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## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Monday, March 15, 2010

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the Academy of Learning and Digital School.

Mr. Drysdale, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement congratulating Kevin Koe, Blake MacDonald, Carter Rycroft, and Nolan Thiessen on winning the 2010 Tim Hortons Brier held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, from March 6-14, 2010.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the need for a traffic tunnel at the Calgary International Airport.

Mr. Dallas, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the CO<sub>2</sub> Slurry Pipeline Project.

Mr. Benito, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the training and screening of foster parents.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the Capital Region Board's long-range growth plan recently approved by the government.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding Alberta's competitiveness in the oil and gas industry.

## **Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees**

Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the following:

Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Report on 2009 Activities dated March 2010

Sessional Paper 96/2010

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on behalf of Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Document dated March 4, 2010, entitled "Organizational structure" prepared by Alberta Health Services

Sessional Paper 97/2010

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

E-mail message dated March 12, 2010, from Michele Ford of Spruce Grove to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing support for Motion Other Than Government Motion 504

Sessional Paper 98/2010

E-mail message dated November 26, 2009, from Colleen McDanile to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, suggesting the government reinstate Alberta Health Care premiums in order to keep acute psychiatric care beds open at Alberta Hospital Edmonton

Sessional Paper 99/2010

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Letter dated February 12, 2010, from Don Zech, Chairman, Board of Education, Palliser Regional Schools, to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, regarding private schools joining the Calgary public school system

Sessional Paper 100/2010

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere:

E-mail message dated March 14, 2010, from Rod J. Blair to Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, attaching the text of a Calgary Herald article dated March 14, 2010, entitled "The true size of the provincial deficit"

Sessional Paper 101/2010

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Copies of 20 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Premier, regarding long-term care beds

Sessional Paper 102/2010

Letter dated February 18, 2010, from Edward C. Butler, President, Edmonton Public Teachers Local No. 37, to whom it may concern with attached two letters dated January 27, 2010, from Gordon Hepburn and Jynne Kaluzniak, both of Edmonton, to Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, regarding class size

Sessional Paper 103/2010

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, on February 17, 2010, Department of Housing and Urban Affairs, Supplementary Supply Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 104/2010

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were accepted:

**WQ1.** Asked for by Ms Blakeman:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Culture and Community Spirit on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

**WQ2.** Asked for by Ms Blakeman:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Environment on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

**WQ3.** Asked for by Mr. Chase:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Advanced Education and Technology on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

**WQ4.** Asked for by Mr. Chase:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

**WQ5.** Asked for by Mr. Chase:

What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Education on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

- WQ6.** Asked for by Mr. Chase:  
What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Tourism, Parks and Recreation on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?
- WQ7.** Asked for by Mr. Hehr:  
What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Justice on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?
- WQ8.** Asked for by Mr. Hehr:  
What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Solicitor General and Public Security on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?
- WQ9.** Asked for by Mr. Hehr:  
What is the total number of clients dealt with by the Calgary Mental Health Diversion Project between February 4, 2008, and February 8, 2010?
- WQ11.** Asked for by Mr. Kang:  
What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Infrastructure on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?
- WQ12.** Asked for by Mr. Kang:  
What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Service Alberta on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?
- WQ13.** Asked for by Mr. Kang:  
What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Transportation on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?
- WQ14.** Asked for by Mr. Kang:  
For each of the fiscal years 2005-2006 through 2008-2009, what percentage of requests for information under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act were met within 30 days of the initial request?
- WQ15.** Asked for by Mr. MacDonald:  
What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Employment and Immigration on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?
- WQ16.** Asked for by Mr. MacDonald:  
What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Finance and Enterprise on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

- WQ17.** Asked for by Mr. MacDonald:  
What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Treasury Board on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?
- WQ18.** Asked for by Ms Pastoor:  
What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?
- WQ19.** Asked for by Ms Pastoor:  
What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of International and Intergovernmental Relations on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?
- WQ20.** Asked for by Ms Pastoor:  
What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Seniors and Community Supports on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?
- WQ21.** Asked for by Dr. Swann:  
What was the total amount spent by Executive Council on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?
- WQ22.** Asked for by Dr. Taft:  
What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?
- WQ23.** Asked for by Dr. Taft:  
What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Health and Wellness on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?
- WQ24.** Asked for by Dr. Taft:  
What is the total number of complaints regarding zoo standards dealt with by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development from January 1, 2003, to February 7, 2010?
- WQ25.** Asked for by Mr. Taylor:  
What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Energy on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?
- WQ26.** Asked for by Mr. Taylor:  
What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?

- WQ28.** Asked for by Mr. Taylor:  
What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs on external consultants during the past three fiscal years?
- WQ29.** Asked for by Mr. Chase:  
What was the total number of sole source contracts the Ministry of Education entered into in Edmonton during the past three fiscal years?
- WQ30.** Asked for by Mr. Chase:  
For the academic years 2007-2009, what was the total dollar value of Alberta student loans received by students while attending a post-secondary institution or private vocational school in Alberta, broken down by the last post-secondary institution attended by the student?
- WQ31.** Asked for by Ms Pastoor:  
What specific programs have been developed to aid Alberta pork producers who suffered economic losses due to the recent H1N1 outbreak?
- WQ32.** Asked for by Mr. Hehr:  
For the fiscal years 2007-2009, what is the total number of inmates held in Alberta correctional facilities who suffer from a diagnosed mental illness?
- WQ33.** Asked for by Mr. Hehr:  
For the fiscal years 2007-2009, what was the percentage of inmates held in Alberta correctional facilities who were diagnosed as HIV positive?
- WQ34.** Asked for by Mr. Hehr:  
For the fiscal years 2007-2009, what was the percentage of inmates held in Alberta correctional facilities who were diagnosed with Hepatitis A, B, or C?
- WQ35.** Asked for by Mr. Hehr:  
For the fiscal years 2007-2009, what was the percentage of inmates held in Alberta correctional facilities who had a physical disability?
- WQ38.** Asked for by Dr. Taft:  
What is the total number, from January 1, 2008, to February 4, 2010, of restaurant inspections performed by public health inspectors throughout Alberta, broken down by month?

**WQ39.** Asked for by Ms Pastoor:

Of the six Persons with Developmental Disabilities Community Boards' budgets, what percentage of each of these goes directly toward supporting individuals in need, and what percentage is directed to administration?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

**WQ10.** Moved by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Dr. Taft:

On February 4, 2010, how many Albertans were on wait lists for long-term care placement, both in hospital facilities and in the community, and what is the age range for these individuals?

Hon. Mr. Denis on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Health and Wellness, moved the motion be amended to read:

*As of December 31, 2009, how many Albertans were on wait lists for long-term care placement, both in hospital facilities and in the community?*

**WQ36.** Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Dr. Taft:

What was the percentage of registered nurses that worked part-time, full-time, and casual in Alberta from April 1, 2008, to February 4, 2010?

Hon. Mr. Denis on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Health and Wellness, moved the motion be amended to read:

What was the percentage of registered nurses that worked part-time, full-time, and casual in Alberta *in 2008 and 2009*?

**WQ37.** Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Dr. Taft:

What was the total number of overtime hours worked by registered nurses from April 1, 2008, to February 4, 2010?

Hon. Mr. Denis on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Health and Wellness, moved the motion be amended to read:

*What was the ratio of overtime hours worked to straight time hours worked for registered nurses employed by Alberta Health Services in the former Capital, Calgary and David Thompson health regions for the fiscal year 2008/2009?*

The following Written Question was rejected:

**WQ27.** Moved by Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Mr. Taylor:

What percentage of affordable housing units that have been built with provincial government funding since January 1, 2007, is currently occupied by low-income tenants?

## Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

**MR10.** Proposed by Mr. Hehr:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A copy of any reports, travel manifests, correspondence, expense claims, job listings, or operational guidelines that outline the day-to-day duties for officers of Court and Prisoner Services or the Security Operations Branch, as it is now called, who provide dedicated judicial security services to the judiciary in the Edmonton Law Courts.

**MR11.** Proposed by Mr. Hehr:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A copy of any reports, travel manifests, correspondence, expense claims, job listings, or operational guidelines that outline the day-to-day duties for officers of Court and Prisoner Services or the Security Operations Branch, as it is now called, who provide dedicated judicial security services to the judiciary in the Calgary Courts Centre.

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

**MR1.** Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Mr. Hehr:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A copy of all documents, including studies, reports, and environmental or economic impact assessments relating to the effects of the presence of mountain pine beetles in Alberta forests from fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2008-2009.

Hon. Mr. Knight, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

A copy of studies, reports, and environmental or economic impact assessments relating to the effects of the presence of mountain pine beetles in Alberta forests from fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2008-2009.

**MR6.** Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Ms Pastoor:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A copy of all reports, studies, and memoranda prepared by Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development since January 27, 2009, that contemplate the inclusion of paid farm workers under provincial workplace health and safety legislation.



Hon. Mr. Denis on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hayden, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

*A copy of the report titled Stakeholders' Consultation: Occupational Health and Safety, prepared in November 2009 for Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development and Alberta Employment and Immigration that addresses, in part, the inclusion of paid farm workers under provincial workplace health and safety legislation.*

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

- MR2.** Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Ms Blakeman:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of all reports and data regarding the environmental impacts of the gas release near Lodgepole on December 16, 2009.
- MR3.** Moved by Mr. MacDonald:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of all financial forecasts, economic trend reporting, and any recommendations that were prepared by Alberta Finance regarding natural gas valuation for the fiscal periods 2010-2020.
- MR4.** Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Dr. Taft:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of all reports and recommendations prepared by the Alberta Hospital Edmonton Implementation Team between October 6, 2009, and January 18, 2010.
- MR5.** Moved by Mr. Chase on behalf of Dr. Taft:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of all stakeholder consultations, reports, research, or recommendations that resulted in the recent decision to not close 290 acute care beds throughout the province.
- MR7.** Moved by Mr. MacDonald:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of all financial forecasts, economic trend reporting, and any other documents prepared by the Alberta Treasury Board regarding asset-backed commercial paper for the 2010 fiscal year.
- MR8.** Moved by Mr. MacDonald:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of all financial forecasts, economic trend reporting, and any other documents prepared for the Alberta Treasury Board or Alberta Finance and Enterprise by the Alberta Investment Management Corporation concerning long-term investment strategies for the fiscal periods 2010-2020.

## Motions Other Than Government Motions

504. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation requiring all school boards to establish and maintain an anaphylactic policy that includes strategies to reduce exposure to anaphylactic causative agents, information on life-threatening allergies, annual first aid training on dealing with life-threatening allergies, and a requirement for every school principal to develop a plan for each pupil affected by an anaphylactic allergy, including the maintenance of a file for each anaphylactic pupil.

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to have a division called on the question for Motion Other Than Government Motion 504 and to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Mr. Cao in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 9

Anderson	Hayden	MacDonald
Calahasen	Horner	Pastoor
Chase	Lindsay	Taft

Against the motion: 23

Amery	Fritz	McFarland
Bhullar	Horne	Olson
Campbell	Jablonski	Prins
Dallas	Jacobs	Quest
Danyluk	Knight	Rodney
Denis	Leskiw	VanderBurg
Doerksen	Lukaszuk	Vandermeer
Elniski	Marz	

## Adjournment

The Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 6:05 p.m. until Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Monday, March 15, 2010