

## WRITTEN QUESTIONS (2004)

WQ No.	Written Question (WQ)	Asked for By	Date Accepted, Amended, Defeated, Withdrawn	Return Tabled By, Date Tabled, and Sessional Paper No.
WQ1	What increase in remuneration or salary and benefits is required for the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development to attract and maintain sufficient numbers of veterinary pathologists to meet requirements for timely testing of animals since the discovery of bovine spongiform encephalopathy in Alberta?	Dr. Taft on behalf of Mr. MacDonald	Accepted March 8, 2004	Hon. Mrs. McClellan May 6, 2004 S.P. 309/2004
WQ2	What public consultation on coalbed methane development in Alberta is currently underway?	Mr. MacDonald	Accepted March 15, 2004	
WQ3	What is the total number of <i>active, capped, abandoned, and orphaned wells, and the number of linear kilometres of pipelines</i> in provincial parks and protected areas?	Mr. MacDonald on behalf of Ms Carlson	Accepted as amended March 15, 2004	Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky May 13, 2004 S.P. 369/2004
WQ4	What programs are being developed to aid elk ranchers who have suffered economic losses due to shrinking markets as well as the recent case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy?	Mr. Bonner on behalf of Ms Carlson	Accepted March 8, 2004	Hon. Mrs. McClellan May 6, 2004 S.P. 310/2004
WQ5	What consultations are presently taking place between the Government and game farm operators regarding the future of the elk ranching industry in Alberta?	Dr. Taft on behalf of Ms Carlson	Accepted March 8, 2004	Hon. Mrs. McClellan May 6, 2004 S.P. 311/2004
WQ6	What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Energy for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?	Mr. MacDonald	Accepted March 15, 2004	Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky May 13, 2004 S.P. 370/2004
WQ7	What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Government Services for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?	Mr. MacDonald	Accepted March 15, 2004	Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky May 13, 2004 S.P. 370/2004
WQ8	What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Human Resources and Employment for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?	Mr. MacDonald	Accepted March 15, 2004	Hon. Mr. Dunford March 31, 2004 S.P. 214/2004  Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky May 13, 2004 S.P. 370/2004
WQ9	What is the projected amount of royalty tax deductions for the 2003-2004 fiscal year?	Mr. MacDonald	Rejected March 15, 2004	
WQ10	What was the total amount of royalty tax deductions for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?	Mr. MacDonald	Rejected March 15, 2004	

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<b>WQ11</b>	What is the total dollar amount of royalty credits that has been dispensed under the Carbon Dioxide Project Royalty Credit Program for the period May 16, 2003 to February 17, 2004?	Mr. MacDonald	Accepted March 15, 2004	
<b>WQ12</b>	What are the names and the number of oil and gas companies that have applied for royalty credits under the Carbon Dioxide Project Royalty Credit Program for the period May 16, 2003 to February 17, 2004?	Mr. MacDonald	Rejected March 15, 2004	
<b>WQ13</b>	What is the total dollar amount of royalty reductions under the Enhanced Recovery of Oil Royalty Reduction Regulation from April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003?	Mr. MacDonald	Accepted March 15, 2004	
<b>WQ14</b>	What is the number of oil and gas companies that were eligible for royalty reductions under the Enhanced Recovery of Oil Royalty Reduction Regulation between April 1, 2002 and March 31, 2003?	Mr. MacDonald	Accepted March 15, 2004	
<b>WQ15</b>	How much was spent on division and branch restructuring initiatives within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, broken down by initiative, for the fiscal year 2002-2003?	Mr. Bonner on behalf of Mr. MacDonald	Accepted March 8, 2004	Hon. Mrs. McClellan May 6, 2004 S.P. 312/2004
<b>WQ16</b>	What is the total budget for the Utilities Consumer Advocate for the 2003-2004 fiscal year?	Mr. MacDonald	Accepted March 15, 2004	
<b>WQ17</b>	What is the total cost of the 2003 report from the Advisory Council on Electricity?	Mr. MacDonald	Accepted March 15, 2004	
<b>WQ18</b>	What is the total cost of the 2002 report from the Advisory Council on Electricity?	Mr. MacDonald	Accepted March 15, 2004	
<b>WQ19</b>	What measures has the Government taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation that the Department of Health and Wellness improve its control processes for ensuring accountability for conditional grants?	Dr. Nicol on behalf of Dr. Taft	Accepted March 15, 2004	
<b>WQ20</b>	What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Sustainable Resource Development for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?	Dr. Nicol on behalf of Ms Carlson	Accepted March 15, 2004	Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky May 13, 2004 S.P. 370/2004
<b>WQ21</b>	What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Revenue for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?	Dr. Nicol on behalf of Ms Carlson	Accepted March 15, 2004	Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky May 13, 2004 S.P. 370/2004
<b>WQ22</b>	What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?	Dr. Nicol on behalf of Ms Carlson	Accepted March 15, 2004	Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky May 13, 2004 S.P. 370/2004

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WQ23	What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Finance for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?	Dr. Nicol on behalf of Ms Carlson	Accepted March 15, 2004	Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky May 13, 2004 S.P. 370/2004
WQ24	What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Environment for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?	Dr. Nicol on behalf of Ms Carlson	Accepted March 15, 2004	Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky May 13, 2004 S.P. 370/2004
WQ25	As of April 1, 2003, what was the total number of employer health care premium accounts and the total number of individual/family health care premium accounts, and of the individual/family accounts, what percentage were seniors' accounts?	Dr. Pannu	Accepted March 15, 2004	
WQ26	For each of the fiscal years 2001-02, 2002-03, and April 1, 2003 to February 17, 2004, what is the total number of health care premium accounts that were in arrears that were forwarded to collections agencies and what was the total value of these accounts for each of these years?	Dr. Pannu	Accepted March 15, 2004	
WQ27	For each of the fiscal years 2001-02, 2002-03, and April 1, 2003 to February 17, 2004, what is the average length of time between a collection agency receiving a health care premium account that is in arrears and the payment of those arrears in full?	Dr. Pannu	Accepted March 15, 2004	
WQ28	What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development <i>and the departments referred to in Written Questions WQ29, WQ30, WQ34, WQ46, WQ60 to WQ65 inclusive, WQ72, WQ73, WQ80, and WQ81</i> for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?	Ms Blakeman on behalf of Ms Carlson	Accepted as amended March 29, 2004	Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky May 13, 2004 S.P. 370/2004
WQ29	What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Economic Development for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?	Ms Carlson	Dealt with under WQ28 accepted as amended on March 29, 2004	
WQ30	What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Transportation for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?	Mr. Bonner	Dealt with under WQ28 accepted as amended on March 29, 2004	
WQ31	How many of the 30,271 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped and 28,278 Supports for Independence cases recorded in the Ministry of Human Resources and Employment 2002-2003 annual report included children?	Mr. MacDonald	Accepted March 29, 2004	

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WQ32	In which correctional facilities has the Department of the Solicitor General implemented the recommendations listed in the fatality inquiry of Reginald Grant McLeod for the prevention of drug related deaths in all of Alberta's Corrections Facilities?	Dr. Nicol on behalf of Ms Blakeman	Accepted March 15, 2004	
WQ33	What measures has the Department of Justice taken to establish statistical measures to determine the number of grandparents who apply to the courts for access rights to their grandchildren; the number who are successful when applying for access; and the number who are unsuccessful when applying for access?	Dr. Taft on behalf of Ms Blakeman	Rejected March 8, 2004	
WQ34	What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Municipal Affairs for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?	Mr. Bonner	Dealt with under WQ28 accepted as amended on March 29, 2004	
WQ35	Which correctional facilities is the Solicitor General planning to close and what is the time table for the closures?	Ms Blakeman	Rejected March 29, 2004	
WQ36	What is the total dollar amount spent by the Ministry and Department of Seniors on the development and implementation of the Alberta Seniors Shelter In-Take Survey form between April 1, 2002 and February 17, 2004?	Ms Blakeman	Accepted March 29, 2004	
WQ37	What is the total number of Government employees who have been charged with fraud against the Alberta Government between January 1, 1993 and February 17, 2004 inclusive?	Ms Blakeman	Rejected March 29, 2004	
WQ38	How many complaints did the <i>Utilities Consumer Advocate</i> call centre receive from Albertans regarding high natural gas bills between <i>November 23, 2003</i> and February 17, 2004?	Mr. MacDonald	Accepted as amended March 29, 2004	
WQ39	How many complaints did the <i>Utilities Consumer Advocate</i> call centre receive from Albertans regarding deregulation or high electricity bills between <i>November 23, 2003</i> and February 17, 2004?	Mr. MacDonald	Accepted as amended March 29, 2004	
WQ40	What calculations have been used by the Department of Health and Wellness, as required under section 8(3)(d)(v) of the Health Care Protection Act, to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of contracts for services with private surgical facilities, for each contract approved under the Health Care Protection Act?	Dr. Nicol on behalf of Dr. Taft	Rejected March 29, 2004	

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WQ41	What progress has the Government made in implementing the Auditor General's recommendation that the Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations adhere to the laws of Alberta by enhancing its intergovernmental agreements systems to comply with section 11 and schedule 6 of the Government Organization Act?	Dr. Nicol on behalf of Ms Carlson	Accepted March 29, 2004	
WQ42	What stage of the process is the Government at in implementing the Auditor General's recommendation contained in his 2002-2003 Annual Report to change Government accounting practices in order to improve accountability for the Government's spending of taxpayers' dollars?	Dr. Nicol on behalf of Ms Carlson	Accepted March 29, 2004	
WQ43	Of the monies the Government receives annually from health care premiums, what amount was remitted by employers for the fiscal year 2002-03 and from April 1, 2003 to February 29, 2004.	Dr. Pannu	Accepted as amended March 29, 2004	
WQ44	For the fiscal years 2001-02, 2002-03, and from April 1, 2003 to February 29, 2004, what was the total amount paid to collections agencies for collecting arrears on health care premiums broken down by agency?	Dr. Pannu	Accepted as amended March 29, 2004	
WQ45	For the fiscal year 2002-03 and from April 1, 2003 to February 29, 2004, how many health care premium accounts were in arrears by one day or more, by three months or more, and by one year or more, and what is the total amount of those arrears in each of these fiscal years?	Dr. Pannu	Accepted as amended March 29, 2004	
WQ46	What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Infrastructure for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?	Mr. Bonner	Dealt with under WQ28 accepted as amended on March 29, 2004	
WQ47	What measures has the Government taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation contained in his 2002-2003 Annual Report to strengthen the processes used by the Ministry of Children's Services for awarding and managing contracts in order to save taxpayers' dollars?	Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Massey	Accepted April 19, 2004	
WQ48	Who stayed at the Sheraton Suites Hotel in Calgary on February 5, 2002 that was charged to the Government through the Premier's Deputy Chief of Staff, James Davis?	Ms Blakeman	Accepted April 26, 2004	
WQ49	Which reports, consultation groups, and stakeholder reviews have indicated to the Government that money allocated to the Lottery Fund is best spent by the Government rather than being returned to the local communities where the gambling revenues came from?	Ms Blakeman	Rejected April 19, 2004	

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WQ50	What measures has the Government taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation contained in his 2002-2003 Annual Report that the Department of Seniors improve its system for monitoring the performance of management operations that deliver social housing programs for the Ministry?	Ms Blakeman	Accepted April 19, 2004	Hon. Mr. Woloshyn April 28, 2004 S.P. 277/2004
WQ51	What measures has the Government taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation contained in his 2002-2003 Annual Report that the Department of Government Services make provision for appropriate recovery facilities and equipment to resume business operations if a service disruption occurs?	Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. MacDonald	Accepted April 19, 2004	
WQ52	What did it cost the Government to recall all licence plates issued with the letters "BSE" and issue new ones?	Mr. Bonner on behalf of Mr. MacDonald	Accepted April 19, 2004	
WQ53	What measures has the Government taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation contained in his 2002-2003 Annual Report that the Department of Infrastructure require grant recipients to formally accept the terms and conditions of construction grants including roles and responsibilities, consequences for failing to adhere to the terms and conditions, reporting requirements, and the Ministry's right to audit the grant recipient's use of taxpayers' money?	Mr. Bonner	Accepted April 19, 2004	
WQ54	Which communities is the Solicitor General working with to establish regional police services?	Ms Blakeman	Accepted as amended April 19, 2004	
WQ55	What measures has the Government taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation contained in his 2002-2003 Annual Report that the Department of Infrastructure protect the spending of taxpayers' dollars by strengthening its monitoring process for construction grants?	Mr. Bonner	Accepted April 19, 2004	
WQ56	How much money in total was distributed to utility customers in January 2004 through the Government's natural gas rebate program?	Mr. Bonner on behalf of Mr. MacDonald	Accepted April 19, 2004	
WQ57	What measures has the Government taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation contained in his 2002-2003 Annual Report that the Department of Infrastructure protect the spending of taxpayers' dollars by implementing a process to ensure that contracts with construction managers protect the Ministry's interests as the fund provider and are cost-effective?	Mr. Bonner	Accepted April 19, 2004	
WQ58	What measures has the Government taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation contained in his 2002-2003 Annual Report that the Department of Infrastructure make all construction grant payments through the Consolidated Cash Investment Trust Fund bank account?	Mr. Bonner	Accepted April 19, 2004	

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WQ59	How many times has Alberta Health and Wellness exercised its right under section 12(1) of the Nursing Homes Act to inspect Alberta nursing homes in the last five years; how many inspections of Jubilee Lodge Nursing Home in Edmonton occurred as a result of this legislation; and when and why did inspections of Jubilee Lodge Nursing Home occur and what were the results?	Ms Blakeman	Accepted April 19, 2004	
WQ60	What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Solicitor General for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?	Ms Blakeman	Dealt with under WQ28 accepted as amended on March 29, 2004	
WQ61	What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Seniors for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?	Ms Blakeman	Dealt with under WQ28 accepted as amended on March 29, 2004	
WQ62	What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Justice and Attorney General for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?	Ms Blakeman	Dealt with under WQ28 accepted as amended on March 29, 2004	
WQ63	What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Gaming for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?	Ms Blakeman	Dealt with under WQ28 accepted as amended on March 29, 2004	
WQ64	What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Community Development for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?	Ms Blakeman	Dealt with under WQ28 accepted as amended on March 29, 2004	
WQ65	What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Children's Services for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?	Dr. Massey	Dealt with under WQ28 accepted as amended on March 29, 2004	
WQ66	When was the Government made aware of the dispute between companies surrounding natural gas and bitumen development in the Athabasca-Wabasca-McMurray region?	Mr. MacDonald	Accepted April 26, 2004	
WQ67	What was the Government purpose that resulted in the Trade Director for Mexico, Central America, and Caribbean charging \$226 to the Alberta taxpayer at the Four Seasons restaurant on September 30, 2002?	Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman	Accepted May 10, 2004	

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WQ68	What is the procedure followed by the Utilities Consumer Advocate in order to track and resolve utilities consumers' complaints and/or problems?	Mr. MacDonald	Accepted April 26, 2004	
WQ69	What measures has the Ministry of Energy taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation contained in his 2002-2003 Annual Report to assess whether royalty reduction programs are achieving their intended objectives?	Mr. MacDonald	Rejected April 26, 2004	
WQ70	What established service quality benchmarks is the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board using to ensure quality customer service following its December 19, 2003 announcement to implement service quality plans for regulated gas and electric rate tariff providers and electric wire owners effective January 1, 2004 and how were these benchmarks determined?	Mr. Bonner on behalf of Mr. MacDonald	Accepted May 10, 2004	
WQ71	How much money in total was distributed to utility customers in February 2004 through the Government's natural gas rebate program?	Mr. MacDonald	Accepted April 26, 2004	
WQ72	What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Innovation and Science for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?	Dr. Massey	Dealt with under WQ28 accepted as amended on March 29, 2004	
WQ73	What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Learning for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?	Dr. Massey	Dealt with under WQ28 accepted as amended on March 29, 2004	
WQ74	How often are utility companies in Alberta required to submit performance reports?	Mr. Bonner on behalf of Mr. MacDonald	Accepted May 10, 2004	
WQ75	Which groups, companies, and stakeholders recommended to the Government that final approval authority for casino construction is best left with a centralized bureaucracy rather than with local communities?	Dr. Massey on behalf of Ms Blakeman	Rejected April 26, 2004	
WQ76	Who attended the dinner with the Premier's Deputy Chief of Staff, James Davis, on January 12, 2002 at Il Pasticcio Trattoria restaurant in Edmonton that cost \$395.53?	Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman	Rejected April 26, 2004	
WQ77	For the fiscal years 2001-02, 2002-03, and 2003-04, what was the total amount of funding that each private vocational school received from any program administered by the Ministry of Learning, either paid to a private vocational school directly or paid to individual students for the purpose of attending a private vocational school <i>on a full time basis</i> ?	Dr. Pannu	Accepted as amended April 26, 2004	



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WQ78	For the fiscal years 2001-02, 2002-03, and 2003-04, what <i>were</i> the job placement rates <i>attributable to each institution currently offering programs licensed under the Private Vocational Schools Act</i> ?	Dr. Pannu	Accepted as amended April 26, 2004	
WQ79	For the fiscal years 2001-02, 2002-03, and for the period beginning April 1, 2003 and ending March 15, 2004, what was the total amount of funding that each private vocational school received from any program administered by the Ministry of Human Resources and Employment either paid to a school directly or paid to individual students for the purpose of attending a private vocational school?	Dr. Pannu	Accepted April 26, 2004	
WQ80	What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?	Dr. Taft	Dealt with under WQ28 accepted as amended on March 29, 2004	
WQ81	What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Health and Wellness for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?	Dr. Taft	Dealt with under WQ28 accepted as amended on March 29, 2004	
WQ82	What measures has the Government taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation contained in his 2002-2003 Annual Report that the Department of Learning measure whether the tuition fee policy and its related programs are effective in making post-secondary education affordable to students?	Mr. Bonner on behalf of Dr. Massey	Accepted May 10, 2004	
WQ83	What measures has the Government taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation contained in his 2002-2003 Annual Report that the Department of Learning require public post-secondary institutions to comply with the tuition fee policy?	Mr. Bonner on behalf of Dr. Massey	Accepted May 10, 2004	
WQ84	What measures has the Government taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation contained in his 2002-2003 Annual Report that the Department of Learning improve its grant processes by not approving the money before defining the nature and extent of the grant commitment or establishing accountability criteria?	Mr. Bonner on behalf of Dr. Massey	Accepted May 10, 2004	
WQ85	What measures has the Ministry of Community Development taken to conduct an evaluation of the cost effectiveness of "service delivery alternatives" <i>for operating parks and protected areas as recommended</i> in the Auditor General's 2002-2003 Annual Report?	Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman	Accepted as amended May 10, 2004	
WQ86	What measures has the Ministry of Community Development taken to <i>improve</i> the process for awarding and monitoring park management contracts to private operators as recommended in the Auditor General's 2002-2003 Annual Report?	Ms Carlson on behalf of Ms Blakeman	Accepted as amended May 10, 2004	

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WQ87	What progress has the Government made and what measures have been put in place to implement all the class size recommendations of the Alberta Commission on Learning?	Mr. Bonner on behalf of Dr. Massey	Accepted May 10, 2004	
WQ88	How much money has the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board distributed to energy customers whose utilities were disconnected in error between January 1, 2004 and March 9, 2004?	Mr. Bonner on behalf of Mr. MacDonald	Accepted May 10, 2004	