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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Monday, March 18, 2013

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

Members' Statements

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the fourth year of the High School Flexibility Enhancement Project at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy in Slave Lake.

Mr. McAllister, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, made a statement regarding the creation of the Wildrose Caucus Foundation.

Mr. Allen, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement recognizing Phil Meagher, Councillor, Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, who recently completed Ski For Hope, a cross-country ski fundraiser to end homelessness.

Ms Olesen, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding Earth Hour to be held on March 23, 2013.

Ms Johnson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the Combines for Cures project, launched by Prostate Cancer Canada, to bring prostate cancer awareness and screening to men in rural Alberta.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding the Alberta Liberals' plan for affordable and accessible education.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

Report dated April 2012 entitled "Delivery Matters, The High Cost of For-Profit Health Services in Alberta," prepared by the Parkland Institute

Sessional Paper 526/2012-13

susanonthesoapbox web log dated March 17, 2013, entitled "Redford's Keystone Ad in the New York Times: The St. Patrick's Day Blunder" Sessional Paper 527/2012-13

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Several hundred email messages expressing concern regarding the impending closure of the Michener Centre in Red Deer

Sessional Paper 528/2012-13

Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

Calgary Herald byline dated November 23, 2003, regarding prostitution, prepared by Danielle Smith

Sessional Paper 529/2012-13

Excerpt of a document entitled "Getting It Done: An on-the-ground look at twinning and improving safety on Alberta Highway 63"

Sessional Paper 530/2012-13

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

4 recent email messages to petition@albertandp.ca regarding the 2013 provincial budget

Sessional Paper 531/2012-13

National Post News advertisement entitled "Keystone XL: The Choice of Reason," prepared by the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada

Sessional Paper 532/2012-13

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-3, s601(2):

Automobile Insurance Rate Board, 2012 Annual Report, for the year ended December 31, 2012

Sessional Paper 533/2012-13

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ14. Moved by Dr. Swann:

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?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, moved that the motion be amended to read:

As of March 31, 2012, what proportion of continuing care beds were provided by Alberta Health Services, not-for-profit agencies, and for-profit agencies, respectively?

WQ15. Moved by Dr. Swann:

How many community treatment orders were issued under section 9.1 of the Mental Health Act between April 1, 2010, and April 1, 2012?

Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, moved that the motion be amended to read:

How many community treatment orders were issued under section 9.1 of the Mental Health Act between *January 1, 2010, and March 31, 2012*?

WQ17. Moved by Dr. Swann on behalf of Mr. Hehr:

What is the average amount owed in student loans by a student graduating in 2011 with a medical degree from an Alberta university?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Deputy Premier and Minister of Enterprise and Advanced Education, moved that the motion be amended to read:

What is the average *amount of total federal and provincial loans provided* to a medical student enrolled at an Alberta university who entered repayment in 2009-10?

WQ24. Moved by Dr. Swann:

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?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services, moved that the motion be amended to read:

How many supervisory and front-line staff positions were in each of the Child and Family Services Authorities *as of September 30 for each year from 2009 to 2012*; and what *were the salary and wage ranges* for supervisory positions compared to front-line staff?

WQ25. Moved by Dr. Swann:

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?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services, moved that the motion be amended to read:

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 *2008-2009* through 2011-2012?

WQ26. Moved by Dr. Swann:

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?

Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, moved that the motion be amended to read:

For each of the fiscal years 2009-2010 to 2011-2012, what was the average 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?

WQ27. Moved by Dr. Swann:

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?

Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, moved that the motion be amended to read:

As of March 31, 2010, March 31, 2011, and March 31, 2012, what were the total number of acute care hospital beds in Alberta that were unoccupied due to limited availability of operational funding?

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The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ16. Moved by Dr. Swann:

How many new special needs child care spaces were created in Alberta between January 1, 2008, and January 1, 2012?

WQ18. Moved by Dr. Swann:

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. Moved by Dr. Swann on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

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?

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR1. Proposed by Mr. Hehr:

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.

MR4. Proposed by Mr. Hehr:

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.

The following Motion for a Return was accepted as amended:

MR5. Moved by Dr. Swann on behalf of Mr. Hehr:

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.

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Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health, moved that the motion be amended to read:

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 the 2011-2012 school year as collected by the department.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR2. Moved by Dr. Swann on behalf of Dr. Sherman:

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. Moved by Dr. Swann on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

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.

Debate on the following Motion for a Return was adjourned:

MR6. Moved by Dr. Swann on behalf of Mr. Hehr:

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.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Hancock speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

506. Moved by Mr. Anderson:

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.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 12

Anderson	Donovan	Rowe
Anglin	Forsyth	Saskiw
Barnes	Hale	Strankman
Bikman	Pedersen	Wilson

Against the motion: 38

Allen	Horner	Pastoor
Bhardwaj	Jeneroux	Quest
Brown	Johnson (Calgary-Glenmore)	Sandhu
Casey	Khan	Sarich
DeLong	Klimchuk	Scott
Denis	Kubinec	Starke
Dorward	Lemke	Swann
Drysdale	Leskiw	VanderBurg
Fawcett	Lukaszuk	Weadick
Fenske	Mason	Webber
Fraser	McDonald	Woo-Paw
Goudreau	Oberle	Xiao
Hancock	Olson	

Adjournment

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On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 6:12 p.m. until Tuesday, March 19, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Gene Zwozdesky, Speaker

Title: Monday, March 18, 2013