

WRITTEN QUESTIONS 2012-2013 (28th Legislature, 1st Session)

WQ No.	Written Question (WQ)	Asked for By	Date Accepted, Amended, Defeated, Withdrawn	Return Tabled By, Date Tabled, and Sessional Paper No.
WQ1	How many long-term care nursing beds were available to Albertans <i>as of March 31, 2012?</i>	Mrs. Forsyth	Accepted as amended on division November 26, 2012	Hon. Mr. Horne April 25, 2013 S.P. 758/2012-13
WQ2	How many mental health beds and addiction beds on average were available to Albertans in 2011?	Mrs. Forsyth	Accepted November 26, 2012	Hon. Mr. Horne April 25, 2013 S.P. 759/2012-13
WQ3	What was the original 2007 estimate of construction costs and projected opening day for the South Campus Hospital in Calgary versus the actual cost on completion, and actual opening date?	Dr. Swann	Accepted November 26, 2012	Hon. Mr. Drysdale April 25, 2013 S.P. 760/2012-13
WQ4	Have <i>all of the applications to the 2010 Southern Alberta Disaster Recovery Program and the 2010 Spring South Eastern Alberta Disaster Recovery Program</i> been finalized, <i>and how long did it take applicants to receive a first assistance payment once they provided all required information?</i>	Mr. Barnes	Accepted as amended December 3, 2012	Hon. Mr. Griffiths May 9, 2013 S.P. 840/2012-13
WQ5	Of the transfers received from the federal government, what is the total amount earmarked for health care for Aboriginal peoples in Alberta, and where and how were these funds spent during the past three fiscal years?	Ms Smith	Accepted December 3, 2012	Hon. Mr. Campbell May 6, 2013 S.P. 772/2012-13
WQ6	Of the transfers received from the federal government, what, if any, is the total amount earmarked for housing for Aboriginal peoples in Alberta, and where and how were these funds spent during the past three fiscal years?	Ms Smith	Accepted December 3, 2012	Hon. Mr. Campbell May 6, 2013 S.P. 773/2012-13
WQ7	What is the projected annual cost to employ health-care professionals and other staff who will operate individual family care clinics?	Mrs. Forsyth	Rejected on division December 3, 2012	
WQ8	What is the forecast for annual expenditures for the next four fiscal years for building or leasing family care clinics?	Mrs. Forsyth	Rejected on division December 3, 2012	
WQ9	What is the ratio of front line staff to patients or residents at long-term care facilities, seniors' lodges, and continuing care facilities, with ratios differentiated between public and private facilities?	Mrs. Forsyth	Rejected on division March 11, 2013	
WQ10	For the fiscal year 2012-2013, how many <i>oil sands producers</i> paying reduced royalties will reach their payout stage and what effect will that have on non-renewable resource revenue?	Mr. Hale	Accepted as amended March 11, 2013	Hon. Mr. Hughes March 14, 2013 S.P. 524/2012-13
WQ11	Which physicians, psychiatrists, or pharmacists were consulted on the Creating Connections: Alberta's Addiction and Mental Health Strategy dated September 2011?	Mrs. Forsyth	Accepted December 3, 2012	Hon. Mr. Horne May 9, 2013 S.P. 841/2012-13

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WQ12	What are the criteria for determining the location of new registry offices in Alberta and do the communities of Blackfalds, Chestermere, and Redcliff meet these criteria?	Mr. Fox	Accepted December 3, 2012	Hon. Mr. Bhullar May 9, 2013 S.P. 842/2012-13
WQ13	What Government of Alberta infrastructure projects are currently scheduled for Medicine Hat, and what are the projected costs and completion dates for each infrastructure project?	Mr. Pedersen	Accepted December 3, 2012	Hon. Mr. Bhullar May 9, 2013 S.P. 843/2012-13
WQ14	<i>As of March 31, 2012</i> , what proportion of continuing care beds were provided by Alberta Health Services, not-for-profit agencies, and for-profit agencies, respectively?	Dr. Swann	Accepted as amended March 18, 2013	Hon. Mr. Horne November 7, 2013 S.P. 1103/2012-13
WQ15	How many community treatment orders were issued under section 9.1 of the Mental Health Act between <i>January 1, 2010, and March 31, 2012</i> ?	Dr. Swann	Accepted as amended March 18, 2013	Hon. Mr. Horne November 7, 2013 S.P. 1103/2012-13
WQ16	How many new special needs child care spaces were created in Alberta between January 1, 2008, and January 1, 2012?	Dr. Swann	Rejected March 18, 2013	
WQ17	What is the average <i>amount of total federal and provincial loans provided to a medical student enrolled at an Alberta university who entered repayment in 2009-10</i> ?	Mr. Hehr	Accepted as amended March 18, 2013	Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk June 24, 2013 S.P. 929/2012-13
WQ18	How many written and telephone complaints has the Ministry of Employment and Immigration received related to the Workers' Compensation Board in each of the fiscal years from 2002-2003 to 2011-2012?	Dr. Swann	Rejected March 18, 2013	
WQ19	What are the Government's estimated projections for the increase in prisoners expected in provincial correction institutions as a result of the recent changes to the Criminal Code (Canada) (including, but not limited to mandatory minimum sentences, reductions in two-for-one credit for time served in remand centres, toughening drug and alcohol laws, etc.) per year, for the fiscal years 2012-2013 and 2013-2014?	Ms Blakeman	Rejected March 18, 2013	
WQ20	Which companies have been granted royalty credits by the Department of Energy through the Incremental Ethane Extraction Program since its inception to December 31, 2011, and what is the value of the credits?	Mr. Hehr	Accepted March 11, 2013	Hon. Mr. Hughes March 14, 2013 S.P. 525/2012-13
WQ21	As of June 1, 2012, what was the value of unpaid oil and gas royalties that were in dispute?	Mr. Hehr	Accepted March 11, 2013	Hon. Mr. Hughes March 20, 2013 S.P. 552/2012-13

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WQ22	What is the breakdown of operating expenses listed under the heading "Data Communications" for 2009-2010, as reported in Note 12 to the Financial Statements of the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (Solicitor General and Public Security Annual Report, 2009-10, p. 113)?	Dr. Sherman	Accepted March 11, 2013	Hon. Mr. Horner October 29, 2013 S.P. 989/2012-13
WQ23	What is the percentage of new graduates from registered nursing programs in Alberta post-secondary institutions who gained employment with Alberta Health Services in each of the fiscal years 2008-2009 to 2011-2012?	Dr. Swann	Accepted March 11, 2013	Hon. Mr. Horne October 30, 2013 S.P. 1025/2012-13
WQ24	How many supervisory and front-line staff positions were in each of the Child and Family Services Authorities <i>as of September 30 for each year from 2009 to 2012</i> ; and what <i>were the salary and wage ranges</i> for supervisory positions compared to front-line staff?	Dr. Swann	Accepted as amended March 18, 2013	Hon. Mr. Hancock April 10, 2013 S.P. 615/2012-13
WQ25	How many children who have been under the care of the Province have been part of a reported situation of abuse, and how many of the reported cases have been substantiated for the fiscal years <i>2008-2009</i> through 2011-2012?	Dr. Swann	Accepted as amended March 18, 2013	Hon. Mr. Hancock April 10, 2013 S.P. 615/2012-13
WQ26	For each of the fiscal years <i>2009-2010</i> to 2011-2012, what was the average <i>health care funding per resident per day for long-term care, and what was the average health care funding per resident per day for designated supportive living for 2011-2012</i> ?	Dr. Swann	Accepted as amended March 18, 2013	Hon. Mr. Horne November 7, 2013 S.P. 1103/2012-13
WQ27	<i>As of March 31, 2010, March 31, 2011, and March 31, 2012</i> , what were the total number of acute care hospital beds in Alberta that were unoccupied due to limited availability of operational funding?	Dr. Swann	Accepted as amended March 18, 2013	Hon. Mr. Horne November 7, 2013 S.P. 1103/2012-13
WQ28	As of November 1, 2012, what costs have been incurred on the Edmonton Federal Building and Centennial Plaza project?	Mr. Barnes	Accepted April 15, 2013	Hon. Mr. Drysdale November 28, 2013 S.P. 1192/2012-13
WQ29	As of November 1, 2012, what is the status of all infrastructure projects in Phase One and Phase Two of the Health Capital Plan (2010-2013)?	Mr. Barnes	Accepted April 15, 2013	Hon. Mr. Drysdale November 28, 2013 S.P. 1193/2012-13
WQ30	As of November 1, 2012, what is the projected spending for <i>the contract associated with each project listed in Alberta Transportation's Three-Year Construction Program (2012-2015) with the exception of pre-tendered estimates</i> ?	Mr. Barnes	Accepted as amended April 15, 2013	Hon. Mr. McIver July 2, 2013 S.P. 949/2012-13
WQ31	How many drivers have had their vehicles impounded since September 1, 2012, pursuant to the 2011 amendments to the Traffic Safety Act, and what was the average length of time of the impoundment?	Mr. Barnes	Accepted April 15, 2013	Hon. Mr. McIver July 2, 2013 S.P. 950/2012-13

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WQ32	As of November 28, 2012, how many peace officers have been added to operate Check Stops in Alberta since April 23, 2012?	Mr. Barnes	Rejected on division April 15, 2013	
WQ33	What was the cost to build each school under the Alberta Schools Alternative Procurement I and Alberta Schools Alternative Procurement II initiatives and the ABC Schools Partnership, and what is the ongoing annual cost of the maintenance agreements for each school?	Mr. Barnes	Accepted April 15, 2013	Hon. Mr. Drysdale November 28, 2013 S.P. 1194/2012-13
WQ34	What was the total amount that school boards in Alberta charged in mandatory school fees in each of the school years from 2007-2008 to 2011-2012, and how much did each individual board charge?	Mr. McAllister	Accepted April 22, 2013	Hon. Mr. Johnson June 5, 2013 S.P. 922/2012-13
WQ35	What are the criteria currently used by the Ministry of Education to determine where new schools are constructed?	Mr. McAllister	Accepted April 22, 2013	Hon. Mr. Johnson June 5, 2013 S.P. 923/2012-13
WQ36	What are the criteria currently used by the Ministry of Infrastructure to determine where new schools are constructed?	Mr. McAllister	Accepted May 6, 2013	Hon. Mr. McIver February 27, 2014 S.P. 1251/2012-13
WQ37	What steps are being taken by the Minister of Human Services, and what steps were taken by the previous Ministers of Children and Youth Services, to complete the recommendations that were made in the 2006-2007 Annual Report of the Auditor General of Alberta?	Mr. Wilson	Accepted May 6, 2013	Hon. Mr. Hancock May 9, 2013 S.P. 829/2012-13
WQ38	<i>How many regulated child care spaces were available quarterly in the Edmonton and Calgary child and family service regions and the province as a whole from April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2013, and how many children received child care subsidies quarterly in the Edmonton and Calgary regions and the province as a whole from April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2013?</i>	Mr. Wilson	Accepted as amended May 6, 2013	Hon. Mr. Hancock May 8, 2013 S.P. 811/2012-13
WQ39	What are the cost implications, on a fiscal year basis, to extend Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped benefits, to those currently receiving benefits, beyond the age of 65?	Mr. Wilson	Accepted May 6, 2013	Hon. Mr. Hancock May 9, 2013 S.P. 830/2012-13
WQ40	Which municipalities have not received their full share of eligible fine revenues earned through provincial traffic tickets issued pursuant to the Traffic Safety Act from January 1, 2007, to December 31, 2012, and what is the total amount that was not returned to municipalities across the province because of clerical errors and missed time limits, since January 1, 2007?	Mr. Rowe	Rejected on division May 6, 2013	

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WQ41	What are the amounts for which the Crown has settled legal actions for each fiscal year commencing April 1, 2008, and ending March 31, 2012, where the Minister or Ministry of Energy is the defendant, and what were the causes of action in those legal actions?	Mr. Bikman	Accepted October 28, 2013	Hon. Mrs. McQueen January 9, 2014 S.P. 1240/2012-13
WQ42	From May 1, 2009, to May 1, 2013, how many individuals were trained to complete Supports Intensity Scale interviews, and what specific training is required in order to qualify them to administer the interview?	Mr. Wilson	Accepted December 2, 2013	Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk November 18, 2014 S.P. 13/2014
WQ43	From May 1, 2012, to May 1, 2013, how many clients did the Persons with Developmental Disabilities program serve, and how many completed the Supports Intensity Scale interview process?	Mr. Wilson	Accepted December 2, 2013	Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk November 18, 2014 S.P. 13/2014
WQ44	What is the amount of revenue collected by Alberta Film Classification for the fiscal years April 1, 2010, to March 31, 2011; April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2012; and April 1, 2012, to March 31, 2013?	Mr. Pedersen	Accepted November 25, 2013	Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk December 4, 2013 S.P. 1215/2012-13
WQ45	What criteria and process did Leger, The Research Intelligence Group, use to select participants for the 14 public consultations related to the Task Force for Teaching Excellence that commenced on October 1, 2013?	Mr. Hehr		
WQ46	Which 10 municipalities had the highest property tax rates in Alberta for 2012 and 2013 calendar years?	Ms Blakeman		
WQ47	What progress has been made on the formal commitment to develop a big city charter announced by the Minister of Municipal Affairs in a Government news release on June 18, 2012?	Ms Blakeman		
WQ48	In Alberta, how many English as a Second Language students were registered in each of the school years from 2010-11 to 2012-13 inclusive, and of those, how many will continue beyond the five years that are totally funded by the school board?	Mr. Hehr		
WQ49	What is the Government's projected estimate of the cost to implement full-day kindergarten in Alberta?	Mr. Hehr		
WQ50	How many full-time, part-time, and substitute teachers were/are there in the public and separate school systems in Alberta for the 2012-13 and current school years?	Mr. Hehr		
WQ51	What is the average school bus transportation cost per student in both the public and separate school systems in Alberta for the 2012-13 and current school years?	Mr. Hehr		

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WQ52	How many home inspection businesses or individual inspectors for resale properties were operating in Alberta when the Home Inspection Business Regulation came into force on September 1, 2011, and how many are operating in Alberta as of November 18, 2013?	Mr. Kang		
WQ53	Since the Home Inspection Business Regulation came into force on September 1, 2011, how many home inspection businesses or individual inspectors for resale properties have had their licences revoked by Service Alberta as of November 18, 2013?	Mr. Kang		
WQ54	Since the Home Inspection Business Regulation came into force on September 1, 2011, how many complaints has Service Alberta received about home inspection businesses or individual inspectors for resale properties as of November 18, 2013?	Mr. Kang		
WQ55	Which 10 municipalities had the highest leukemia, lymphoma, and lung cancer incidence rates in Alberta for each of the years from January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2012?	Dr. Swann		
WQ56	What progress has been made on the First Nations-Alberta-Canada February 2010 Memorandum of Understanding on Aboriginal Education?	Dr. Swann		
WQ57	As of November 18, 2013, how many licensed child care program spaces and approved family day home spaces are there in each of Edmonton, Calgary, and the rest of Alberta?	Dr. Swann		
WQ58	What are the terms of the agreement approved by the Tsuu T'ina First Nation in October 2013 regarding the construction of the South West Calgary Ring Road?	Mr. Kang		
WQ59	How many people have visited the Alberta Open Data Portal since it was launched in May 2013, and what was the most searched item?	Mr. Kang		
WQ60	Has the Government received a report from the Information and Privacy Commissioner on the Government's travel, meal, and hospitality expenses policy announced on September 5, 2012, and if so, what are the Commissioner's recommendations?	Mr. Kang		
WQ61	What is the Government's projection of how much money it will need to invest to eliminate child poverty in five years, in connection with Together We Raise Tomorrow, Alberta's Poverty Reduction Strategy, announced in June 2013, and to which programs, services, and community resources will this funding be allocated?	Dr. Swann		
WQ62	For those property owners who received Disaster Recovery Program compensation in 2013, what is the wording of the notice the Government will place on the land titles of those properties?	Ms Blakeman		

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WQ63	As of November 18, 2013, how many homes in southern Alberta were deemed or estimated to be eligible to apply for Disaster Recovery Program compensation in relation to the June 2013 flood; and, of those, how many submitted applications for compensation, how many were offered compensation, and how many accepted the offered amount of compensation?	Ms Blakeman		
WQ64	Who are the members of the Government's Disaster Recovery Committee, the body referenced in section 2.2.2 of the Alberta Disaster Assistance Guidelines and section 7(3) of the Disaster Recovery Regulation?	Ms Blakeman		
WQ65	As of November 18, 2013, of the total number of southern Alberta residents who applied for Disaster Recovery Program compensation in relation to the June 2013 flood, how many have requested a formal review of their files by the Alberta Emergency Management Agency's (AEMA) Director of Recovery Operations; and, how many have subsequently requested that a decision on their file by the AEMA Director of Recovery Operations be reviewed by the AEMA Managing Director, pursuant to section 7 of the Disaster Recovery Regulation; and, how many have subsequently requested that a decision on their file by the AEMA Managing Director be reviewed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to section 8 of the Disaster Recovery Regulation?	Ms Blakeman		
WQ66	How many municipalities requested financial or technical assistance from the Government for riverbank stabilization or flood protection for the period between the southern Alberta flood that occurred in June 2005 and the flood of June 2013?	Ms Blakeman		
WQ67	What was the commencement date of LandLink Consulting Ltd.'s current five-year contract with the Government to administer the Province's Disaster Recovery Program?	Ms Blakeman		
WQ68	What positions did Barry Giffen and Rick Thrall, LandLink Consulting Ltd.'s President and Managing Partner respectively, hold when they were employed by the Government of Alberta?	Ms Blakeman		
WQ69	As of November 18, 2013, what is the average length of time that it has taken to conclude Disaster Recovery Program compensation claims in relation to the June 2013 flood, and what is the average compensation that has been paid?	Ms Blakeman		
WQ70	As of November 18, 2013, how many Disaster Recovery Program compensation claims from the 2010 flood in southern and central Alberta were appealed to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to section 8 of the Disaster Recovery Regulation, and how many of those resulted in a reversal or modification of a previous decision made by either the Alberta Emergency Management Agency's Director of Recovery Operations or the Managing Director?	Ms Blakeman		

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WQ71	Which municipalities in Alberta have lands that are classified as flood-prone?	Ms Blakeman		
WQ72	How many safety codes officers in Alberta have been specifically trained to evaluate homes affected by the June 2013 flood and assess whether they have been flood-proofed to a sufficient degree to warrant removal of the notice that the Government has placed on the land titles of those properties?	Ms Blakeman		
WQ73	As of November 18, 2013, how many of the six new Employment Standards (ES) officers, announced by the Government on August 10, 2011, have been hired, what is the total number of ES officers, and what was the total number on August 10, 2011?	Dr. Swann		
WQ74	As of November 18, 2013, how many of the 30 new Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) officers, announced by the Government on March 4, 2011, have been hired and what is the total number of OHS officers?	Dr. Swann		
WQ75	As of November 18, 2013, how many active members and retired members are in each of the following public sector pension plans: the Local Authorities Pension Plan, the Public Service Pension Plan, the Management Employees Pension Plan, and the Special Forces Pension Plan?	Mr. Hehr		
WQ76	As of November 18, 2013, how many Government management positions have been eliminated since April 1, 2013, and how many are anticipated to be eliminated by March 31, 2014?	Mr. Hehr		
WQ77	In relation to the June 2013 flood, how many hours' notice did the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development give to each of the affected municipalities that flooding was either possible or imminent?	Ms Blakeman		
WQ78	As of November 18, 2013, what is the Government's estimate of how much the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund would be worth if it had consistently transferred 30 per cent of non-renewable resource revenue into the fund every year since 1976?	Mr. Hehr		
WQ79	What criteria does the Government use to classify children as living in poverty?	Dr. Swann		
WQ80	What is the Government's estimate of how many Alberta children are living in poverty as of November 18, 2013?	Dr. Swann		
WQ81	What is the projected cost for the Ministry of Human Services to assume responsibility for the services currently provided by the Child and Family Services Authorities and Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Boards?	Dr. Swann		

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WQ82	How much have caseloads for Alberta Works decreased or increased from April 1, 2008, to April 1, 2013?	Dr. Swann		
WQ83	As of November 18, 2013, how many Disaster Recovery Program compensation claims are outstanding from the May 2011 wildfire in Slave Lake?	Ms Blakeman		
WQ84	As of November 18, 2013, how many Disaster Recovery Program compensation claims are outstanding from the 2010 flood in southern and central Alberta?	Ms Blakeman		
WQ85	Using the formula in section 6 of the Fiscal Management Act for the calculation of the debt-servicing limit for a fiscal year with respect to outstanding capital borrowing, what is the Government's calculation of its debt-servicing limit for the 2013-14 fiscal year, and how much money can the Government borrow in the 2013-14 fiscal year before it reaches this debt-servicing limit?	Mr. Hehr		
WQ86	How many oil and gas pipeline spills, leaks, or ruptures have occurred in Alberta per year from January 1, 2009, to November 18, 2013?	Ms Blakeman		