



No. 21

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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Wednesday, November 29, 2006

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: Toth, Elhard, Draude, Harpauer, Eagles, Weekes, Cheveldayoff, Allchurch, Brkich, Morgan, D'Autremont, Duncan, Trew, Borgerson, Dearborn and Wartman.

## PRESENTING PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS

The following Petitions were presented and laid upon the Table:

By Mr. Hermanson	Of the Full Gospel Bible Institute, in the Province of Saskatchewan
By Ms. Hamilton	Of the Hotels Association of Saskatchewan, in the Province of Saskatchewan

## READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Deputy Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 15(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 fully fund the cancer drug Avastin.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 21)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to lobby the federal government for tougher sentences for sexual offences against children.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 38)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to support the position that it is the right of western Canadian producers to decide the future of the Canadian Wheat Board.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 48)

#### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 156 to 197, they were answered. (See Appendix)

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 2:33 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

*Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky*  
*Speaker*

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 156, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Thomson:**

To the Minister of Finance: What is the locomotive fuel tax rate?

Answer:

The fuel tax rate on locomotive fuel is 15 cents per litre.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 157, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Thomson:**

To the Minister of Finance: What is the provincial capital tax rate on railways?

Answer:

The capital tax rate on railways was reduced from 0.6 per cent to 0.3 per cent effective July 1, 2006. The tax rate will be further reduced to 0.15 per cent on July 1, 2007 and will be eliminated on July 1, 2008.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 158, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) Is SaskTel outsourcing any of its engineering work or any other work to India or any other foreign country? (2) If so, what type of work is being outsourced and to which countries?

Answer:

- (1) No.
- (2) N/A.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 159, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Housing Corporation: (1) Has Saskatchewan Housing ever entered into a contract with LW Construction? (2) If so, when? (3) For what purpose?

Answer:

- (1) No.
- (2) N/A.
- (3) N/A.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 160, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What was the book value of Ag Dealer when the initial investment was made in 2000?

Answer:

SaskTel's book value was \$4.3 million.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 161, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) What was the value of Ag Dealer when the investment was integrated into SaskTel? (2) In what year was it integrated?

Answer:

- (1) SaskTel's book value was \$6.2 million.
- (2) It was integrated in 2002.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 162, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What was the book value of Craig Wireless when the initial investment was made in 2000?

Answer:

SaskTel's book value was \$7.0 million.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 163, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What is the current book value of Craig Wireless?

Answer:

SaskTel's current book value is nil.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 164, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What was the total investment in Ag Dealer by SaskTel through the life of the investment?

Answer:

SaskTel's total investment in Ag Dealer was \$8.1 million.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 165, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What was the total SaskTel investment in Craig Wireless over the life of the investment?

Answer:

SaskTel's total investment in Craig Wireless was \$10.0 million.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 166, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What was the book value of Newcastle when the initial investment was made in 2001?

Answer:

Nil. SaskTel did not make an investment in Newcastle.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 167, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) What was the book value of Newcastle when the investment was wound down, closed or sold? (2) In what year was it sold, wound down or closed?

Answer:

- (1) SaskTel did not make an investment in Newcastle.
- (2) SaskTel did not make an investment in Newcastle.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 168, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What was the total investment in Newcastle over the life of the investment?

Answer:

SaskTel did not make an investment in Newcastle.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 169, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What was the book value of Tappedinto.com when the investment was sold, wound down or closed?

Answer:

Tappedinto.com was not sold, wound down or closed. It was merged with Streamlogics Corporation and continues to be operational. SaskTel's book value at the time of amalgamation was \$2.4 million.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 170, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What was the book value of Tappedinto.com when the initial investment was made in 2001?

Answer:

SaskTel's book value was \$2.3 million.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 171, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What was the total investment in Soft Tracks Enterprises over the life of the investment?

Answer:

SaskTel's total investment in Soft Tracks was \$5.7 million.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 172, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What was the book value of Soft Tracks Enterprises when the investment was sold, wound down or closed?

Answer:

SaskTel's book value of Soft Tracks when the company's operations were sold was \$0.1 million.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 173, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What was the book value of Soft Tracks Enterprises when the initial investment was made in 2000?

Answer:

SaskTel's book value was \$3.0 million.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 174, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What was the book value of Retx.com when the initial investment was made in 2000?

Answer:

SaskTel's book value was \$5.9 million.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 175, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What was the book value of Retx.com when the investment was sold, wound down or closed?

Answer:

SaskTel's book value of Retx when the company's operations were sold was nil.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 176, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What was the total investment in Retx.com by SaskTel over the life of the investment?

Answer:

SaskTel's total investment in Retx was \$24.7 million.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 177, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What was the book value of Business Watch International when the initial investment was made in 2001?

Answer:

SaskTel's book value was \$0.5 million.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 178, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What was the book value of Business Watch International when the investment was sold in 2006?

Answer:

SaskTel's book value when Business Watch International was sold was \$0.5 million.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 179, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What was the total investment in Business Watch International over the life of the investment?

Answer:

SaskTel's total investment in Business Watch International was \$3.0 million.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 180, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What was the book value of Navigata Communications when the initial investment was made in 2001?

Answer:

SaskTel's book value was \$17.0 million.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 181, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What was the book value of Navigata Communications when it was integrated into SaskTel in the first quarter of 2006?

Answer:

SaskTel's book value was \$3.8 million.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 182, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What was the total SaskTel investment in Navigata Communications throughout the life of the investment?

Answer:

SaskTel's total investment in Navigata was \$69.5 million.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 183, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What was the total investment by SaskTel in Click-A-Bid Online Auctions over the life of the investment?

Answer:

SaskTel's total investment in Click-A-Bid was \$1.9 million.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 184, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What was the book value of Click-A-Bid Online Auctions when the initial investment was made in 1999?

Answer:

SaskTel funded operating losses which in the first year totaled \$1.1 million.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 185, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What was the book value of Click-A-Bid Online Auctions when the investment was sold, wound down or closed?

Answer:

SaskTel's book value was nil.

**Mr. Brkich asked the Government the following Question No. 186, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:**

To the Minister of Property Management: When is the projected completion date for the work currently being done in the foyer of the Legislature?

Answer:

December 31, 2006, with the exception of decorative floral molding that must be replicated.

**Mr. Hermanson asked the Government the following Question No. 187, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:**

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: To date, what is the cost of operating the Riverhurst Ferry?

Answer:

The department tracks the operation and minor maintenance costs of the Riverhurst Ferry in a combined manner. To date the operating and minor maintenance costs of the Riverhurst Ferry is \$602,321.

**Mr. Hermanson asked the Government the following Question No. 188, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:**

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: For the fiscal year 2005/06, what was the cost of operating the Riverhurst Ferry?

Answer:

The department tracks the operation and minor maintenance costs of the Riverhurst Ferry in a combined manner. For the fiscal year 2005/06, the operating and minor maintenance costs of the Riverhurst Ferry is \$667,304.

**Mr. Hermanson asked the Government the following Question No. 189, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:**

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: For the fiscal year 2004/05, what was the cost of operating the Riverhurst Ferry?

Answer:

The department tracks the operation and minor maintenance costs of the Riverhurst Ferry in a combined manner. For the fiscal year 2004/05, the operating and minor maintenance costs of the Riverhurst Ferry was \$556,625.

**Mr. Hermanson asked the Government the following Question No. 190, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:**

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: For the fiscal year 2003/04, what was the cost of operating the Riverhurst Ferry?

Answer:

The department tracks the operation and minor maintenance costs of the Riverhurst Ferry in a combined manner. For the fiscal year 2003/04, the operating and minor maintenance costs of the Riverhurst Ferry was \$589,421.

**Mr. Hermanson asked the Government the following Question No. 191, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:**

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: What was the cost of maintenance on the Riverhurst Ferry in the fiscal year 2005/06?

Answer:

The cost of major maintenance and repairs on the Riverhurst Ferry in the fiscal year 2005/06 was \$439,955.

**Mr. Hermanson asked the Government the following Question No. 192, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:**

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: What was the cost of maintenance on the Riverhurst Ferry in the fiscal year 2004/05?

Answer:

The cost of major maintenance and repairs on the Riverhurst Ferry in the fiscal year 2004/05 was \$399,819.

**Mr. Hermanson asked the Government the following Question No. 193, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:**

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: What was the cost of maintenance on the Riverhurst Ferry in the fiscal year 2003/04?

Answer:

The cost of major maintenance and repairs on the Riverhurst Ferry in the fiscal year 2003/04 was \$943,161.

**Mr. Hermanson asked the Government the following Question No. 194, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:**

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: To date, how many days was the Riverhurst Ferry not in operation?

Answer:

To date, the Riverhurst Ferry was not in operation for 37.5 days.

**Mr. Hermanson asked the Government the following Question No. 195, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:**

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: For the fiscal year 2005/06, how many days was the Riverhurst Ferry not in operation?

Answer:

For the fiscal year 2005/06, the Riverhurst Ferry was not in operation for 25.5 days.



**Mr. Hermanson asked the Government the following Question No. 196, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:**

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: For the fiscal year 2004/05, how many days was the Riverhurst Ferry not in operation?

Answer:

For the fiscal year 2004/05, the Riverhurst Ferry was not in operation for 15.7 days.

**Mr. Hermanson asked the Government the following Question No. 197, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:**

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: For the fiscal year 2003/04, how many days was the Riverhurst Ferry not in operation?

Answer:

For the fiscal year 2003/04, the Riverhurst Ferry was not in operation for 5 days.

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 18 and are to be answered by day no. 23:**

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 204:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of dialysis units in Regina for the year 2002/03?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 205:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of dialysis units in Regina for the year 2003/04?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 206:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of dialysis units in Regina for the year 2004/05?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 207:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of dialysis units in Regina for the year 2005/06?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 208:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of dialysis units in Regina for the year 2006/07?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 209:

To the Minister of Health: What was the patient load for each satellite dialysis in the province for the year 2002/03?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 210:

To the Minister of Health: What was the patient load for each satellite dialysis in the province for the year 2003/04?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 211:

To the Minister of Health: What was the patient load for each satellite dialysis in the province for the year 2004/05?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 212:

To the Minister of Health: What was the patient load for each satellite dialysis in the province for the year 2005/06?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 213:

To the Minister of Health: What was the patient load for each satellite dialysis in the province for the year 2006/07?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 214:

To the Minister of Health: What was the patient demand for each satellite dialysis site in the province for the year 2002/03?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 215:

To the Minister of Health: What was the patient demand for each satellite dialysis site in the province for the year 2003/04?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 216:

To the Minister of Health: What was the patient demand for each satellite dialysis site in the province for the year 2004/05?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 217:

To the Minister of Health: What was the patient demand for each satellite dialysis site in the province for the year 2005/06?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 218:

To the Minister of Health: What was the patient demand for each satellite dialysis site in the province for the year 2006/07?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 219:

To the Minister of Health: Is the Minister aware of the current funding shortfall at the long-term care home in Eatonia?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 220:

To the Minister of Health: What will happen to the residents of the long-term care home in Eatonia when it ceases operations because of the funding shortfall?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 221:

To the Minister of Health: What will be the cost of housing the 18 current residents of the long-term care home in Eatonia in hospital care?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 19 and are to be answered by day no. 24:**

Ms. Eagles, to ask the Government the following Question No. 222:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: (1) For the following land description NW Quarter 18-2-8 W2M, when was the fence completed? (2) Was the project tendered? (3) If so, who won the contract? (4) What was the cost of materials and labour? (5) Was labour and materials paid for separately?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 223:

To the Premier: Which persons or companies received contracts from Executive Council to provide advertising or marketing research services for year 2006?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 224:

To the Premier: Which persons or companies received contracts from Executive Council to provide advertising or marketing research services for year 2005?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 225:

To the Premier: Which persons or companies received contracts from Executive Council to provide advertising or marketing research services for year 2004?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 226:

To the Premier: What is the criteria used by Executive Council when choosing a tender for advertising and/or marketing research services?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 227:

To the Premier: What was the total number of dollars Executive Council spent on advertising and marketing research services for the year 2006?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 228:

To the Premier: What was the total number of dollars Executive Council spent on advertising and marketing research services for the year 2005?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 229:

To the Premier: What was the total number of dollars Executive Council spent on advertising and marketing research services for the year 2004?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 230:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) In the Kindersley area, is SaskPower conducting conversions of oil wells from natural gas to electricity? (2) If so, is there an associated fee? (3) What is that fee?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 231:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: How many firms submitted a proposal the last time the department's advertising contract was tendered?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 232:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: What was the total number of dollars received by each advertising or marketing research firm contracted for services for the fiscal year 2006/07?

Ms. Draude to ask the Government the following Question No. 233:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: What was the total number of dollars received by each advertising or marketing research firm contracted for services for the fiscal year 2005/06?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 234:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: What was the total number of dollars received by each advertising or marketing research firm contracted for services for the fiscal year 2004/05?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 235:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: What was the total number of dollars received by each advertising or marketing research firm contracted for services for the fiscal year 2003/04?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 236:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: What was the total number of dollars received by each advertising or marketing research firm contracted for services for the fiscal year 2002/03?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 237:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: What was the total number of dollars received by each advertising or marketing research firm contracted for services for the fiscal year 2001/02?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 238:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: Which persons or companies received contracts from the Department to provide advertising or marketing research services for the fiscal year 2006/07?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 239:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: Which persons or companies received contracts from the Department to provide advertising or marketing research services for the fiscal year 2005/06?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 240:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: Which persons or companies received contracts from the Department to provide advertising or marketing research services for the fiscal year 2004/05?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 241:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: Which persons or companies received contracts from the Department to provide advertising or marketing research services for the fiscal year 2003/04?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 242:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: Which persons or companies received contracts from the Department to provide advertising or marketing research services for the fiscal year 2002/03?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 243:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: Which persons or companies received contracts from the Department to provide advertising or marketing research services for the fiscal year 2001/02?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 244:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Cypress Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 245:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Cypress Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 246:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Cypress Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 247:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Cypress Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 248:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Five Hills Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 249:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Five Hills Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 250:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Five Hills Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 251:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Five Hills Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 252:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Sun Country Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 253:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Sun Country Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 254:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Sun Country Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 255:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Sun Country Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 256:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Sunrise Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 257:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Sunrise Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 258:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Sunrise Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 259:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Sunrise Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 260:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 261:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 262:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 263:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 264:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Heartland Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 265:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Heartland Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 266:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Heartland Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 267:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Heartland Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 268:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Saskatoon Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 269:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Saskatoon Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 270:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Saskatoon Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 271:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Saskatoon Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 272:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Kelsey Trail Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 273:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Kelsey Trail Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 274:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Kelsey Trail Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 275:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Kelsey Trail Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 276:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Prince Albert Parkland Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 277:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Prince Albert Parkland Health Region for the year 2003/04?



Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 278:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Prince Albert Parkland Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 279:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Prince Albert Parkland Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 280:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Prairie North Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 281:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Prairie North Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 282:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Prairie North Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 283:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Prairie North Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 284:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 285:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 286:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 287:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 288:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Keewatin Yatthe Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 289:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Keewatin Yatthe Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 290:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Keewatin Yatthe Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 291:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of acute care beds occupied by patients that were waiting for placement in a long-term care facility in the Keewatin Yatthe Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 292:

To the Minister of Health: When did the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency submit a proposal to Saskatchewan Health for a provincial colorectal screening program?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 293:

To the Minister of Health: Has the government funded a study to determine the benefits of a provincial colorectal screening program?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 294:

To the Minister of Health: When does the government intend to implement the recommendations for the Canadian Cancer Society on a provincial colorectal screening program?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 295:

To the Minister of Health: When did the Canadian Cancer Society ask the government to consider a colorectal screening program?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 296:

To the Minister of Health: Who are the members of the expert panel that is examining how a colorectal cancer screening program would work?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 297:

To the Minister of Health: What is the mandate of the expert panel that is examining how a colorectal cancer screening program would work?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 298:

To the Minister of Health: How many times has the expert panel that is examining how a colorectal cancer screening program would work met?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 299:

To the Minister of Health: Can you please provide a copy of the minutes from all meetings held by the expert panel that is examining how a colorectal cancer screening program would work?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 300:

To the Minister of Health: When is the expert panel that is examining how a colorectal cancer screening program would work expected to release its findings?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 301:

To the Minister of Health: How many people are currently on the waiting list for a long-term care in the Cypress Health Region?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 302:

To the Minister of Health: How many people are currently on the waiting list for a long-term care in the Five Hills Health Region?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 303:

To the Minister of Health: How many people are currently on the waiting list for a long-term care in the Sun Country Health Region?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 304:

To the Minister of Health: How many people are currently on the waiting list for a long-term care in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 305:

To the Minister of Health: How many people are currently on the waiting list for a long-term care in the Sunrise Health Region?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 306:

To the Minister of Health: How many people are currently on the waiting list for a long-term care in the Saskatoon Health Region?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 307:

To the Minister of Health: How many people are currently on the waiting list for a long-term care in the Prairie North Health Region?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 308:

To the Minister of Health: How many people are currently on the waiting list for a long-term care in the Prince Albert Parkland Health Region?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 309:

To the Minister of Health: How many people are currently on the waiting list for a long-term care in the Kelsey Trail Health Region?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 310:

To the Minister of Health: How many people are currently on the waiting list for a long-term care in the Churchill River Health Region?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 311:

To the Minister of Health: How many people are currently on the waiting list for a long-term care in the Keewatin Yatthe Health Region?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 312:

To the Minister of Health: What was the number of long-term care beds in the Keewatin Yatthe Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 313:

To the Minister of Health: What was the number of long-term care beds in the Keewatin Yatthe Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 314:

To the Minister of Health: What was the number of long-term care beds in the Keewatin Yatthe Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 315:

To the Minister of Health: What was the number of long-term care beds in the Keewatin Yatthe Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 316:

To the Minister of Health: What was the number of long-term care beds in the Sun Country Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 317:

To the Minister of Health: What was the number of long-term care beds in the Sun Country Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 318:

To the Minister of Health: What was the number of long-term care beds in the Sun Country Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 319:

To the Minister of Health: What was the number of long-term care beds in the Sun Country Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 320:

To the Minister of Health: What was the number of long-term care beds in the Kelsey Trail Health Region for the year 2002/03?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 321:

To the Minister of Health: What was the number of long-term care beds in the Kelsey Trail Health Region for the year 2003/04?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 322:

To the Minister of Health: What was the number of long-term care beds in the Kelsey Trail Health Region for the year 2004/05?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 323:

To the Minister of Health: What was the number of long-term care beds in the Kelsey Trail Health Region for the year 2005/06?

Mr. Cheveldayoff, to ask the Government the following Question No. 324:

To the Minister of Finance: How much would it cost the Saskatchewan government to allow income splitting for all Saskatchewan couples for the purposes of calculating provincial income tax?

Mr. Cheveldayoff, to ask the Government the following Question No. 325:

To the Minister of Finance: How much would it cost the Saskatchewan government to allow seniors couples to split all of their taxable income in the calculation of Saskatchewan income tax?

Mr. Cheveldayoff, to ask the Government the following Question No. 326:

To the Minister of Finance: How much would it cost the Saskatchewan government to allow seniors couples to split pension income in the calculation of Saskatchewan income tax?

Mr. Cheveldayoff, to ask the Government the following Question No. 327:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) Does the provincial government intend to allow seniors couples to split pension income for the purposes of calculating their provincial income tax? (2) If not, what problems will this cause in terms of tax filing for Saskatchewan seniors, as Saskatchewan income tax is currently based on the federal rules for calculating taxable income?

Mr. Cheveldayoff, to ask the Government the following Question No. 328:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) Does the federal government's decision to allow seniors couples to split pension income for the purposes of calculating federal income tax affect provincial income taxes in any way? (2) If so, how?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 20 and are to be answered by day no. 25:**

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 329:

To the Minister of Environment: What regulations are in place, if any, dealing with the transfer of fresh water, by means other than natural waterways, from Alberta to Saskatchewan?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 330:

To the Minister of Environment: What regulations are in place, if any, dealing with the transfer of fresh water, by means other than natural waterways, from Saskatchewan to Alberta?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 331:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Can the Minister assure the residents of the Rosetown area that the SaskPower office in Rosetown will continue to cooperate with SaskTel and SaskEnergy to provide one-stop customer service for customers of these three crowns in the fiscal year 2008?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 332:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Can the Minister assure the residents of the Rosetown area that the SaskPower office in Rosetown will continue to cooperate with SaskTel and SaskEnergy to provide one-stop customer service for customers of these three crowns in the fiscal year 2007?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 333:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Can the Minister assure the residents of the Rosetown area that the SaskPower office in Rosetown will continue customer service out of its current office for the fiscal year 2008?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 334:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Can the Minister assure the residents of the Rosetown area that the SaskPower office in Rosetown will continue customer service out of its current office for the fiscal year 2007?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 335:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Investment Corporation: (1) In 2005, how many crown investments were subject to a third party external review? (2) Which investments were they?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 336:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Investment Corporation: (1) To date, how many crown investments were subject to a third party external review? (2) Which investments were they?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 337:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Investment Corporation: (1) In 2004, how many crown investments were subject to a third party external review? (2) Which investments were they?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 338:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) Has the department instituted a plan for Mount Blackstrap to resume operations? (2) If so, could the Minister provide a copy of the plan?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 339:

To the Minister of Environment: When does the department expect Mount Blackstrap to resume operations?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 340:

To the Minister of Health: What is the amount of funding the province provides for a mental health resident in a personal care home?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 341:

To the Minister of Health: What is the amount of funding the province provides for a mental health resident in an approved mental health home?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 342:

To the Minister of Health: Has the department ever received a recommendation from the Ombudsman to bring the payments made for mental health residents in a personal care home to an equal level with the payments made for mental health residents in an approved mental health home?

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**NOTICE REGARDING PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Rules 88 and 91 of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, that the time for filing Petitions for Private Bills with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly will expire on the twentieth sitting day, and that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills to the Legislative Assembly at its present Session will expire on the twenty-fifth sitting day of the said Session.

GWENN RONYK  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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