



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

Day 20

**ORDER PAPER**

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Thursday, November 22, 2012

**Prayers**

**ROUTINE**

**O Canada (First sitting day of each week)**

**Oral Question Period (1:50 p.m. daily)**

**Introduction of Visitors**

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**Introduction of Bills**

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**Projected Government Business (Thursday)**

## **Government Motions**

**15.** Hon. Mr. Olson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly approve the continuation of the following enactments:

- (a) section 33 of the Agricultural Societies Act;
- (b) sections 3 and 36 of the Rural Electrification Loan Act;
- (c) section 2 of the Rural Electrification Long Term Financing Act; and
- (d) sections 32 and 33 of the Rural Utilities Act.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

Bill 7 Election Accountability Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Mr. Denis

### **Committee of the Whole**

Bill 4 Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act — Hon. Mr. Scott

### **Bills Awaiting Royal Assent**

Bill 1 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Ms Redford

Bill 2 Responsible Energy Development Act — Hon. Mr. Hughes

Bill 3 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Johnson

Bill 5 New Home Buyer Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Griffiths

Bill 6 Protection and Compliance Statutes Amendment Act, 2012 — Mr. Jeneroux

Bill 8 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 2012 — Hon. Mr. Hughes

Bill 9 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2012 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 10 Employment Pension Plans Act — Ms Kennedy-Glans

## **Written Questions**

**WQ1.** Mrs. Forsyth to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 19):

How many long-term care nursing beds on average were available to Albertans in 2011?

- WQ2.** Mrs. Forsyth to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 19):  
How many mental health beds and addiction beds on average were available to Albertans in 2011?
- WQ3.** Dr. Swann to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 19):  
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?
- WQ4.** Mr. Barnes to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 22):  
Have all the claims submitted to the 2011 Southern Alberta Disaster Recovery Program and the 2011 Spring South Eastern Alberta Disaster Program in regard to the June 2010 South Saskatchewan river basin flooding been finalized and what is the longest claimants had to wait to receive payment?
- WQ5.** Ms Smith to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 22):  
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.
- WQ6.** Ms Smith to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 22):  
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.
- WQ7.** Mrs. Forsyth to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 22):  
What is the projected annual cost to employ health-care professionals and other staff who will operate individual family care clinics?
- WQ8.** Mrs. Forsyth to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 22):  
What is the forecast for annual expenditures for the next four fiscal years for building or leasing family care clinics?
- WQ9.** Mrs. Forsyth to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 22):  
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?
- WQ10.** Mr. Hale to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 22):  
For the fiscal year 2012-2013, how many oil and gas operations paying reduced royalties will reach their payout stage and what effect will that have on non-renewable resource revenue?

- WQ11.** Mrs. Forsyth to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 22):  
Which physicians, psychiatrists, or pharmacists were consulted on Creating Connections: Alberta's Addiction and Mental Health Strategy dated September 2011?
- WQ12.** Mr. Fox to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 22):  
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?
- WQ13.** Mr. Pedersen to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 22):  
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?
- WQ14.** Dr. Swann to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 22):  
As of June 1, 2012, what proportion of continuing care beds were provided by Alberta Health Services, not-for-profit agencies, and for-profit agencies, respectively?
- WQ15.** Dr. Swann to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 22):  
How many community treatment orders were issued under section 9.1 of the Mental Health Act between April 1, 2010, and April 1, 2012?
- WQ16.** Dr. Swann to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 22):  
How many new special needs child care spaces were created in Alberta between January 1, 2008, and January 1, 2012?
- WQ17.** Mr. Hehr to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 22):  
What is the average amount owed in student loans by a student graduating in 2011 with a medical degree from an Alberta university?
- WQ18.** Dr. Swann to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 22):  
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?

- WQ19.** Ms Blakeman to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 26):
- 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?
- WQ20.** Mr. Hehr to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 26):
- 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?
- WQ21.** Mr. Hehr to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 26):
- As of June 1, 2012, what was the value of unpaid oil and gas royalties that were in dispute?
- WQ22.** Dr. Sherman to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 26):
- 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)?
- WQ23.** Dr. Swann to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 26):
- 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?
- WQ24.** Dr. Swann to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 26):
- How many supervisory and front-line staff positions were in each of the Child and Family Services Authorities for the period from January 1, 2009, to December 31, 2011; and what was the funding allocated for salary and wages for supervisory positions compared to front-line staff?
- WQ25.** Dr. Swann to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 26):
- 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 2006-2007 through 2011-2012?

- WQ26.** Dr. Swann to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 26):
- For each of the fiscal years 2002-2003 to 2011-2012, what was the average annual cost for a resident in long-term, enhanced living, and designated assisted living facilities, both in private and not-for-profit facilities, respectively?
- WQ27.** Dr. Swann to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 26):
- As of January 1, 2010, January 1, 2011, and January 1, 2012, what were the total number of acute care hospital beds in Alberta that were unoccupied due to limited availability of operational funding?

## **Motions for Returns**

- MR1.** Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion (Due Day 22):
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all correspondence between Bruce Power and the Government regarding proposals for nuclear power in Alberta for the period between January 1, 2006, and February 20, 2011.
- MR2.** Dr. Sherman to propose the following motion (Due Day 22):
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of all detailed information, including flight records, final destinations, duration of stay, unscheduled stops, and a list of occupants on each flight, however recorded or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, that relates to the operation and usage of any provincially leased or owned aircraft from December 16, 2010, to April 23, 2012.
- MR3.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion (Due Day 26):
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of all reports, studies, financial forecasts, and any other materials prepared for Alberta Energy on the Swan Hills In-Situ Coal Gasification/Power Project and the associated carbon capture and storage project.
- MR4.** Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion (Due Day 26):
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all communications between Alberta school boards and the Ministry of Infrastructure regarding complaints concerning P3 school design.
- MR5.** Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion (Due Day 26):
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A list of the fees charged to parents by each of Alberta's 62 school boards for each of the school years from September 2009 to June 2012.

- MR6.** Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion (Due Day 26):
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of all Government studies on the impact of reducing public funding to private schools.

## **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

Bill 202 Public Lands (Grasslands Preservation) Amendment Act, 2012 — Dr. Brown (Time remaining: 23 minutes)

Debate adjourned.

Bill 203 Employment Standards (Compassionate Care Leave) Amendment Act, 2012 — Mr. Jeneroux

### **Committee of the Whole**

Bill 201 Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Identification Act — Mr. Quest (Time remaining: 74 minutes)

## **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

- 504.** Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a policy to eliminate public funding to private schools.
- 505.** Mr. Strankman to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to ensure that all Albertans have an inalienable right to full, fair, and timely compensation with recourse to the courts when a new government initiative negatively impacts the value of their property.
- 506.** Mr. Anderson to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation which would do the following: limit spending increases to no more than population growth plus inflation; prohibit the introduction of a budget that proposes a cash deficit; allocate half of all cash surpluses to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund; and, amend the appropriate legislation to suspend the practice of spending the interest generated by the Fund until it reaches an amount of at least \$200 billion.

**507.** Mr. Stier to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to repeal the Alberta Land Stewardship Act (formerly known as Bill 36) and replace it with a land-use framework that better protects the rights of landowners and respects the role of locally elected and accountable municipal councils.

**508.** Mrs. Forsyth to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately introduce whistle-blower legislation which will encourage government employees and health-care providers to report wrongdoing, which threatens the public interest, without fearing reprisal for speaking out.

**509.** Ms Jansen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a working group to review whether adequate policies are in place for urban communities with regard to oil and gas development.

**510.** Mr. Pedersen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reinstate a competitive tax credit regime for supporting the film industry in Alberta rather than the current grant system.

**511.** Ms Kubinec to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to complete a report, to be tabled in the Assembly, which examines strategies utilized in other jurisdictions around the world to enhance the viability of rural schools and to retain students.

**512.** Withdrawn

**513.** Mr. Luan to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to promote and assist in the establishment of heritage language schools to help ensure that all Alberta students can study an extracurricular language to better prepare them to be global leaders of tomorrow.

**514.** Mr. Xiao to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue its commitment to the creation of a world-class Capital Region River Valley Park by working with the City of Edmonton to implement its Ribbon of Green Concept Plan, which would connect all of the river valley parks into a single, continuous, protected park.



**515.** Mr. Anglin to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to repeal the Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 (Bill 50, 2nd Session, 27th Legislature), effective December 9, 2009.

**516.** Mr. Jeneroux to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore the feasibility of providing funding for preliminary work on school playgrounds, such as drainage, and for basic playground equipment, such as a swing or a slide, as part of the capital funding for any new school facilities that include grade levels from kindergarten to Grade 6.

**517.** Withdrawn

**518.** Ms Calahasen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop and implement a program encouraging Albertans to invest in, and make use of, renewable and alternative energy technologies in the province in order to strengthen Alberta's leadership in energy innovation and greenhouse gas reductions.

**519.** Mr. Young to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the value of adopting a data exchange standard that will enable the secure exchange of authorized information within the Government as well as between the Government of Alberta, other provincial governments, their agencies, and the federal government.

**520.** Mrs. Sarich to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure that the Government's social policy framework and poverty reduction initiatives include the principle that regardless of whether the human services are delivered by government, not-for-profits, or private contractors, there will be a requirement that compensation for human services providers involve consistent, fair wages reflecting the skills and training of employees.

**521.** Dr. Sherman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take the steps necessary to ensure every Albertan has a family doctor.

**522.** Mr. Saskiw to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to repeal section 3 of the Alberta Human Rights Act.

**523.** Mr. Fox to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to amend section 115 of the Gaming and Liquor Act to allow peace officers the ability to impose a fine in addition to detaining intoxicated persons.

**524.** Withdrawn

**525.** Dr. Swann to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to protect paid farm workers while continuing to exempt family members and other unpaid labourers.

**526.** Withdrawn

**527.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to enhance consumer protection afforded purchasers of condominiums and the accountability of condominium builders, contractors, and developers.

**528.** Mr. Dorward to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a grant program that will provide funds to plan, build, maintain, or upgrade major community facilities whose funding requirements are in excess of the level of targeted grants provided by the Community Facility Enhancement Program.

**529.** Withdrawn

**530.** Withdrawn

**531.** Withdrawn

**532.** Mr. Lemke to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with the Alberta Recycling Management Authority to expand the list of electronic appliances, including smaller household items.

**533.** Mr. Kang to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation requiring the use of protective headgear when operating all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on both public and private land.

**534.** Ms Notley to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to table in the Assembly a clear plan to set a maximum fee for child care at a rate affordable for low- and middle-income families while ensuring child care providers have funding available to provide high-quality care.

**535.** Withdrawn

**536.** Mrs. Towle to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to conduct a review of the provision of meals to seniors in public facilities to ensure not only that they have adequate nutrition but that the quality and appearance of the meals meet a minimum standard respecting the seniors' dignity, with a report of this review to be tabled in the Legislature no later than April 15, 2013.

**537.** Withdrawn

**538.** Ms Smith to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately suspend construction of the Western Alberta Transmission Line until the criminal investigations into Altalink's parent company, SNC Lavalin, are completed and that the Government initiate an updated, thorough, and independent assessment of Alberta's electricity needs.

**539.** Mr. Webber to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish an organ and tissue donor registry for the Province of Alberta.

**540.** Mr. Cao to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to amend section 50 of the School Act, with the intent that patriotic instruction or exercises become mandatory for all students.

**541.** Withdrawn

**542.** Mrs. Jablonski to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize Irlen Syndrome as a learning disability and ensure that schools have the necessary resources available to test all children for the disorder.

**543.** Mr. Rowe to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review the fairness of requiring seniors to take the fully computerized DriveAble test under the threat of losing their licence given that some have limited or no computer skills.

**544.** Withdrawn

**545.** Withdrawn

**546.** Mr. Wilson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that will mandate random audits, quantifiable objectives, and documented outcome reports for all Government-funded organizations involved with homelessness, group homes, assisted-living residences, and long-term care facilities.

**547.** Mr. Bikman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation requiring all publicly funded post-secondary institutions to provide each student a full, total costing of his or her tuition at the beginning of each school year to show how much the taxpayers assist in funding post-secondary education.

**548.** Mr. Eggen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement full-day kindergarten.

**549.** Mr. Bilous to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require all new oil sands developments to have plans for upgrading bitumen in Alberta.

**550.** Withdrawn

**551.** Withdrawn

**552.** Withdrawn

**553.** Ms Johnson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to make available for individuals receiving services under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan an annual accounting of medical expenses incurred by those individuals.

**554.** Withdrawn

**555.** Ms Fenske to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to study the advantages and disadvantages, as part of the review of the Municipal Government Act, of granting municipalities the right to sell bonds directly to the public and granting tax incentives to Albertans who hold such bonds.

**556.** Mr. Quadri to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the feasibility of removing the matching funding requirement from the Community Facility Enhancement Program in relation to grant applications for children's play structures in order to ensure that all communities, regardless of their financial status, are eligible.

**557.** Mr. Barnes to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the total costs for the administration of disaster relief programs as compared to the total payout amounts for such programs to ensure both claimants and the taxpayer receive value for money.

**558.** Withdrawn

**559.** Withdrawn

**560.** Withdrawn

**561.** Mr. McAllister to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to eliminate the implementation of mandatory school fees in public, separate, and public charter schools.

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## NOTICES

### Leave to Introduce a Bill

Bill 204 Irlen Syndrome Testing Act — Mrs. Jablonski

Bill 205 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2012 — Ms Calahasen

## **Projected Government Business**

Thursday, November 22

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- **Government Bills and Orders**

**Third Reading**

Bill 5, 6, 9, 10

And as per the Order Paper

Hon. Gene Zwozdesky,  
Speaker

Title: Thursday, November 22, 2012