial staff on each trip out of province?

Answer:

- (1) Two (2) trips.
- (2) January 23-25, 2008, Quebec City, Federal/Provincial/Territorial meeting for Ministers Responsible for Labour.
February 23-25, 2008, Toronto, Council of Ministers of Education meetings.
- (3) January 23-25, 2008: Lindell Veitch, Ministerial Assistant and Linda Smith, Executive Director of Policy and Evaluation Branch.
February 23-25, 2008: Mary Donlevy-Konkin, Ministerial Assistant, Wynne Young, Deputy Minister and Rupen Pandya, Director of Policy and Intergovernmental Relations.
- (4) January 23-25, 2008:
 - a. Minister's expenses: \$2,051.42
 - b. Lindell Veitch: \$1,929.43February 23-25, 2008:
 - a. Minister's expenses: \$2,015.30
 - b. Mary Donlevy-Konkin: \$1,969.25

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 388, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many out-of-country trips has the Minister taken? (2) What was the nature of each trip out of country? (3) Who accompanied the Minister on each trip out of country? (4) What were the expenses for the Minister and ministerial staff on each trip out of country?

Answer:

- (1) Zero.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 389, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many out-of-province (inside Canada) trips has the Minister taken? (2) What was the nature of each trip out of province? (3) Who accompanied the Minister on each trip out of province? (4) What were the expenses for the Minister and ministerial staff on each trip out of province?

Answer:

- (1) One trip to Calgary, Alberta.
- (2) Recruitment of Health professionals. Meeting with the Alberta Minister of Health.
- (3) Jennifer Margach and Susan Kalenchuk.
- (4) Total cost for the trip was \$2,700.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 390, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: If a 65-year-old as of July 1 submits what is deemed an incomplete application/consent form for the drug plan, and as a result is not approved for coverage until September, is this person reimbursed for the prescription drug costs they would have incurred through July and August?

Answer:

The Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch is encouraging eligible seniors to complete and submit application forms as soon as possible to ensure there is no gap in coverage. However, in situations where eligibility has not been confirmed by July 1, staff in the Drug Plan will work with those individuals to assist them with the transition to the income-tested program and confirm their eligibility as quickly as possible. Reimbursement of prescription drug costs incurred after July 1, 2008, will be taken into consideration in these instances.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 391, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: What consultations were done with seniors about the forms (layout, font size, clarity of questions) that will be used to determine eligibility for the drug plan?

Answer:

The format of the forms is consistent with other forms that have been used in the Drug Plan for a number of years for similar programs. Communications staff/specialists reviewed the materials prior to distribution to ensure they were appropriate for the target audience.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 392, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: The government has announced that as of July 1, 2008, only eligible seniors will qualify for the \$15 per prescription drug cap. How many seniors will have benefits reduced?

Answer:

It is estimated that approximately 7,500 seniors will no longer be eligible for the Seniors' Drug Plan. Higher income seniors that face significant drug costs will continue to be eligible under the Drug Plan's Special Support program, which assists families with drug costs over 3.4 per cent of total income.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 393, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: The government has announced that as of July 1, 2008, only eligible seniors will qualify for the \$15 per prescription drug cap. A senior citizen's eligibility will be determined through a means test, which forces the applicant to fill out an application/consent form granting the Canada Revenue Agency permission to release income tax returns information to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health. What safeguards are in place to protect the privacy of the information being provided from the Canada Revenue Agency?

Answer:

The Ministry of Health takes seriously the privacy of personal health and income information. The Ministry of Health, through a Memorandum of Understanding, may receive specific income information from the Canada Revenue Agency to determine eligibility for a specific program when there is a signed consent from an individual. Both the Ministry of Health and Canada Revenue Agency meet Security Standards for the protection of client information, including security regarding: administrative, personnel, physical, communications, software and operations. Seniors have the option to provide income documentation directly to the Ministry of Health, Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch.

Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 394, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: (1) Who is your ministry's Freedom of Information officer? (2) What is their contact information? (3) What are the names and job titles of every person who works in your ministerial office (including administrative support)? (4) What are their salaries?

Answer:

- (1) These questions were answered in Question No. 71 on December 19, 2007, and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk to a return pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (2) Same as above.
- (3) Back, Wayne – Chief of Staff
 Beahm, Selena – Administrative Assistant
 Garritty, Shane – Ministerial Assistant
 Hutchings, Gary – Ministerial Assistant
 Johnston, Jane – Senior Administrative Assistant
 Sleeva, Carol – Ministerial Assistant
- (4) Back, Wayne – Chief of Staff \$10,000/month
 Beahm, Selena – Administrative Assistant \$2700/month
 Garritty, Shane – Ministerial Assistant \$4255/month
 Hutchings, Gary – Ministerial Assistant \$4255/month
 Johnston, Jane – Senior Administrative Assistant \$4992/month
 Sleeva, Carol – Ministerial Assistant (50%) \$1800/month

Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 395, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: (1) What physical signs (building signs, highway signs, etc.) have been replaced in your department with the change from “department” to “ministry”? (2) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many legal agreements, including employee contracts, must be converted to the new name? (3) At what cost? (4) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many vendors must be contacted to convert billing information? (5) Who will do this work? (6) Due to the change from “department” to “ministry”, how many support documents, including brochures, newsletters and reports, are in circulation? (7) How many will be reprinted because of the change? (8) At what cost?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Education has not authorized any signage changes.
- (2) These questions were answered in Question No. 33 on December 19, 2007, and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk to a return pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (3) These questions were answered in Question No. 33 on December 19, 2007, and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk to a return pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (4) These questions were answered in Question No. 35 on December 19, 2007, and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk to a return pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (5) These questions were answered in Question No. 35 on December 19, 2007, and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk to a return pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (6) These questions were answered in Question No. 36 on December 19, 2007, and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk to a return pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (7) These questions were answered in Question No. 36 on December 19, 2007, and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk to a return pursuant to Rule 20(6).
- (8) These questions were answered in Question No. 36 on December 19, 2007, and by reason of length, converted by the Clerk to a return pursuant to Rule 20(6).

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 396, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:

To the Minister of Government Services: (1) How many out-of-country trips has the Minister taken? (2) What was the nature of each trip out of country? (3) Who accompanied the Minister on each trip out of country? (4) What were the expenses for the Minister and ministerial staff on each trip out of country?

Answer:

- (1) One
- (2) Border Community Roundtable meeting.
- (3) Kim McKechney.
- (4) \$367 for each by the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 397, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) What type of contract for services has Doug Emsley been engaged in? (2) What is the cost and terms of that contract?

Answer:

- (1) No contract has been executed to date. Once the contract has been finalized it will be filed in accordance with *The Crown Employment Contracts Act*.
- (2) Not applicable at this time.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 398, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) How many people employed in Executive Council and Ministers' offices were living outside Saskatchewan when they were hired? (2) What is the total cost of relocating these people to the province?

Answer:

- (1) 12
- (2) Relocation costs have not yet been finalized.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 399, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Affairs: (1) How many out-of-country trips has the Minister taken? (2) What was the nature of each trip out of country? (3) Who accompanied the Minister on each trip out of country? (4) What were the expenses for the Minister and ministerial staff on each trip out of country?

Answer:

- (1) One
- (2) The meetings in Washington DC and then New York City served several purposes:
 - develop working relations with key U.S. decision makers.
 - advance Saskatchewan's policy and economic interests in the energy and agriculture sectors support the investment attraction efforts of energy companies doing business in Saskatchewan to U.S.-based institutional money managers.
 - Energy Council Meetings
- (3) On the New York trip the Minister was accompanied by:
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 - Mr. Bill Cooper, Chief of Staff to the Minister
 - Mr. Dave Christopherson, Director of International Relations, Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs.
- (4) The total cost of the trip has not yet been tabulated.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 400, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many out-of-province (inside Canada) trips has the Minister taken? (2) What was the nature of each trip out of province? (3) Who accompanied the Minister on each trip out of province? (4) What were the expenses for the Minister and ministerial staff on each trip out of province?

Answer:

- (1) One
- (2) To attend the meeting of Provincial and Territorial Ministers Responsible for Housing on February 6 in Vancouver.
- (3) Darrell Jones, Assistant Deputy Minister, Housing and Central Administration.
Craig Marchinko, Executive Director, Housing and Policy Program Services.
- (4) Minister Harpauer \$733.83.

Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 401, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs: (1) How many out-of-country trips has the Minister taken? (2) What was the nature of each trip out of country? (3) Who accompanied the Minister on each trip out of country? (4) What were the expenses for the Minister and ministerial staff on each trip out of country?

Answer:

- (1) None.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A

Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 402, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs: (1) How many out-of-province (inside Canada) trips has the Minister taken? (2) What was the nature of each trip out of province? (3) Who accompanied the Minister on each trip out of province? (4) What were the expenses for the Minister and ministerial staff on each trip out of province?

Answer:

- (1) None.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A

Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 403, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: Are there any proposals or plans to make changes to the mark-up system used on SLGA products?

Answer:

None currently contemplated.

Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 404, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: Have any changes to the mark-up structure used on SLGA products been made since November 7, 2007?

Answer:

None.

Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 405, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: Are any changes to the SLGA policy on no gifts, gratuities or samples to the SLGA Minister or Minister's staff from suppliers or distributors, currently being contemplated or implemented?

Answer:

No.

Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 406, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: Have any changes been made to the SLGA policy on no gifts, gratuities or samples since November 7, 2007?

Answer:

No.

Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 407, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: Are any changes to the SLGA policy on SLGA employees receiving gifts, gratuities or samples from suppliers or distributors being currently implemented or considered?

Answer:

No.

Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 408, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: Have any changes been made to the SLGA policy on SLGA employees receiving gifts, gratuities or samples from suppliers or distributors since November 7, 2007?

Answer:

No.

Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 410, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: Are there any changes to the policy and procedures for reporting or disposing of spillage and/or breakage currently being implemented or contemplated?

Answer:

No.

Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 411, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: Have there been any changes to the policy or procedures for reporting and disposing of spillage and/or breakage since November 7, 2007?

Answer:

No.

Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 412, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: What is the specific procedure managers are required to follow in each SLGA location when reporting and disposing of spillage or breakage?

Answer:

The specific procedure is outlined in SLGA's Store Operating Policy, section "3.11 Inventory Control and Protection" and is as follows;

SLGA Store Operating Policy and Procedure Manual

3.0 Store Security

3.11 Inventory Control and Protection

3.11.5 Inventory Dispositions

Disposition of broken and/or un-saleable inventory must be performed as follows:

- Multiple staff stores (greater than two (2) permanent staff) must perform inventory dispositions a minimum of once per week.
- Stores with fewer than three (3) permanent staff must perform inventory dispositions a minimum of once per accounting period.
- Destruction/Disposal of un-saleable stock must be conducted in the presence of the Manager/Supervisor and one other employee of the store (1).
- A different employee (segregation of duties) shall input the disposition into the system (2).
- Ensure each Disposition worksheet is completed with all relevant information including:
 - Correct adjustment codes.
 - Signatures of Employees (2) performing and witnessing disposition (under no circumstance is an employee to sign a disposition as a witness if they were not present during actual disposition of un-saleable product or disposal of breaks).
 - Signature of Employee entering disposition data into System.
 - Signature of employee verifying Disposition Report matches Store 1 Inventory Adjustment Report (2).
 - Ensure proper destruction of non-saleable units.
 - In the Units column, the number must be written out using alpha characters (twelve vs. 12).
 - Disposition sheets that are not completely filled must be scored (a line drawn through the blank area) to prevent further items being added to the report later.
 - All empty containers resulting from disposition of un-saleables that are recyclable must be donated to Sarcan. No employee, individual or organization is entitled to receive refund of deposit or any remuneration for empty containers resulting from the disposition of un-saleables (3).
 - Customer complaint forms must be completed in duplicate for all product returned to the store, one copy must be attached to the Inventory adjustment form and one copy forwarded to the Manager of Retail Services.

Beer Dispositions:

- The entire package must be written off and disposed regardless of reason.
- All refillable containers must be recorded on the Disposition Form and an Inventory Adjustment completed.

Carrier Charge-backs:

- Obtain driver's signature and carrier's name on the Bill of Lading or Delivery Bill acknowledging Breakage or Shortage.
- An Inventory Adjustment and Disposition Report must be completed and forwarded with relevant information to the Supervisor of Transportation Services, H.O., Regina.
- Original Bill of Lading/Delivery Way-bill showing all notation for damages or shortages with signature of driver (copy retained by Store).
- Carriers must not be allowed under any circumstance to salvage damaged products.

Franchises may return broken or defective products to SLGA Stores. Stores must follow the following procedures:

- Perform Return (Disposition).
 - Utilize the Inventory Adjustment function to perform the Franchise Disposition.
 - Enter the Franchise customer number and letter designation in the "Note" box.
- (1) In One person Stores, Manager/Supervisor must wait for another employee to come in to dispose of un-saleable stock.
 - (2) In multi-staff stores.
 - (3) The deposit on these containers has not been collected; therefore refund of the deposit should not be paid out.

Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 413, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: How long have the SLGA policy and procedures for reporting spillage and breakage been in place?

Answer:

The current store policy was effective April 26, 2005 and it was updated on November 7, 2006. The general practice has been in place for over 20 years.

Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 414, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: What SLGA policies and procedures are in place in each SLGA retail store and warehouse for the reporting and disposal of spillage and breakage?

Answer:

The store policy/procedure is noted in the response to written Question No. 412. The warehouse policy/procedure Warehouse Breaks and Shortages Procedure is as follows;

When product damage occurs or is discovered, it is the responsibly of the person aware of the damage to clean the damaged case, fill out a breakage report, mark the case and place it on the part case pallet. The following steps must be followed:

- (1) Take the damaged case(s) to the BREAKS area. If the bottles are wet, immediately wipe them dry so the labels don't get damaged. If the case is reusable, set it aside to dry and return later to pack the bottles into the dry case. If the case is not usable, repack the bottles into a new case which can be found in the on pack room. Apply a repack sticker to the new case and record the Product Description and SCC number on the sticker. On the top and side of the case, use a marker to record the number of saleable bottles that are in the case (eg: 8/12). Place the marked case onto the part case pallet in the BREAKS area. If several cases were damaged, create as many full and clean saleable cases as possible and return them to regular inventory.

NOTE: All product going back into stock or being placed on the part case pallet must be in a clean and saleable condition. Ensure that the bottles are clean and there is no broken glass on the bottles or inside of the cases.

- (2) If product needs to be dumped, you must get approval from a supervisor. There must be at least two people working together to dump product. Never dump product alone.
- (3) The necks from all breaks must be saved. Wear a pair of safety gloves and goggles and then use a hammer to break away the body of the bottle. Place the neck into the box on the BREAKS table.
- (4) A Breakage Report must be filled out by the person that is reporting the damaged inventory. Include the following information:
 - Date
 - Check the appropriate box to indicate type of damage

- SCC number, Product description, warehouse location and quantity of damaged units
 - Explanation of how the damage occurred or was discovered
 - Clearly mark your name
 - A supervisor's signature must be obtained on the Breakage Report to confirm quantities.
- (5) Use an RF gun to move the case from its original warehouse location to the location BREAKS. On the Breakage Report, check the "Moved" box to indicate that the move has been completed.
 - (6) The receiving foreman then creates an Attribute Adjustment in WMS to change the case from the SCC number to the UPC number (see 4.4.2 Attribute Adjustment: Damaged Case) The receiving foreman then checks the "Unit" box on the Breakage Report to indicate that the Attribute Adjustment has been done and also writes the Product ID on the Breakage Report.
 - (7) The receiving foreman also records the Product ID on the case and onto the neck of the broken bottle. At the end of the period, the receiving foreman collects and stores all necks for that period (see Period End Excise Procedures).
 - (8) At the end of each week, the receiving foreman should prepare a part case order to remove the part cases from warehouse inventory (see 5.5 Unit Order).

Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 415, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: How does each SLGA store report and account for spillage/breakage in their financial statements?

Answer:

Any costs associated with spillage/breakage are included in SLGA's operating expenses with other items within the category of "Sundry" in SLGA's financial statements.

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Mr. Furber asked the Government the following Question No. 416, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: (1) How many out-of-country trips has the Minister taken? (2) What was the nature of each trip out of country? (3) Who accompanied the Minister on each trip out of country? (4) What were the expenses for the Minister and ministerial staff on each trip out of country?

Answer:

- (1) None.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A

Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 417, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) Has Ken Love received any remuneration from executive government (including minister's office) or Crown corporations since November 21, 2007? (2) If so, what remuneration was given? (3) What were the services that he provided?

Answer:

- (1) None to date.
- (2) None to date.
- (3) Mr. Love provided legal advice to CIC, Saskatchewan Watershed Authority, SLGA and the Ministry of Justice until his appointment to the Labour Relations Board.

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Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 418, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in North Battleford as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Crime rates are calculated annually by calendar year. Moreover, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data for 2007 will not be released until sometime in July 2008.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 419, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in La Ronge in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 1,117 incidents of motor vehicle theft (cars, trucks, motorcycles and other motorized vehicles) per 100,000 population in 2005 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2005.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 420, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in La Ronge in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 870 incidents of motor vehicle theft (cars, trucks, motorcycles and other motorized vehicles) per 100,000 population in 2006 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2006.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 421, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in La Ronge as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Crime rates are calculated annually by calendar year. Moreover, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data for 2007 will not be released until sometime in July 2008.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 422, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) Has Kevin Wilson received any remuneration from executive government (including minister's offices) or Crown corporations since November 21, 2007? (2) If so, what remuneration was given? (3) What were the services that he provided?

Answer:

- (1) Kevin Wilson has not received any remuneration from the Ministry of Justice since November 21, 2007.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 423, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the rate of car theft against seniors in Saskatchewan in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Police-reported data does not provide detailed information on the characteristics of victims of property crimes.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 424, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the rate of car theft against seniors in Saskatchewan in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Police-reported data does not provide detailed information on the characteristics of victims of property crimes.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 425, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the rate of car theft against seniors in Saskatchewan as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Police-reported data does not provide detailed information on the characteristics of victims of property crimes.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 426, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Regina in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 1,153 incidents of motor vehicle theft (automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and other motor vehicles) per 100,000 population in 2005 (crime data is calculated by calendar year). This refers to the rate in the City of Regina only, not the Regina Census Metropolitan Area.
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2005.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 427, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Regina in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 1,079 incidents of motor vehicle theft (cars, trucks, motorcycles and other motorized vehicles) per 100,000 population in 2006 (crime data is calculated by calendar year). This refers to the rate in the City of Regina only, not the Regina Census Metropolitan Area.
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2006.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 428, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Regina as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Crime rates are calculated annually by calendar year. Moreover, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data for 2007 will not be released until sometime in July 2008.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 429, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Saskatoon in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 619 incidents of motor vehicle theft (automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and other motor vehicles) per 100,000 population in 2005 (crime data is calculated by calendar year). This refers to the rate in the City of Saskatoon only, not the Saskatoon Census Metropolitan Area.
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2005.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 430, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Saskatoon in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 671 incidents of motor vehicle theft (cars, trucks, motorcycles and other motorized vehicles) per 100,000 population in 2006 (crime data is calculated by calendar year). This refers to the rate in the City of Saskatoon only, not the Saskatoon Census Metropolitan Area.
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2006.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 431, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Saskatoon as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Crime rates are calculated annually by calendar year. Moreover, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data for 2007 will not be released until sometime in July 2008.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 432, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Prince Albert in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 865 incidents of motor vehicle theft (automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and other motor vehicles) per 100,000 population in 2005 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2005.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 433, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Prince Albert in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 925 incidents of motor vehicle theft (cars, trucks, motorcycles and other motorized vehicles) per 100,000 population in 2006 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2006.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 434, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

- To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Prince Albert as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Crime rates are calculated annually by calendar year. Moreover, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data for 2007 will not be released until sometime in July 2008.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 435, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

- To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Moose Jaw in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 215 incidents of motor vehicle theft (automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and other motor vehicles) per 100,000 population in 2005 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2005.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 436, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

- To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Moose Jaw in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 264 incidents of motor vehicle theft (cars, trucks, motorcycles and other motorized vehicles) per 100,000 population in 2006 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2006.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 437, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

- To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Moose Jaw as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Crime rates are calculated annually by calendar year. Moreover, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data for 2007 will not be released until sometime in July 2008.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 438, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

- To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Yorkton in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 363 incidents of motor vehicle theft (automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and other motor vehicles) per 100,000 population in 2005 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2005.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 439, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Yorkton in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 279 incidents of motor vehicle theft (automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and other motor vehicles) per 100,000 population in 2006 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2006.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 440, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Yorkton as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Crime rates are calculated annually by calendar year. Moreover, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data for 2007 will not be released until sometime in July 2008.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 441, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Lloydminster in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 549 incidents of motor vehicle theft (automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and other motor vehicles) per 100,000 population in 2005 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2005.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 442, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Lloydminster in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 845 incidents of motor vehicle theft (automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and other motor vehicles) per 100,000 population in 2006 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2006.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 443, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Lloydminster as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Crime rates are calculated annually by calendar year. Moreover, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data for 2007 will not be released until sometime in July 2008.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 444, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Battleford in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 219 incidents of motor vehicle theft (automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and other motor vehicles) per 100,000 population in 2005 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2005.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 445, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Battleford in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 394 incidents of motor vehicle theft (automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and other motor vehicles) per 100,000 population in 2006 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2006.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 446, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Battleford as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Crime rates are calculated annually by calendar year. Moreover, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data for 2007 will not be released until sometime in July 2008.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 447, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in North Battleford in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 966 incidents of motor vehicle theft (automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and other motor vehicles) per 100,000 population in 2005 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2005.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 448, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in North Battleford in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) 1,039 incidents of motor vehicle theft (automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and other motor vehicles) per 100,000 population in 2006 (crime data is calculated by calendar year).
- (2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2006.

Mr. McCall asked the Government the following Question No. 449, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: (1) How many out-of-country trips has the Minister taken? (2) What was the nature of each trip out of country? (3) Who accompanied the Minister on each trip out of country? (4) What were the expenses for the Minister and ministerial staff on each trip out of country?

Answer:

- (1) None.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A

Mr. McCall asked the Government the following Question No. 450, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: (1) How many out-of-province (inside Canada) trips has the Minister taken? (2) What was the nature of each trip out of province? (3) Who accompanied the Minister on each trip out of province? (4) What were the expenses for the Minister and ministerial staff on each trip out of province?

Answer:

- (1) One.
- (2) To attend the National Aboriginal Health Summit in Winnipeg.
- (3) The provincial delegation included:
 - Chief of Staff, Cathe Offet
 - Deputy Minister, Ron Crowe
 - Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations representative, Chief Helen Ben
 - Métis Nation-Saskatchewan representative, Darlene McKay
- (4) The accounting for this trip has not yet been completed.

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Mr. Trew asked the Government the following Question No. 451, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: (1) For the recent clean coal announcement, is it true that SaskPower's share of the project would be approximately \$758 million? (2) If so, will that involve new debt for SaskPower?

Answer:

- (1) If the project is approved as proposed, SaskPower's share of the cost would be approximately \$758 million.
- (2) Yes.

Mr. Trew asked the Government the following Question No. 452, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) For the recent clean coal announcement, what provisions are in place to deal with cost overruns? (2) Will there be a line item in future budgets for this purpose?

Answer:

- (1) The Clean Coal Project is being managed by SaskPower and the Ministry of Finance is not involved.
- (2) There is no line item for this project in the 2008/09 Budget.

Mr. Iwanchuk asked the Government the following Question No. 453, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What criteria were used to select the Chair of the Labour Relations Board?

Answer:

- Legal training and qualification as a member LSS.
- Ten years of experience in the practice of law.

- The ability to conduct a fair hearing in keeping with the principles of due process and natural justice.
- The ability to write clear, concise decisions in a timely manner.
- The ability to provide vision and leadership to a diverse organization charged with administration of the TUA.

Mr. Iwanchuk asked the Government the following Question No. 454, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What criteria will be used to select the Vice-Chair of the Labour Relations Board?

Answer:

The Vice-Chair of the Labour Relations Board has not yet been selected.

Mr. Iwanchuk asked the Government the following Question No. 455, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What was the yearly salary of the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Labour Relations Board paid in the last fiscal year that there was only one Vice-Chair?

Answer:

- (1) The salary for the Chair in 1999/2000 was \$99,972 unadjusted.
- (2) The salary for the Vice-Chair in 1999/2000 was \$87,315 unadjusted.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 456, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) Has Doug Emsley received any remuneration from executive government (including Ministers' offices) or Crown corporations since November 7, 2007? (2) If so, what remuneration was given?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) \$76,897.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 457, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) What services has Doug Emsley provided for the government to date? (2) How many hours has he worked?

Answer:

- (1) Under the leadership of the Deputy Premier who headed up transition, Mr. Emsley took charge of all the operations of the transition process.
- (2) Estimated hours of work from November 21, 2007 to March 31, 2008 are 1,358 hours.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 458, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: With regard to the transition team, what money has been spent to date?

Answer:

\$208,920.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 459, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: With regard to the transition team, what is the estimated budget?

Answer:

Actuals to date - \$208,920.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 460, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) With regard to the transition team, what was the total cost of legal bills? (2) What was the total number of billable hours (by law firm)?

Answer:

- (1) Not yet finalized.
- (2) Not yet finalized.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 461, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: With regard to the transition team, what law firms and specific lawyers were involved in any way?

Answer:

- McLean Keith - lead counsel, Kenneth G. Love, Q.C. (until appointment to Labour Relations Board).
- MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP - lead counsel, Brian Barrington-Foote, Q.C.
- McDougall Gauley LLP - lead counsel, James Rybchuk.
- McKercher LLP - lead counsel, Peter Whitmore, Q.C. (until appointment to Court of Queen's Bench).
- Robertson Stromberg Pedersen LLP - lead counsel, David Bishop.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 462, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) For the recent clean coal announcement, was there a feasibility study done by any ministry or Crown corporation? (2) If so, by whom?

Answer:

- (1) The proposed project has not yet been approved. If the project is approved, an environmental impact assessment will be undertaken. Regulations require completion of this process and approvals in place prior to the start of project construction.
- (2) Same as above.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 463, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) Has Angus Reid been contracted by the government (including Executive Council, ministries or Crown corporations) since November 7, 2007? (2) If so, what were the terms of that contract? (3) How much were they paid?

Answer:

- (1) No.
- (2) No contract.
- (3) \$0.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 464, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: KPMG audit services was contracted for the purposes of the transition team. (1) What was the nature of the contract? (2) How much were they paid?

Answer:

- (1) To provide audit services.
- (2) \$23,370.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 465, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: TMC database development was contracted for the purposes of the transition team.
(1) What was the nature of the contract? (2) How much were they paid?

Answer:

- (1) To provide database development and support services.
- (2) \$9,817.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 466, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: You stated on March 18, 2000, on page 357 of *Hansard* that the following people were contracted to help with transition: Doug Emsley, Ron Larson, Tracey Pugh and Ruth Klassen-Burwell. (1) When were these contracts signed? (2) How much was each of these people paid for their services?

Answer:

- (1) March 30, 2008; December 3, 2007; December 7, 2007; December 7, 2007.
- (2) \$76,897; \$25,355; \$6,431; \$2,088.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 467, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) Has Ron Larson completed his inventory or database of agencies, boards and commissions? (2) If so, when was this work completed? (3) How much was Mr. Larson paid?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) February 2008.
- (3) \$25,355.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 468, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: (1) Has Bob Anderson been on contract for the government at any time since November 7, 2007? (2) If so, when was his contract signed? (3) What was the nature of his contract? (4) How much was he paid?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) January 21, 2008.
- (3) To conduct a review of the procurement policy of the Government of Saskatchewan.
- (4) \$23,387 to date.

Mr. Iwanchuk asked the Government the following Question No. 469, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) What names were proposed to the Minister for the Chair of the Labour Relations Board? (2) What law firm and/or specific lawyers were involved in the recommendation?

Answer:

- (1) Five qualified candidates were considered for the position. Their names were put forward in confidence and it would be inappropriate to divulge the names of these individuals.
- (2) It would be inappropriate to answer this question as candidate identification and selection is a confidential process.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 470, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

To the Minister of Environment: The Minister of Environment and her Chief of Staff went on a trip to Australia from Friday, February 15, 2008 to Sunday, February 24, 2008. (Reference the answer to Question No. 234.) What was the daily itinerary for each of the following days? (1) Saturday, February 16? (2) Sunday, February 17? (3) Monday, February 18? (4) Tuesday, February 19? (5) Wednesday, February 20? (6) Thursday, February 21? (7) Friday, February 22? (8) Saturday, February 23?

Answer:

- (1) Travel day.
- (2) Travel day - Meeting with Canada Consulate General and staff; Meeting with HTC PurEnergy.
- (3) HTC PurEnergy CCS 1000 product launch; Network 10 CanWest Global Network Reception; Dinner hosted by Canadian High Commissioner/Consul General of Canada.
- (4) Networking and personal program.
- (5) Travel - Sydney to Adelaide; Welcome Reception hosted by the Governor of South Australia with Australian and Canadian delegations, Canadian business delegations at Government House; Robert Kennedy Jr. State Dinner for Australian and Canadian Premiers and Ministers, Canadian officials, invited guests at Hyatt Regency Hotel.
- (6) Australia Canada Premier's Summit Conference Program; Clipsal VIP Opening, hosted by Premier Mike Rann; Informal Dinner hosted by Premier Rann for Australian and Canadian Premiers and Ministers, Canadian High Commissioner.
- (7) HTC PurEnergy CCS 1000 Product Launch at Santos office; Lunch with HTC PurEnergy officials and Santos officials; Meeting with University of Adelaide officials. Presentation by University of Adelaide and University of Regina; State Dinner hosted by Premier Mike Rann, South Australia.
- (8) Networking tour with Canadian and Australian officials.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 471, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) For the recent clean coal announcement, what is the total cost of the project? (2) What is the percentage that is being sought from SaskPower? (3) The government of Canada? (4) The province of Saskatchewan? (5) Other sources?

Answer:

- (1) The clean coal project is not within the mandate of the Ministry of Environment.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A
- (5) N/A

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 472, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

To the Minister of Environment: For the recent clean coal announcement, was there an environmental impact study done?

Answer:

No proposal has been received from the proponent.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 473, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: Who will be invited to consultations on a disability income support program?

Answer:

The Ministry of Social Services and the Office of Disability Issues have committed to collaborate with the disability community to explore new options for a community engagement process so that people with disabilities, the disability community and government can have open discussion and dialogue on disability policy. Invitees to this new engagement process are yet to be confirmed.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 474, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: When will the Minister begin consultations on a disability income support program?

Answer:

To be held in 2008.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 475, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: The Minister of Social Services and the Legislative Secretary responsible for CBOs have been planning a CBO summit. Please provide the following details: (1) What CBOs have been invited? (2) What CBOs have been in correspondence with the summit? (3) When will the summit be held?

Answer:

- (1) No formal invitations have been issued.
- (2) Legislative Secretary responsible for CBO Initiative has met with:
 - Aboriginal Family Services
 - Active Healthy Kids Canada
 - Autism Resource Centre
 - Autism Treatment Services of Saskatchewan
 - Building A Nation Family Health Centre
 - Canadian National Institute for the Blind
 - Cheshire Homes Management
 - Communities for Children
 - Connecting as a Neighbors Cooperative
 - Core Neighborhood Youth Coop
 - Disability Income Support Coalition
 - Door of Hope (Meadow Lake)
 - Dreambuilders Learning Centre
 - Elizabeth Fry Society of Saskatchewan
 - Equal Justice for All
 - File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council
 - GBLUR Centre for Sexuality and Gender Diversity
 - Lloydminster Social Action Coalition Society
 - Medicine Horse Therapy
 - Métis Family and Community Justice Services
 - Miwayawin Health Services
 - Nightingale Nursing Group
 - Our Homes
 - Personal Choices Youth Outreach
 - Pine Island Lodge
 - Preschool Information Registry Service
 - Prince Albert Mobile Crisis Service
 - Public Legal Education Association of Saskatchewan

Quint Development
Regina and District Food Bank
Regina Anti Poverty Ministry
Regina Mobile Crisis Services
Regina Work Preparation Centre
River Bank Development Corp.
Sask Sport (Regina)
Sask Abilities Council Life Enrichment and Yorkton Branch
Sask Association for the Betterment of Addiction Services
Sask Coalition for Tobacco Reduction
Sask Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
Sask Economic Development Association
Sask Intercultural Association
Sask Native Theatre Company
Sask Voice of People with Disabilities (Regina)
Saskatoon Crisis Intervention Services
Saskatoon Interval House
Saskatoon Open Door Society
Saskatoon Overnight Shelter
SCEP Centre Society
Shelwin House
Smart Family Food Coop
Society for the Involvement of Good Neighbours
Tetra Society of North America
United Way of Regina
University of Regina Students Union
(3) Summit will be held in 2008

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 476, which was answered by the Hon.

Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: What housing community groups has the Minister met with between November 7, 2007 and March 19, 2008?

Answer:

Passion for Action Against Homelessness.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 477, which was answered by the Hon.

Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: What disability community groups has the Minister met with between November 7, 2007 and March 19, 2008?

Answer:

Saskatchewan Association for Community Living
Provincial Interagency Network on Disabilities
Saskatchewan Abilities Council
Saskatchewan Association of Rehabilitation Centres
Elmwood Residence

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 478, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: On March 20, the Minister of Social Services said in Question Period:

“[...] but in the Estimates book the Sask Housing Corporation does not list their numbers in that document. However, there is \$71.5 million being spent on an existing 856 units that are in development as we speak. There’s an additional \$47.5 million that’s being dedicated. Going forward, we have 84 submissions on different groups that want to partner with government on different housing units. We’re putting out an expression of interest to spend an additional \$18.4 million on Métis housing and First Nations housing. Mr. Speaker, that’s \$137.4 million.”

(1) In what budget year was the additional \$18.4 million committed? (2) What was the specific purpose for the \$18.4 million at that time?

Answer:

(1) 2006/07.

(2) The Off-Reserve Aboriginal Housing Trust could be used for either capital improvements or affordable housing development for First Nations and Métis housing groups.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 479, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in Saskatchewan in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

(1) 617 motor vehicle (automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and all other motor vehicles) theft incidents per 100,000 population in 2005 (crime data is reported by calendar year).

(2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2005.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 480, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in Saskatchewan in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

(1) 633 motor vehicle (automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and all other motor vehicles) theft incidents per 100,000 population in 2006 (crime data is reported by calendar year). Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data for 2007 will be released sometime in July 2008.

(2) The Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey 2006.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 481, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in Saskatchewan as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

(1) It is not possible to answer this question as posed. Crime rates are calculated annually by calendar year, and Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics Uniform Crime Reporting Survey data for 2007 will not be released until sometime in July 2008.

(2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 482, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the rate of vehicle theft against seniors in Saskatchewan in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 423.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 483, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the rate of vehicle theft against seniors in Saskatchewan in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 424.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 484, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the rate of vehicle theft against seniors in Saskatchewan as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 425.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 485, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in Regina in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 426.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 426.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 486, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in Saskatoon in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 429.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 429.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 487, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in Saskatoon in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 430.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 430.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 488, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in Saskatoon as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 431.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 489, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in Prince Albert in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 432.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 432.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 490, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in Prince Albert in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 433.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 433.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 491, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in Prince Albert as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 434.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 492, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in Moose Jaw in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 435.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 435.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 493, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in Moose Jaw in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 436.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 436.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 494, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in Moose Jaw as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 437.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 495, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in Yorkton in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 438.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 438.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 496, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in Yorkton in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 439.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 439.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 497, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in Yorkton as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 440.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 498, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in Lloydminster in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 441.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 441.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 499, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in Lloydminster in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 442.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 442.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 500, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in Lloydminster as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 443.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 443.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 501, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in Battleford in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 444.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 444.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 502, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in Battleford in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 445.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 445.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 503, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in Battleford as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 446.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 504, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in North Battleford in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 447.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 447.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 505, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in North Battleford in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 14 in Question No. 276 and Day 18 in Question No. 448.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 14 in Question No. 276 and Day 18 in Question No. 448.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 506, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in North Battleford as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 418.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 507, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in La Ronge in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 419.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 419.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 508, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in La Ronge in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 420.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 420.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 509, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the vehicle theft rate in La Ronge as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 421.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 510, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Saskatchewan in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question will be answered on Day 22 in Question No. 479.
- (2) This question will be answered on Day 22 in Question No. 479.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 511, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Saskatchewan in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question will be answered on Day 22 in Question No. 480.
- (2) This question will be answered on Day 22 in Question No. 480.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 512, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Saskatchewan as of December 1, 2007?
(2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question will be answered on Day 22 in Question No. 481.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 513, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the rate of car theft against seniors in Saskatchewan in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 423.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 514, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the rate of car theft against seniors in Saskatchewan in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 424.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 515, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the rate of car theft against seniors in Saskatchewan as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 425.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 516, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Regina in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 426.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 426.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 517, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Regina in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 427.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 427.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 518, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Regina as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 428.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 428,

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 519, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Saskatoon in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 429.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 429.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 520, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Saskatoon in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 430.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 430.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 521, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Saskatoon as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 431.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 522, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Prince Albert in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 432.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 432.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 523, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Prince Albert in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 433.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 433.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 524, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Prince Albert as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 434.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 525, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Moose Jaw in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 435.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 435.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 526, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Moose Jaw in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 436.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 436.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 527, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Moose Jaw as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 437.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 528, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Yorkton in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 438.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 438.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 529, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Yorkton in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 439.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 439.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 530, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Yorkton as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 440.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 531, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Lloydminster in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 441.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 441.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 532, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Lloydminster in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 442.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 442.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 533, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Lloydminster as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 443.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 534, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Battleford in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 444.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 444.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 535, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Battleford in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 445.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 445.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 536, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in Battleford as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 446.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 537, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in North Battleford in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 447.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 447.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 538, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in North Battleford in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 448.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 448.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 539, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in North Battleford as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 418.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 418.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 540, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in La Ronge in 2005/06? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 419.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 419.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 541, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in La Ronge in 2006/07? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 420.
- (2) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 420.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 542, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What was the car theft rate in La Ronge as of December 1, 2007? (2) What is the authority or source for the numbers you are providing?

Answer:

- (1) This question was answered on Day 18 in Question No. 421.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 543, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) Has Kevin Wilson received any remuneration from executive government (including minister's offices) or Crown corporations since November 7, 2007? (2) If so, what remuneration was given? (3) What were the services that he provided?

Answer:

- (1) Kevin Wilson has not received any remuneration from the Ministry of Justice since November 7, 2007.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 544, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: Can you please provide a list of all department lawyers that were involved in the drafting of Bill Nos. 5 and 6?

Answer:

Ten lawyers from the Civil Law Division and Public Law Division of the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General provided legal, constitutional and drafting advice and services in the drafting of Bills Nos. 5 and 6.

Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 545, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: Can you please provide a list of all department lawyers that were involved in the drafting of any amendments to Bill Nos. 5 and 6?

Answer:

Seven lawyers from the Civil Law Division and Public Law Division of the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General provided legal, constitutional and drafting advice and services in the drafting of amendments to Bills Nos. 5 and 6.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 546, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) How many kilometers of overall highway improvement were done as a result of the 2007/08 budget? (2) How many kilometers of overall highway improvement will be done as a result of the 2008/09 budget?

Answer:

- (1) 1348.9 kilometers of improvements were completed in 2007/08.
- (2) 1849.3 kilometers of improvements are planned in 2008/09.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 547, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) How many kilometers of paving were done as a result of the 2007/08 budget? (2) How many kilometers of paving will be done as a result of the 2008/09 budget?

Answer:

- (1) 354.17 kilometers of paving were completed in 2007/08.
- (2) 593.15 kilometers of paving are planned in 2008/09.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 548, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) How many kilometers of grading were done as a result of the 2007/08 budget? (2) How many kilometers of grading will be done as a result of the 2008/09 budget?

Answer:

- (1) 83.07 kilometers of grading were completed in 2007/08.
- (2) 68.94 kilometers of grading are planned in 2008/09.

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Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 550, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: On March 20th, The Minister of Social Services said in Question Period:

“[...] but in the Estimates book the Sask Housing Corporation does not list their numbers in that document. However, there is \$71.5 million being spent on an existing 856 units that are in development as we speak. There’s an additional \$47.5 million that’s being dedicated. Going forward, we have 84 submissions on different groups that want to partner with government on different housing units. We’re putting out an expression of interest to spend an additional \$18.4 million on Métis housing and First Nations housing. Mr. Speaker, that’s \$137.4 million.”

- (1) In what document is \$137.4 million listed? (2) In what budget year was the \$71.5 million that the Minister is referring to committed? (3) What was the \$71.5 budgeted for at that time?

Answer:

- (1) Ministerial Briefings.
- (2) Saskatchewan Housing Corporation budget years 2005, 2006, 2007.
- (3) Affordable Housing Development.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 551, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: With regard to the transition team, what are the names of all: (1) Elected officials? (2) Unelected officials? (3) Government employees (both past and present)? (4) Contracted personnel? (5) People who will eventually be remunerated for their work on the transition team?

Answer:

- (1) Honourable Brad Wall and Honourable Ken Krawetz assisted with the transition process.
- (2) Unable to define the term “unelected officials”.
- (3) After November 21, 2007, the Deputy Minister to the Premier and Cabinet Secretary and the Chief of Staff to the Premier assisted with the transition process along with a number of government employees who were asked for information, assistance or advice.
- (4) Doug Emsley, Tracy Pugh, Ron Larson and Ruth Klassen-Burwell were contracted to assist with the transition process.
- (5) McLean Keith - lead counsel Kenneth G. Love, Q.C. (until appointment to Labour Relations Board); MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP - lead counsel Brian Barrington-Foote, Q.C.; McDougall Gauley LLP - lead counsel James Rybchuk; McKercher LLP - lead counsel Peter Whitmore, Q.C. (until appointment to Court of Queen’s Bench); Robertson Stromberg Pedersen LLP - lead counsel David Bishop.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 552, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: With regard to the transition team, can you please provide the names of people who did work but have not yet been compensated?

Answer:

McLean Keith - lead counsel Kenneth G. Love, Q.C. (until appointment to Labour Relations Board); MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP - lead counsel Brian Barrington-Foote, Q.C.; McDougall Gauley LLP - lead counsel James Rybchuk; McKercher LLP - lead counsel Peter Whitmore, Q.C. (until appointment to Court of Queen's Bench); Robertson Stromberg Pedersen LLP - lead counsel David Bishop.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 553, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: With regard to the transition team: (1) How many legal opinions were provided by Justice, or provided by outside counsel that was paid for by the government? (2) How many of each type of contracts were there?

Answer:

- (1) Legal advice on a number of issues was provided both by Ministry of Justice lawyers and by outside counsel.
- (2) Five outside legal firms were retained.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 554, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: According to the Deputy Premier on page no. 374 of the March 18, 2008 *Hansard*, there were three types of people that were involved in the transition team: people who volunteered and provided services, people who were contracted, and people who assisted from law firms. (1) How many members of the transition team fell into each of these three categories? (2) What are the names of the people in each category?

Answer:

- (1) The Deputy Premier is not recorded as speaking on page 374 of *Hansard*.
- (2) The Deputy Premier is not recorded as speaking on page 374 of *Hansard*.

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Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 556, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) How many injuries and deaths occurred on grid roads in 2006? (2) 2007? (3) 2008?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure does not compile these statistics. Saskatchewan Government Insurance compiles these types of statistics.
- (2) Same as above.
- (3) Same as above.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 557, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) How many injuries and deaths occurred on highways in 2006? (2) 2007? (3) 2008?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure does not compile these statistics. Saskatchewan Government Insurance compiles these types of statistics.
- (2) Same as above.
- (3) Same as above.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 558, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Elhard:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) How many injuries and deaths occurred on municipal roads in 2006? (2) 2007? (3) 2008?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure does not compile these statistics. Saskatchewan Government Insurance compiles these types of statistics.
- (2) Same as above.
- (3) Same as above.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 559, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: In which communities in Saskatchewan are each of the FTEs for Employment and Support and Income Assistance branch, as of March 1, 2008, located?

Answer:

Service Centres employing full-time employees are located in the following communities: Buffalo Narrows, Creighton, Estevan, Fort Qu'Appelle, Humboldt, Kindersley, LaLoche, LaRonge, Lloydminster, Meadow Lake, Melfort, Moose Jaw, Nipawin, North Battleford, Prince Albert, Regina, Saskatoon, Swift Current, Weyburn and Yorkton. This does not include periodic, day-office services provided to many other communities which do not have full-time employees.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 560, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: What is the intended number of term employees for Employment and Support and Income Assistance branch by March 1, 2009?

Answer:

Ministry budget employee plans do not identify term positions. Term positions are staffed according to operational needs.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 561, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many term employees did the Employment and Support and Income Assistance branch have as of April 1, 2008?

Answer:

The term employee count as of April 1, 2008 is 44.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 562, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many term employees did the Employment and Support and Income Assistance branch have as of March 1, 2008?

Answer:

The term employee count as of March 1, 2008 is 41.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 563, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: What is the intended number of full-time employees for Employment and Support and Income Assistance branch by March 1, 2009?

Answer:

Detailed allocation plans for these FTEs, for 2008/09, are yet to be determined.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 564, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many full-time employees did the Employment and Support and Income Assistance branch have as of April 1, 2008?

Answer:

The full-time employee count as of April 1, 2008 is 251.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 565, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: On April 2, 2008, the Minister announced, "Cabinet has approved revisions to her Ministry's Income Assistance Modernization Strategy that will lead to improved services for clients. Changes to benefits under the Saskatchewan Assistance Plan are being deferred pending further consultation with staff and stakeholders." What are the communication plans for the Minister to announce publicly any further changes prior to implementation so staff, stakeholders and clients may be fully aware of the changes?

Answer:

Communication plans will be developed once the process for consultations has been finalized.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 566, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: On April 2, 2008, the Minister announced, "Cabinet has approved revisions to her Ministry's Income Assistance Modernization Strategy that will lead to improved services for clients. Changes to benefits under the Saskatchewan Assistance Plan are being deferred pending further consultation with staff and stakeholders." Please describe the consultation process, as cited in the above statement for stakeholders by answering the following: (1) Who are the stakeholders referred to in the press release? (Please name them) (2) When will meetings be held? (3) Who will be invited? (4) Will there be public notice given for the consultation process? (5) How will the ministry fully consult its staff?

Answer:

- (1) To be determined.
- (2) To be determined.
- (3) To be determined.
- (4) No.
- (5) Meetings with regional staff during 2008.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 567, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: On April 2, 2008, the Minister announced that Cabinet has approved revisions to her Ministry's Income Assistance Modernization Strategy. (1) Will the strategy still be known as the "Modernization Strategy"? (2) What other names will it be known as?

Answer:

- (1) A revised Modernization Strategy has been confirmed by Cabinet.
- (2) No other names for this strategy have been considered at this time.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 568, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many calls were logged to the Housing Information Line in the month of September 2007? (2) October 2007? (3) November 2007? (4) December 2007? (5) January 2008? (6) February 2008?

Answer:

- (1) 811
- (2) 458
- (3) 127
- (4) 59
- (5) 75
- (6) 65

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 569, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: What is the intended number of part-time employees for Employment and Support and Income Assistance branch by March 1, 2009?

Answer:

Ministry budget employee plans do not identify part-time positions. Part-time positions are staffed according to operational needs.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 570, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many part-time employees did the Employment and Support and Income Assistance branch have as of April 1, 2008?

Answer:

The part-time employee count as of April 1, 2008 is 51.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 571, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many part-time employees did the Employment and Support and Income Assistance branch have as of March 1, 2008?

Answer:

The part-time employee count as of March 1, 2008 is 54.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 572, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many FTEs did the Employment and Support and Income Assistance branch have as of March 1, 2008?

Answer:

The full-time employee count as of March 1, 2008 is 256.

Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 573, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) What were the salary and benefit expenses for South Hill Liquor Store (Store 562) in 2004/05? (2) 2005/06? (3) 2006/07? (4) 2007/08?

Answer:

The salary and benefit expenses incurred in South Hill Liquor Store for the years requested are:

- (1) 2004/05 - \$93,121
- (2) 2005/06 - \$95,619
- (3) 2006/07 - \$91,113
- (4) 2007/08 (End of Period 12 or March 1, 2008) - \$91,464

Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 574, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) What were the operating expenses for South Hill Liquor Store (Store 562) in 2004/05? (2) 2005/06? (3) 2006/07? (4) 2007/08?

Answer:

The total operating expenses for the South Hill Liquor Store for the years requested are:

- (1) 2004/05 - \$144,284
- (2) 2005/06 - \$148,027
- (3) 2006/07 - \$147,495
- (4) 2007/08 (End of Period 12 or March 1, 2008) - \$139,903

Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 575, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) What the net income from South Hill Liquor Store (Store 562) in 2004/05? (2) 2005/06? (3) 2006/07? (4) 2007/08?

Answer:

The Net Income* for the South Hill Liquor Store for the years requested are:

- (1) 2004/05 - \$615,421
- (2) 2005/06 - \$554,131
- (3) 2006/07 - \$617,772
- (4) 2007/08 (End of Period 12 or March 1, 2008) - \$649,931

* Net Income provided equals sales less cost of sales less store only expenses

Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 577, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) What did SLGA spend on repair and maintenance work related to the South Hill Liquor store in 2004/05? (2) 2005/06? (3) 2006/07? (4) 2007/08?

Answer:

SLGA paid the following amounts for building and property maintenance work on the South Hill Liquor Store for the years requested:

- (1) 2004/05 - \$16,223
- (2) 2005/06 - \$2,874
- (3) 2006/07 - \$2,800
- (4) 2007/08 (End of Period 12 or March 1, 2008) - \$4,993

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Mr. Quennell asked the Government the following Question No. 578, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

To the Minister of Enterprise and Innovation: How long are the appointments of each individual Enterprise Saskatchewan member?

Answer:

Myrna Bentley - 2 years
Craig Lothian - 2 years
Gary Merasty - 2 years
Gavin Semple - 2 years
Hugh Wagner - 2 years
Bill Cooper - 1 year
Michael Fougere - 1 year
Mark Frison - 1 year
Crystal McLeod - 1 year
David Marit - 1 year

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 579, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How much money was transferred on April 1, 2008 from each Saskatchewan Regional Health Authority to its respective SUN-RHA fund?

Answer:

The Ministry transferred \$60 million to SAHO for nursing recruitment funding on April 1, 2008. The terms of reference for this agreement are still to be determined.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 580, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How much money was transferred on April 1, 2008 from the Ministry of Health to each of the SUN-RHA funds outlined in the Government of Saskatchewan SUN MOU?

Answer:

The Ministry of Health transferred \$60 million to SAHO on March 31, 2008 in support of the Government/SUN Partnership Agreement.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 581, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What is the process for filling the vacancy on the Saskatchewan Regional Health Authority Board? (2) What names are being considered?

Answer:

- (1) Candidates complete a declaration of interest for appointment to Regional Health Authority. The declarations are submitted to the Ministry of Health. Individuals with the commensurate skills and experience are appointed to the board.
- (2) Those individuals with the commensurate skills and experience.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 582, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many paramedics were hired into RN/RPN vacancies per region since November 1, 2007? (2) On what units and at what facilities were they hired?

Answer:

- (1) There were no paramedics hired into RN/RPN vacancies in any of the health regions since November 1, 2007.
- (2) N/A

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 583, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many LPNs were hired into RN/RPN vacancies per region since November 1, 2007? (2) On what units and at what facilities were they hired?

Answer:

- (1) As part of the work related to implementing the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses (SUN)/Government Agreement, SUN and the regional health authorities will determine if positions have been filled or replaced by LPNs in the timeframes set out in the SUN/Government Agreement.
- (2) See above.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 584, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What is the baseline RN/RPN number per unit at the Regina General Hospital? (2) Pasqua Hospital? (3) Royal University Hospital? (4) Saskatoon City Hospital? (5) St. Paul's Hospital?

Answer:

- (1) Representatives from the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses (SUN), regional health authorities (RHAs), Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations (SAHO) and the Ministry of Health met with the facilitator, Dr. Marlene Smadu, on April 7, 2008 in Regina to begin working out the details of the Government of Saskatchewan/SUN Partnership Agreement on Nursing Recruitment and Retention. At this first meeting, they identified as a priority the need to establish an accurate baseline regarding the number of RNs and RPNs employed by RHAs and the number of vacancies as of November 1, 2007. Discussions are still taking place between the RHAs, SUN, the Ministry, and SAHO representatives to establish accurate employment data, as specified in the SUN/Government Partnership.
- (2) See above.
- (3) See above.
- (4) See above.
- (5) See above.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 585, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: What was the baseline RN/RPN number for each health region as of November 1, 2007?

Answer:

No baseline data existed on November 1, 2007. Representatives from the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses (SUN), regional health authorities (RHAs), Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations (SAHO) and the Ministry of Health met with the facilitator, Dr. Marlene Smadu, on April 7, 2008 in Regina to begin working out the details of the Government of Saskatchewan/SUN Partnership Agreement on Nursing Recruitment and Retention. At this first meeting, they identified as a priority the need to establish an accurate baseline regarding the number of RNs and RPNs employed by RHAs and the number of vacancies as of November 1, 2007. Discussions are still taking place between the RHAs, SUN, the Ministry, and SAHO representatives to establish accurate employment data, as specified in the SUN/Government Partnership.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 586, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many RPN vacancies were there as of September 30, 2007? (2) October 31, 2007? (3) November 30, 2007? (4) December 31, 2007? (5) January 31, 2008? (6) February 29, 2008?

Answer:

- (1) Representatives from the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses (SUN), regional health authorities (RHAs), Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations (SAHO) and the Ministry of Health met with the facilitator, Dr. Marlene Smadu, on April 7, 2008 in Regina to begin working out the details of the Government of Saskatchewan/SUN Partnership Agreement on Nursing Recruitment and Retention. At this first meeting, they identified as a priority the need to establish an accurate baseline regarding the number of RNs and RPNs employed by RHAs and the number of vacancies as of November 1, 2007. Discussions are still taking place between the RHAs, SUN, the Ministry, and SAHO representatives to establish accurate employment data, as specified in the SUN/Government Partnership.

The information below comes from the healthcareersinsask.ca website. The regional health authorities and the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency post the vacancies to the website. The definition of number of vacancies may change as the Partnership group completes their work.

Question	Month	Number of RPN Vacancies*
1	September 2007	2
2	October 2007	0
3	November 2007	1
4	December 2007	Data Unavailable
5	January 2008	5
6	February 2008	4

**Number of vacancies drawn from the Registered Psychiatric Nurse category and includes permanent full time, temporary full time, permanent part time, temporary part time and casual positions.*

- (2) See above.
 (3) See above.
 (4) See above.
 (5) See above.
 (6) See above.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 587, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many RN vacancies were there as of September 30, 2007? (2) October 31, 2007? (3) November 30, 2007? (4) December 31, 2007? (5) January 31, 2008? (6) February 29, 2008?

Answer:

- (1) Representatives from the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses (SUN), regional health authorities (RHAs), Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations (SAHO) and the Ministry of Health met with the facilitator, Dr. Marlene Smadu, on April 7, 2008 in Regina to begin working out the details of the Government of Saskatchewan/SUN Partnership Agreement on Nursing Recruitment and Retention. At this first meeting, they identified as a priority the need to establish an accurate baseline regarding the number of RNs and RPNs employed by RHAs and the number of vacancies as of November 1, 2007. Discussions are still taking place between the RHAs, SUN, the Ministry, and SAHO representatives to establish accurate employment data, as specified in the SUN/Government Partnership.

The information below comes from the healthcareersinsask.ca website. The regional health authorities and the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency post the vacancies to the website. The definition of number of vacancies may change as the Partnership group completes their work.

Question	Month	Number of RN Vacancies*
1	September 2007	421
2	October 2007	378
3	November 2007	351
4	December 2007	Data Unavailable
5	January 2008	362
6	February 2008	368

**Number of vacancies drawn from the Registered Nurse category and includes permanent full time, temporary full time, permanent part time, temporary part time and casual positions.*

- (2) See above.
- (3) See above.
- (4) See above.
- (5) See above.
- (6) See above.

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Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 588, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: In the answer to Question No. 240, the Minister provided a list of people who went on a recruitment agency trip to southeast Asia. The only person listed who did not belong to a government agency was Linda West, who was listed as a consultant. (1) For what purpose was Linda West on this trip? (2) Were her travel expenses covered by the government of Saskatchewan? (3) If so, how much were those expenses? (4) Was Linda West ever employed by the provincial government? (5) If so, in what capacity and for what period of time was she employed?

Answer:

- (1) Linda West had been involved in a significant amount of planning for the trip in her role as Vice-President of Human Resources for the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region. However, when her role with the health region changed, she continued to have involvement in the trip pending finalization of a contract with the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses' Association (SRNA).
- (2) Linda West's travel expenses were not covered by the provincial government.
- (3) See above.
- (4) Linda West has never been employed by the provincial government.
- (5) See above.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 589, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How much less money was spent on salaries and wages for each day of the 2007 University of Saskatchewan labour strike? (2) What departments had wage and/or salary money not spent as a result of the strike? (3) What departments were not affected?

Answer:

- (1) There were no identified financial impacts for the Ministry of Health as a result of the strike.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 590, which was answered by the Premier:

To the Premier: According to the Deputy Premier on page 347 of the March 18, 2008 *Hansard*, there were three types of people that were involved in the transition team: people who volunteered and provided services, people who were contracted, and people who assisted from law firms. (1) How many members of the transition team fell into each of these three categories? (2) What are the names of the people in each category? (3) How many people all told were involved in the transition team?

Answer:

- (1) Prior to the election of November 2007, everyone who assisted in the preparation for a possible change of government was a volunteer. From November 21, 2007 onward, a small number of individuals were contracted to work with government ministry and Crown corporation staff in the transition process. From November 21, 2007 onward, five law firms were retained to provide assistance in the transition process.
- (2) From November 21, 2007 to date, there have been no volunteers involved in the transition process. The individuals contracted to assist with transition were Doug Emsley, Tracy Pugh, Ron Larson and Ruth Klassen-Burwell. The law firms retained and the lead counsel from each firm were: McLean-Keith - lead counsel Kenneth G. Love, Q.C. (until appointed to the Labour Relations Board); MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP - lead counsel Brian Barrington-Foote, Q.C.; McDougall Gauley LLP - lead counsel James Rybchuk; McKercher LLP - lead counsel Peter Whitmore, Q.C. (until appointment to Court of Queen's Bench); Robertson Stromberg Pedersen LLP - lead counsel David Bishop.
- (3) The group chaired by the Deputy Premier consisted of 5 people.

Mr. Trew asked the Government the following Question No. 591, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: (1) For the recent clean coal announcement, what is the total cost of the project? (2) What percentage of that is being sought from SaskPower? (3) The government of Canada? (4) The province of Saskatchewan? (5) Other sources?

Answer:

- (1) The estimated cost of the proposed project is \$1.4 billion.
- (2) SaskPower's estimated cost is up to \$758 million.
- (3) Up to \$240 million coming from the government of Canada.
- (4) \$0 from the province of Saskatchewan.
- (5) The remainder (up to \$400 million) from private sector partners.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 592, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) How many injuries and deaths occurred on municipal roads in 2006? (2) 2007? (3) 2008?

Answer:

- (1) There were 742 injuries and 26 deaths on rural municipal roadways (grid and municipal combined) in 2006.
- (2) SGI 2007 data is preliminary as we are still compiling traffic collision data and the numbers have not been published.
- (3) 2008 data is unavailable.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 593, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) How many injuries and deaths occurred on highways in 2006? (2) 2007? (3) 2008?

Answer:

- (1) There were 1,855 injuries and 86 deaths on provincial highways in 2006.
- (2) SGI 2007 data is preliminary as we are still compiling traffic collision data and the numbers have not been published.
- (3) 2008 data is unavailable.

Mr. Harper asked the Government the following Question No. 594, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) How many injuries and deaths occurred on grid roads in 2006? (2) 2007? (3) 2008?

Answer:

- (1) There were 742 injuries and 26 deaths on rural municipal roadways (grid and municipal combined) in 2006.
- (2) SGI 2007 data is preliminary as we are still compiling traffic collision data and the numbers have not been published.
- (3) 2008 data is unavailable.

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Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 595 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Justice: Has the government provided any financial payment to Mr. Richard Klassen and his family since November 2007?

Answer:

The Government of Saskatchewan has paid \$281,437.50 to the members of the Klassen/Kvello family since November of 2007. These payments were made in February and March of 2008.

Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 596, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What legal opinion was sought prior to terminating the province's financial support for the Friends of the Canadian Wheat Board legal case against the federal government over its handling of changes to the Board's single desk marketing authority?

Answer:

This question was answered on Day 7, in Question No. 89.

Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 597, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What consultations, discussions or meetings took place with members of the Canadian Wheat Board, Friends of the Canadian Wheat Board, or other farm groups in the month of November 2007?

Answer:

This question was answered on Day 7, in Question No. 88.

Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 598, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What projects, products and other services are undertaken by the Saskatchewan Organic Directorate?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Organic Directorate Inc. is not associated with the government and therefore, for a complete description of the activities of the Saskatchewan Organic Directorate Inc., please visit www.saskorganic.com.

Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 599, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

To the Minister of Agriculture: How much money has the province provided to the Saskatchewan Organic Directorate since its inception?

Answer:

\$523,500

Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 600, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What is the total amount of funding received under the Agricultural New Generation Co-operatives Program?

Answer:

The total budget funding received by the Ministry of Agriculture to operate the Agricultural New Generation Co-operatives Program is \$2.5 million since inception on April 1, 2002.

Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 601, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What projects have received funding under the Agricultural New Generation Co-operatives Program, with a breakdown for each year?

Answer:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Completed ANGen Projects</u>
2001/02	Prairie Pasta Red Deer Cattle Cooperative LeRoy Agri-Pork Cooperative
2002/03	Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board
2003/04	BioHemp Environmental Technologies Saskatchewan Fisheries Cooperative Ltd. Northwest Organic Community Mills Ltd. Living Sky
2004/05	Norelkco
2005/06	Timberline Beef Packers
2006/07	Tisdale Ethanol Southwest Beef Initiative Great West Beef and Bison

Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 602, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What is the total amount of funding received under the Agri-Food Innovation Fund?

Answer:

\$93.6 million

Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 606, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

To the Minister of Agriculture: How many applications have been granted under the SaskBIO program since its inception?

Answer:

The Ministry of Agriculture does not administer this program.

Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 607, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

To the Minister of Agriculture: How many applications have been sought under the SaskBIO program since its inception?

Answer:

The Ministry of Agriculture does not administer this program.

Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 608, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What was the average Crop Insurance indemnity in 2007?

Answer:

\$5,587 (Indemnity is defined the same as claim).

Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 609, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What was the average Crop Insurance indemnity in 2006?

Answer:

\$5,832 (Indemnity is defined the same as claim).

Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 610, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What was the average Crop Insurance claim in 2007?

Answer:

\$5,587

Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 611, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What was the average Crop Insurance claim in 2006?

Answer:

\$5,832

Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 612, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

To the Minister of Agriculture: How many Crop Insurance claims were made in 2007?

Answer:

24,351

Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 613, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

To the Minister of Agriculture: How many Crop Insurance claims were made in 2006?

Answer:

21,067

Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 614, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

To the Minister of Agriculture: How many producers were insured under the Crop Insurance program in 2007?

Answer:
27,158

Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 615, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

To the Minister of Agriculture: How many producers were insured under the Crop Insurance program in 2006?

Answer:
28,481

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Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 628, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many CT scans were performed in each of the fiscal years ending: (1) 2006? (2) 2005? (3) 2004? (4) 2003?

Answer:
(1) 105, 101 exams.
(2) 90,658 exams.
(3) 83,727 exams.
(4) 72,120 exams.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 629, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many bone mineral density tests were performed in each of the fiscal years ending: (1) 2006? (2) 2005? (3) 2004? (4) 2003?

Answer:
(1) 18,683 tests.
(2) 14,120 tests.
(3) 13,613 tests.
(4) 14,007 tests.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 630, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many bone mineral density tests have been performed between March 31, 2007 and November 1, 2007?

Answer:
8,430 tests**

** Starting in 2007, the Health Regions and the Ministry agreed that *one patient equals one test*, to standardize reporting among the regions. Prior to this, one region reported 1 test per patient, while the other reported 2 tests per patient.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 631, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many MRIs were performed in the fiscal year 2003?

Answer:
12,330 exams.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 632, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many MRIs were performed in the fiscal year 2004?

Answer:

12,878 exams.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 633, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many MRIs were performed in the fiscal year 2005?

Answer:

16,113 exams.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 634, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many MRIs were performed in the fiscal year 2006?

Answer:

19,618 exams.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 635, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many MRIs were performed between March 31, 2007 and November 1, 2007?

Answer:

16,184 exams.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 636, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many endocrinologists were added between March 31, 2007 and November 1, 2007?

Answer:

There was one endocrinologist added between March 31, 2007 and November 1, 2007.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 637, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many endocrinologists were working in the Saskatchewan health care system as of March 31, 2007?

Answer:

Six (6) endocrinologists were working in Saskatchewan as of March 31, 2007.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 638, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many surgeons were added between March 31, 2007 and November 1, 2007?

Answer:

Twenty-two (22) new surgeons became registered to practice in Saskatchewan between March 31, 2007 and November 1, 2007. This number does not represent a net difference between those leaving and those coming to the province.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 639, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many surgeons were working in the Saskatchewan health care system as of March 31, 2007?

Answer:

Two hundred twenty-eight (228) surgeons were working in the Saskatchewan health care system as of March 31, 2007.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 640, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many family physicians were added between March 31, 2007 and November 1, 2007?

Answer:

Seventy-three (73) family physicians became registered to practice in Saskatchewan between March 31, 2007 and November 1, 2007. This number does not represent a net difference between those leaving and those coming to the province.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 641, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many family physicians were working in the Saskatchewan health care system as of March 31, 2007?

Answer:

Nine hundred sixty-one (961) family physicians were working in the Saskatchewan health care system as of March 31, 2007.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 642, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many oncologists were working in the Saskatchewan health care system as of March 31, 2007?

Answer:

Twenty-eight (28) oncologists were working in the Saskatchewan health care system as of March 31, 2007.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 643, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many oncologists were added between March 31, 2007 and November 1, 2007?

Answer:

Three oncologists became registered to practice in Saskatchewan between March 31, 2007 and November 1, 2007. This number does not represent a net difference between those leaving and those coming to the province.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 644, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many LPNs were added between March 31, 2007 and November 1, 2007?

Answer:

There were 1665.36 LPN FTEs (full-time equivalents) in the system as of March 31, 2007. As of October 31, 2007 there were 1746.39 LPN FTEs, an increase of slightly more than 81 FTEs. (*Information provided by the Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations (SAHO).*)

**LPN Graduates and working supervisors are excluded from these numbers.*

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 645, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many LPNs were working in the Saskatchewan health care system as of March 31, 2007?

Answer:

According to SAHO, there were 1665.36 LPN FTEs (full-time equivalents) in the system as of March 31, 2007. (*Information provided by SAHO.*)

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 646, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many RPNs were added between March 31, 2007 and November 1, 2007?

Answer:

There is currently no way to separate RPN FTE data from RN FTE data and so the numbers for RPNs are included in Question Nos. 648 and 649.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 647, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many RPNs were working in the Saskatchewan health care system as of March 31, 2007?

Answer:

There is currently no way to separate RPN FTE data from RN FTE data and so the numbers for RPNs are included in Question Nos. 648 and 649.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 648, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many RNs were added between March 31, 2007 and November 1, 2007?

Answer:

There were 5,899.10 RN and RPN FTEs (full-time equivalents) in the system as of March 31, 2007. As of October 31, 2007 there were 5,901.29 RN and RPN FTEs, an increase of slightly more than two FTEs. (*Information provided by SAHO.*)

**Out of scope nurses are excluded from these numbers.*

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 649, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How many RNs were working in the Saskatchewan health care system as of March 31, 2007?

Answer:

There were 5,899.10 RN and RPN FTEs (full-time equivalents) in the system as of March 31, 2007. (*Information provided by SAHO.*)

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Mr. McCall asked the Government the following Question No. 650, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: How many Aboriginal people have received on-the-job training as a result of the Aboriginal Employment Development Program?

Answer:

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Mr. McCall asked the Government the following Question No. 651, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: How many Aboriginal people have found employment as a result of the Aboriginal Employment Development Program?

Answer:

3,700 cumulative hires as of March 2007.

Mr. McCall asked the Government the following Question No. 652, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: How many individuals have received diplomas or certificates from the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technology in each year since its inception in 2000?

Answer:

This is a question that is best answered by Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.

Mr. McCall asked the Government the following Question No. 653, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: (1) Does the government currently have programs in place to help address issues of poverty in First Nations communities? (2) If so, which programs?

Answer:

(1) Yes.

(2) While First Nations on reserve are primarily the responsibility of the federal government, the government of Saskatchewan works to address poverty issues for all residents in the province.

The following are a few examples:

- Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour invests in on-reserve training to ensure individuals have the opportunity to get jobs in our growing labour market;
- Social Services is committed to finding long-term food security solutions by cooperating with many sectors and community partners so that accessible, affordable and adequately nutritious food is available for all citizens, such as Food Secure Saskatchewan which has partners on and off-reserve;
- First Nations and Métis Relations (FNMR) has partnerships with a number of First Nations through its Aboriginal Employment Development Program to link First Nations people with Saskatchewan Employers;
- FNMR also manages the FSIN-Saskatchewan Bilateral Protocol, which gives First Nations leaders and Provincial leaders an avenue to discuss on and off-reserve issues such as poverty;
- Millions of dollars annually in provincial gaming revenues go to the First Nations Trust and Community Development Corporations which support many economic and social development projects in First Nations communities; and,
- FNMR's First Nations and Métis Economic Development Program provides grants to on and off-reserve economic development projects which create jobs for First Nations people.

Mr. McCall asked the Government the following Question No. 654, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: (1) What percentage of Saskatchewan's work force is Aboriginal? (2) What source are you citing for this statistic?

Answer:

(1) A total of 9.8% of Saskatchewan's work force is Aboriginal.

(2) Statistics Canada's 2006 Census report on Labour Force Activity for the Aboriginal Identity Population.

Mr. McCall asked the Government the following Question No. 655, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: In 2006, how many Aboriginal people received education and training through the province's various Aboriginal education and training programs?

Answer:

This is a question that is best answered by Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.

Mr. McCall asked the Government the following Question No. 656, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: In 2007, how many Aboriginal people received education and training through the province's various Aboriginal education and training programs?

Answer:

This is a question that is best answered by Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.

Mr. McCall asked the Government the following Question No. 657, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: What specific programs did the province have in place to support Aboriginal education and training as of November 7, 2007?

Answer:

This is a question that is best answered by Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.

Mr. McCall asked the Government the following Question No. 658, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: As of November 2007, how many individuals have graduated from the Kawacatoose Licensed Practical Nursing Program?

Answer:

None. 14 will graduate in May 2008. This is the first graduating class of Licensed Practical Nurses.

Mr. McCall asked the Government the following Question No. 659, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: What was the financial impact on the Saskatoon Health Region, programs delivered by or through the College of Medicine, and university doctors as a result of the 2007 university strike?

Answer:

The Saskatoon Health Region billed the University of Saskatchewan a total \$39,873.25 for assistance provided by staff during the 2007 university strike. This amount will be reimbursed and represents the only direct costs incurred by the Saskatoon Health Region. The College of Medicine indicates that their physicians lost between \$200,000 and \$500,000 in billings due to cancelled clinics etc. as a result of the CUPE strike.

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Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 661, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new families with children received Income Assistance in the Northeast Region in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Answer:

- (1) 114
- (2) 106
- (3) 98

“New families” are defined as families that were not paid benefits in the previous month. Income Assistance includes the Saskatchewan Assistance Program and the Transitional Employment Allowance.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 662, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP/TEA cases were open in the Northwest Region in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Answer:

- (1) 2,736
- (2) 2,724
- (3) 2,749

“Open cases” are defined as cases that were paid benefits.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 663, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP/TEA cases were open in the Centre Region in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Answer:

- (1) 7,262
- (2) 7,293
- (3) 7,221

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 664, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP/TEA cases were open in the Southwest Region in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Answer:

- (1) 7,434
- (2) 7,402
- (3) 7,384

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 665, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP/TEA cases were open in the Southeast Region in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Answer:

- (1) 1,643
- (2) 1,654
- (3) 1,654

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 666, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP cases involving people who were employable were open in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Answer:

- (1) 5,096
- (2) 5,060
- (3) 5,035

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 667, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP cases involving families with children were open in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Answer:

- (1) 6,043
- (2) 6,013
- (3) 6,027

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 668, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP cases involving people living with disabilities were open in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Answer:

- (1) 13,718
- (2) 13,659
- (3) 13,679

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 669, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new SAP cases were open in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Answer:

- (1) 1,191
- (2) 1,070
- (3) 1,078

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 670, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP cases were open in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Answer:

- (1) 22,118
- (2) 22,093
- (3) 22,116

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 671, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new TEA cases were open in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Answer:

- (1) 649
- (2) 634
- (3) 486

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 672, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many TEA cases were open in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Answer:

- (1) 3,133
- (2) 3,140
- (3) 2,991

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 673, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many people were receiving SIP in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Answer:

- (1) 10,919
- (2) 10,888
- (3) 10,839

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 674, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new families with children received Income Assistance in the Northwest Region in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Answer:

- (1) 71
- (2) 81
- (3) 64

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 675, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new families with children received Income Assistance in the Centre Region in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Answer:

- (1) 159
- (2) 141
- (3) 158

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 676, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new families with children received Income Assistance in the Southwest Region in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Answer:

- (1) 179
- (2) 169
- (3) 160

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 677, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new families with children received Income Assistance in the Southeast Region in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Answer:

- (1) 47
- (2) 44
- (3) 42

Mr. Belanger asked the Government the following Question No. 678, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: What was the average wait (in months) for a public licensed child care spot in: (1) 2006/07? (2) 2007/08?

Answer:

The ministry does not track facility waiting list information, and does not have the figures requested.

Mr. Belanger asked the Government the following Question No. 679, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: How many educational assistants were employed within Saskatchewan schools in: (1) 2006/07? (2) 2007/08?

Answer:

- (1) 3,583 educational assistants.
- (2) 3,603 educational assistants.

Mr. Belanger asked the Government the following Question No. 681, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: What was the average school fee for grades K-5, 6-9 and 10-12 in: (1) 2006/07? (2) 2007/08?

Answer:

The Ministry of Education does not collect this type of information from boards of education.

Mr. Belanger asked the Government the following Question No. 682, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: What was the average course fee for each secondary course in: (1) 2006/07? (2) 2007/08?

Answer:

The Ministry of Education does not collect this type of information from boards of education.

Mr. Belanger asked the Government the following Question No. 683, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: What was the drop-out rate for all students in Saskatchewan from 1990/91 through to 2006/07?

Answer:

Saskatchewan has a solid record compared to other provinces in keeping students in school, and an overall pattern of improvement since 1990/91. As reported in Saskatchewan Education Indicators documents, the percentage of students in grade 10 who did not complete high school has declined from 20.7% in 1993 (grade 10 start year) to 19.4% in 2003 (grade 10 start year). These figures include students in provincially funded schools, independent schools, and First Nations schools. Students who continued schooling in other provinces would be considered as non-completers in this analysis.

Mr. Belanger asked the Government the following Question No. 684, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: What was the First Nations and Métis drop-out rate from 1990/91 through to 2006/07?

Answer:

The percentage of students in grade 10 who did not complete high school has fluctuated from 45% to 50% between 1996 and 2003 (grade 10 start year). The average is 48%. These figures include students in provincially-funded schools, independent schools, and First Nations schools who have self-declared as having First Nations/Métis ancestry. Students who continued schooling in other

provinces would be considered as non-completers in this analysis. (Before 1996, the number of students self-declaring was too small to produce meaningful rates.)

Mr. Belanger asked the Government the following Question No. 685, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: What was the First Nations and Métis grade 12 graduation rate in Saskatchewan from 1990/91 through to 2006/07?

Answer:

Considering the grade 10 students from 1996 to 2005, the number of First Nations and Métis students who graduated within three years of entering grade 10 increased from 26.2% to 30.3%. From 1996 to 2003, the number of First Nations and Métis students who graduated within five years of entering grade 10 has increased from 38.4% to 43.6%.

These figures include students in provincially-funded schools, independent schools, and First Nations schools who have self-declared First Nations/Métis ancestry. Students who continued schooling in other provinces would be considered as non-completers in this analysis. (Before 1996, the number of students self-declaring was too small to produce meaningful rates.)

By comparison over the same period, the graduation rates for the total Saskatchewan student population increased from 71.9% to 74.6% for those completing school within three years of starting grade 10, and from 77.7% to 78.9% for those completing within five years of starting grade 10.

Mr. Belanger asked the Government the following Question No. 686, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: What is the Minister's interpretation of the most recent PISA results?

Answer:

In the 2006 PISA, Saskatchewan scored 508 in reading, 507 in mathematics, and 516 in science. These results put our province at or above the international average, but significantly below the Canadian average in each subject area.

These international test results are corroborated by recently released national test results which show Saskatchewan student outcomes as below the Canadian average. These PISA results continue trends that were evident in the 2003 round of international testing. They also show shortcomings that were observable in previous studies conducted since 2000.

To address this issue, which is central for the growth agenda of this province, the ministry will:

- take the advice next year of a 40-member Provincial Panel on Student Achievement which was struck this past January to make recommendations for enhancing student outcomes. This panel includes teachers, parents, administrators, school board members, academics, and First Nations officials from across the education sector;
- complete within the next three years the renewal of Core Curriculum to focus on outcomes;
- expand testing in schools with the Assessment for Learning Program to include Science in 2010; and,
- continue introducing the Continuous Improvement Framework as an accountability initiative with Saskatchewan's 28 school divisions. Schools and school divisions will focus on improved student achievement as their number one priority.

Mr. Belanger asked the Government the following Question No. 687, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: How many schools that have been closed in the past 16 years will be re-opened in 2008/09?

Answer:

The ministry has not been advised by any board that they are re-opening a school in 2008/09 that was closed.

Mr. Belanger asked the Government the following Question No. 688, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: (1) When was Eagle's Nest opened? (2) When did it start delivering services?

Answer:

- (1) The special needs independent school was registered on January 1, 2008.
- (2) Educational service began in January 2008.

Mr. Belanger asked the Government the following Question No. 689, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: (1) How is Eagle's Nest organized? (2) What services do they provide?

Answer:

Eagles Nest Youth Ranch Inc. operates a residential treatment centre for youth through the Ministry of Social Services and is registered as a special needs independent school with the Ministry of Education.

Mr. Belanger asked the Government the following Question No. 690, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: How much is budgeted for Eagle's Nest for 2008/09?

Answer:

\$200,000 is budgeted by the Ministry of Education for educational programming.

Mr. Belanger asked the Government the following Question No. 691, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: How much funding did Eagle's Nest receive from the Ministry of Education in: (1) 2006/07? (2) 2007/08?

Answer:

- (1) Eagle's Nest Youth Ranch Inc. did not exist in 2006/07.
- (2) Eagle's Nest Youth Ranch Inc. received \$60,000 in 2007/08 from the Ministry of Education for educational services.

Mr. Belanger asked the Government the following Question No. 692, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

To the Minister of Education: (1) What is the governance structure of Eagle's Nest? (2) Which individuals occupy positions?

Answer:

- (1) Eagles Nest Youth Ranch Inc. is incorporated with a board of directors (Terry Goodwin (Chairperson), Brigitte Krieg, Ellen MacNeill, and Marlene Bear). It is registered and conditionally accredited by the Ministry of Education. It is supervised by the Ministry of Education.
- (2) Susan Luedtke is the director. A teacher is also employed to provide the educational services.

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1R – First Reading	S.P. – Sessional Paper
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