

WRITTEN QUESTIONS 2014 (28th Legislature, 2nd Session)

WQ No.	Written Question (WQ)	Asked for By	Date Accepted, Amended, Defeated, Withdrawn	Return Tabled By, Date Tabled, and Sessional Paper No.
WQ1	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	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mrs. McQueen March 17, 2015 S.P. 257/2014-15
WQ2	Which 10 municipalities had the highest property tax rates in Alberta for the 2012 and 2013 calendar years?	Ms Blakeman	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mrs. McQueen March 17, 2015 S.P. 258/2014-15
WQ3	What is the Government's projected estimate of the cost to implement full-day kindergarten in Alberta?	Mr. Hehr	Rejected April 14, 2014	
WQ4	As of January 1, 2014, 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	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk November 20, 2014 S.P. 34/2014
WQ5	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	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mr. Campbell January 6, 2015 S.P. 205/2014-15
WQ6	How many oil and gas pipeline spills, leaks, or ruptures have occurred in Alberta per year from January 1, 2009, to December 31, 2013?	Ms Blakeman	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mrs. McQueen July 17, 2014 S.P. 302/2014
WQ7	As of January 1, 2014, 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	Rejected April 14, 2014	
WQ8	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	Rejected April 14, 2014	
WQ9	Which <i>municipalities in Alberta</i> had the highest leukemia, lymphoma, and lung cancer incidence rates <i>for the period from January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2005, and for the period from January 1, 2006, to December 31, 2011?</i>	Dr. Swann	Accepted as amended April 14, 2014	Hon. Mr. Horne May 23, 2014 S.P. 254/2014
WQ10	Which municipalities in Alberta have lands that are classified as flood-prone?	Ms Blakeman	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mr. Fawcett March 17, 2015 S.P. 256/2014-15

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WQ11	As of January 1, 2014, 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	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mr. Campbell January 6, 2015 S.P. 206/2014-15
WQ12	What progress has been made on the First Nations-Alberta-Canada February 2010 Memorandum of Understanding <i>for First Nations Education in Alberta</i> ?	Dr. Swann	Accepted as amended April 14, 2014	Hon. Mr. Johnson May 27, 2014 S.P. 258/2014
WQ13	How many full-time, part-time, and substitute teachers <i>were there in the public and separate school systems in Alberta for 2012-13</i> ?	Mr. Hehr	Accepted as amended April 14, 2014	Hon. Mr. Johnson May 27, 2014 S.P. 259/2014
WQ14	What is the average school bus transportation cost per student in both the public and separate school systems in Alberta for the 2012-13 <i>school year</i> ?	Mr. Hehr	Accepted as amended April 14, 2014	Hon. Mr. Johnson May 27, 2014 S.P. 260/2014
WQ15	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	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mr. Johnson May 27, 2014 S.P. 261/2014
WQ16	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 January 1, 2014?	Mr. Kang	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mr. Griffiths April 15, 2014 S.P. 136/2014
WQ17	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 January 1, 2014?	Mr. Kang	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mr. Griffiths April 15, 2014 S.P. 136/2014
WQ18	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 January 1, 2014?	Mr. Kang	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mr. Griffiths April 15, 2014 S.P. 136/2014
WQ19	What criteria does the Government use to classify children as living in poverty?	Dr. Swann	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk November 20, 2014 S.P. 34/2014
WQ20	What is the Government's estimate of how many Alberta children are living in poverty as of January 1, 2014?	Dr. Swann	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk November 20, 2014 S.P. 34/2014

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WQ21	What criteria does the Government use to determine whether a child has escaped poverty?	Dr. Swann	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk November 20, 2014 S.P. 34/2014
WQ22	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	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk November 20, 2014 S.P. 34/2014
WQ23	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	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mr. Fawcett November 20, 2014 S.P. 32/2014
WQ24	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	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mrs. McQueen March 17, 2015 S.P. 259/2014-15
WQ25	As of January 1, 2014, 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?	Mr. Hehr	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mr. Fawcett September 8, 2014 S.P. 317/2014
WQ26	As of January 1, 2014, 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?	Mr. Hehr	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mr. Fawcett September 8, 2014 S.P. 318/2014
WQ27	What is the projected net financial result of dissolving the Child and Family Services Authorities and Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Boards, establishing family and community engagement councils, and transferring responsibility for service delivery to the Ministry of Human Services?	Dr. Swann	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk November 20, 2014 S.P. 34/2014
WQ28	How much have caseloads for Alberta Works decreased or increased from April 1, 2008, to April 1, 2013?	Dr. Swann	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk November 20, 2014 S.P. 34/2014
WQ29	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	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mr. Griffiths April 15, 2014 S.P. 136/2014

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WQ30	As of January 1, 2014, 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	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mr. Campbell February 27, 2015 S.P. 209/2014-15
WQ31	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	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mrs. McQueen March 17, 2015 S.P. 260/2014-15
WQ32	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	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mrs. McQueen March 17, 2015 S.P. 261/2014-15
WQ33	As of January 1, 2014, 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	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mrs. McQueen March 17, 2015 S.P. 262/2014-15
WQ34	As of January 1, 2014, 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	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mrs. McQueen March 17, 2015 S.P. 263/2014-15
WQ35	As of January 1, 2014, 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	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mrs. McQueen March 17, 2015 S.P. 264/2014-15
WQ36	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	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mrs. McQueen March 17, 2015 S.P. 265/2014-15

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WQ37	As of January 1, 2014, 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	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mrs. McQueen March 17, 2015 S.P. 266/2014-15
WQ38	As of January 1, 2014, how many Disaster Recovery Program compensation claims are outstanding from the 2010 flood in southern and central Alberta?	Ms Blakeman	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mrs. McQueen March 17, 2015 S.P. 267/2014-15
WQ39	As of January 1, 2014, how many Disaster Recovery Program compensation claims are outstanding from the May 2011 wildfire in Slave Lake?	Ms Blakeman	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mrs. McQueen March 17, 2015 S.P. 268/2014-15
WQ40	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	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mrs. McQueen March 17, 2015 S.P. 269/2014-15
WQ41	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	Accepted April 14, 2014	Hon. Mrs. McQueen March 17, 2015 S.P. 270/2014-15
WQ42	What were the estimated costs to the Ministry of Justice and Solicitor General for the 2012-13 fiscal year as a result of court delays associated with self-represented litigants?	Ms Blakeman		
WQ43	What was the median income of legal aid recipients for the 2012-13 fiscal year?	Ms Blakeman		
WQ44	How many letters, emails, and phone calls did the Government receive between March 1, 2012, and February 28, 2014, from individuals denied legal aid due to receipt of income from Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped benefits?	Ms Blakeman		
WQ45	How many letters, emails, and phone calls did the Government receive between March 1, 2012, and February 28, 2014, from individuals denied legal aid because they receive income from full-time minimum wage employment?	Ms Blakeman		
WQ46	In each of the 2011-12 and 2012-13 fiscal years, what percentage of legal aid clients reported being "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with the service they received?	Ms Blakeman		
WQ47	What was the total cost to the Province of transporting inmates from the new Edmonton Remand Centre to Alberta courthouses between March 19, 2012, and February 28, 2014?	Ms Blakeman		

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WQ48	What criteria does the Government and the Alberta Energy Regulator use to determine the impact on wildlife and their habitats as a result of pipeline releases, bitumen emulsions, and sediment releases?	Ms Blakeman		
WQ49	What criteria does the Government and the Alberta Energy Regulator use to determine if 100 per cent recovery of pipeline releases, bitumen emulsions, and sediment releases has been achieved?	Ms Blakeman		
WQ50	What criteria does the Alberta Energy Regulator use to verify the volume of product released and recovered from pipeline releases, bitumen emulsions, and sediment releases?	Ms Blakeman		
WQ51	Why did the former Energy Resources Conservation Board use the designation “unknown” in the incident database as the operator responsible for releases for the period from March 12, 1975, to June 1, 2013?	Ms Blakeman		
WQ52	What do the designations “zero,” in relation to the amount released, and “non-zero,” in relation to the amount recovered, refer to as used by the former Energy Resources Conservation Board in the incident database?	Ms Blakeman		
WQ53	Why are news releases from the Alberta Energy Regulator not distributed via email subscription in a manner comparable to other Government announcements from public agencies?	Ms Blakeman		
WQ54	What are the anticipated completion dates for each of the 50 new schools and 70 modernizations projects that were announced by the Government in 2013 and 2014?	Mr. Hehr		
WQ55	Which of the 50 new schools and 70 modernization projects that were announced by the Government in 2013 and 2014 are P3 projects and which are design-built?	Mr. Hehr		
WQ56	Which of the projects identified in the Alberta Transportation Three-Year Tentative Major Construction Projects list published during the period from April 1, 2007, to March 3, 2014, were not contracted for?	Mr. Stier		
WQ57	As of April 1, 2014, how many Alberta Health Services employees earned more than \$200,000 per year in salary and total benefits?	Mrs. Forsyth		
WQ58	How many of the 80 Alberta Health Services senior executives whose positions were restructured in September 2013 are now earning a salary equal to or greater than what they were earning in September 2013?	Mrs. Forsyth		
WQ59	For the fiscal years 2011-12, 2012-13, and 2013-14, how many surgeries and procedures were postponed in each Alberta Health Services facility?	Mrs. Forsyth		

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WQ60	How much did Alberta Health Services spend on consultants in each of the 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, and 2012-13 fiscal years?	Mrs. Forsyth		
WQ61	What is the total funding provided by the Government to post-secondary institutions, broken down by institution and then by ministry, for research for each of the 2010-11, 2011-12, and 2012-13 fiscal years?	Mr. Pedersen		
WQ62	How many research grants did the Government provide to post-secondary institutions and to individuals in the 2011-12 and 2012-13 fiscal years, and what was the grant amount, the name of the recipient, and the reason for the grant's approval in each case?	Mr. Pedersen		
WQ63	What is the total funding provided by the Government to post-secondary institutions, broken down by institution and then by ministry, for operating, capital, and other grants excluding research, for each of the 2010-11, 2011-12, and 2012-13 fiscal years?	Mr. Pedersen		