



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

Day 47

**ORDER PAPER**

Second Session

Thirty-First Legislature

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Thursday, April 16, 2026

**Prayers (10:00 a.m.)**

**ROUTINE (10:00 a.m.)**

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

**Indigenous Land Acknowledgement (First sitting day of each week)**

**Royal Anthem (Thursday)**

**Oral Question Period (10:20 a.m.) (Day 2)**

**Introduction of Visitors**

**Introduction of Guests**

**Ministerial Statements**

**Members' Statements**

**Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees**

**Presenting Petitions**

**Notices of Motions**

**Introduction of Bills**

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

**Tablings to the Clerk**

**Deferred Divisions (Thursday)**

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Motions

29. Oral notice having been given, Hon. Mr. Schow to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Government Motion 28 is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the motion, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the motion shall be put forthwith.

30. Oral notice having been given, moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Sabir

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Second Reading

Bill 25 An Act to Remove Politics and Ideology from Classrooms and Amend the Education Act, 2026 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

Debate adjourned, MLA Irwin speaking.

Bill 26 Immigration Oversight Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

Bill 27 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2026 — Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjourned debate: Mr. Dach

Bill 28 Municipal Affairs and Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2026 — Hon. Mr. Williams

Bill 29 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2026 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Bill 30 Expedited 120-Day Approvals Act — Hon. Mr. Jean

#### Committee of the Whole

Bill 18 Safeguards for Last Resort Termination of Life Act — Hon. Mr. Amery

Bill 22 Animal Protection Amendment Act, 2026 — Hon. Mr. Sigurdson

#### Third Reading

Bill 23 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2026 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Bill 24 Alberta Whisky Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

## **Private Bills**

### **Second Reading**

Bill Pr1 The Ranchmen's Club Ordinance Amendment Act, 2026 — Hon. MLA Ceci

Bill Pr2 Prairie Bible Institute Amendment Act, 2026 — Mrs. Sawyer

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

### **Referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities**

Bill 205 Non-Disclosure Agreements Act — Mrs. Johnson

### **Third Reading**

Bill 207 Primary Provincial Industries Recognition Statutes Amendment Act, 2026 — Mr. Dyck (Due Day 48)

## **Bills Awaiting Royal Assent**

Bill 15 Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2026 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

Bill 21 Interprovincial Trade Mutual Recognition Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

## **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**511.** MLA Irwin to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to

- (a) implement an Alberta-wide attainable housing program that would make the path to home ownership more affordable for and accessible to all Albertans,
- (b) collaborate with municipal governments to expand existing municipal programs such as Attainable Homes Calgary and the City of Edmonton's First Place Home Ownership Program, and
- (c) improve financial housing supports for Albertans who are at immediate risk of losing their homes.

**512.** MLA Tejada to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

(a) recognize that

- (i) hospitals across Alberta remain under-funded and over-capacity, preventing Albertans from accessing emergency and urgent care without excessive delays,
- (ii) as a result of these delays, Albertans have died before being able to access medical care, and
- (iii) delays in accessing emergency care discourage Albertans from seeking medical treatment when they need it, increasing the risk of preventable deaths, and

(b) urge the Government to

- (i) provide transparency for Albertans by implementing regular public reporting of all hospital deaths that occur in emergency departments,
- (ii) consider providing additional funding to increase hospital capacity, and
- (iii) consider increasing funding for public healthcare worker recruitment, retention, and training to improve wait times and patient outcomes for public healthcare services.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize that residents of rural communities and farm owners in Alberta face unique challenges related to crime, including property theft, vandalism and personal safety, and
- (b) urge the Government of Canada to introduce legislation to provide more legal certainty for individuals who are required to use force to defend themselves, their families and their property.

**501.\*** Moved by Ms Pancholi (Time remaining: 42 minutes):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

(a) recognize that

- (i) Alberta separatism creates investment uncertainty and negatively impacts the economy, and
- (ii) actions taken by the Government that encourage or amplify separatist sentiment, including the work of the Alberta Next Panel, contribute to that investment uncertainty,

(b) urge the Government to

- (i) secure a better deal for Alberta within the federation without leveraging the threat of separatism, and
  - (ii) establish stronger working relationships with other provincial governments to strengthen interprovincial economic ties and reduce interprovincial trade barriers, and
- (c) denounce Alberta separatism and express support for national unity.

Debate adjourned, Mrs. Petrovic speaking.

*\*Moved to bottom of item of business pursuant to motion moved by Mrs. Petrovic under Standing Order 8(4), agreed to on November 3, 2025.*

**514.** Ms Wright to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize that
  - (i) Albertan workers, including oil and gas workers, construction workers, tradespeople, and workers in the service and hospitality industries, often work long shifts and extended overtime hours in excess of the standard 44-hour work week, and
  - (ii) many of these workers are employees subject to banked overtime agreements, which currently allow their overtime hours to be paid out at regular wage rates, instead of overtime rates,
- (b) acknowledge that all employees who work overtime hours are entitled to overtime rates of pay, and
- (c) urge the Government to take all necessary steps, including the introduction of legislation, to prohibit banked overtime arrangements from paying out employees less than 1.5 times the regular wage rate for overtime hours.

**515.** MLA Ellingson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) acknowledge that
  - (i) municipalities and taxpayers across the province continue to bear the financial burden of outstanding property tax and lease payments owed to them by oil and gas companies, and
  - (ii) unpaid property taxes of oil and gas companies have resulted in a taxation deficit to municipalities of hundreds of millions of dollars,

- (b) recognize that actions taken by the Government and the Alberta Energy Regulator have, to date, insufficiently addressed the issue of outstanding property taxes and lease payments of oil and gas companies, and
- (c) urge the Government to
  - (i) engage with municipal and industry stakeholders to address the issue of outstanding tax and lease payments,
  - (ii) ensure consistency in the application of the Alberta Energy Regulator's rules and enforcement mechanisms to ensure that overdue property taxes are paid and that no new wells may be granted to an oil or gas company that has exceeded the allowable tax liability limit, and
  - (iii) reduce red tape within the Land and Property Rights Tribunal to ensure that private citizens to whom oil and gas companies owe lease payments are paid in full in a timely manner.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) acknowledge that rural municipalities across Alberta are facing a chronic infrastructure deficit of more than \$17 billion because of historical Government underfunding and recent funding cuts to municipalities,
- (b) recognize that without stable, predictable funding, rural municipalities will struggle to provide the basic infrastructure and services that rural residents depend on, and
- (c) urge the Government to increase funding to infrastructure and wastewater developments and to work collaboratively with rural municipalities to reduce the infrastructure deficit.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) acknowledge that youth unemployment rates in Alberta have increased since 2019 and remain among the highest in Canada,
- (b) recognize that
  - (i) continued high rates of youth unemployment have detrimental impacts on the current economic opportunities of young people and their long-term career prospects and economic stability,
  - (ii) the Government has failed to take any action to address Alberta's youth unemployment crisis and reduce youth unemployment rates, and

- (iii) the Government's elimination of the Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP) has contributed to the overall increase in youth unemployment rates since 2019, and
- (c) urge the Government to
  - (i) revive STEP and consider restoring its funding to 2018 levels, adjusted for inflation,
  - (ii) provide access to STEP for public and private employers in all industries, and
  - (iii) publicly and annually report on the number of applicants for STEP funding, the number of approved applications and the number of rejected applications.

**519.** Hon. Ms Gray to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize that Alberta is in a healthcare crisis because of the Government's poorly planned restructuring of the provincial healthcare system and failures to address severe staff shortages, fund for population growth and coordinate action across the healthcare system, and
- (b) urge the Government to ensure that coordinated healthcare service delivery occurs through a unified approach to decision-making, resource allocation and communication across hospitals, emergency departments and healthcare facilities.

**520.** Ms Renaud to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize that the Government's decision to deduct from the benefit amounts to an Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) recipient the amount that the recipient receives from the Canada Disability Benefit
  - (i) puts thousands of AISH recipients at risk of deeper poverty,
  - (ii) reduces AISH recipients' overall income by \$200 per month, and
  - (iii) results in Alberta taking a policy path that diverges from the practices of other provinces and territories that do not deduct the Canada Disability Benefit amount from recipients of provincially funded disability benefits programs, and
- (b) urge the Government to immediately cancel this deduction and reimburse the amounts deducted from AISH recipients who have qualified for and received the Canada Disability Benefit.

## Written Questions

**WQ1.** Hon. Mr. Guthrie to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 145):

From October 11, 2022, to October 27, 2025, how many Ministers, employees in the Office of the Premier, employees in the office of a Minister, Deputy Ministers, and senior officials of each Government department have completed the mandatory training required under the Government's Respectful Workplace Policy, how many have not completed the mandatory training, and how frequently is the mandatory training offered?

**WQ2.** Hon. Mr. Guthrie to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 145):

What enforcement mechanisms are in effect to ensure Ministers, employees in the Office of the Premier, employees in the office of a Minister, Deputy Ministers and senior officials in Government departments comply with the Government's Respectful Workplace Policy, and who is responsible for oversight of compliance and enforcement?

**WQ3.** Hon. Mr. Guthrie to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 145):

Since the Government's Respectful Workplace Policy came into effect, to October 27, 2025, has any Minister, employee in the Office of the Premier, employee in the office of a Minister, Deputy Minister or senior official in a Government department faced consequences for failing to complete training on the policy or for contravening the policy, and if so, what were the consequences?

**WQ4.** Hon. Mr. Guthrie to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 145):

Since the Government's Respectful Workplace Policy came into effect, to October 27, 2025, how many workplace harassment complaints have been filed within the Office of the Premier, offices of Ministers, and Government departments, how many of those complaints have been investigated, and how many of the investigations resulted in a finding that the policy was contravened?

**WQ5.** Hon. Mr. Guthrie to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 145):

What protections are in place under the Government's Respectful Workplace Policy to prevent retaliation against Ministers, employees in the Office of the Premier, employees in each office of a Minister, Deputy Ministers and senior officials of Government departments who raise concerns or complaints under the Government's Respectful Workplace Policy?

**WQ6.** Hon. Mr. Guthrie to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 145):

What is the Government's policy or protocol for entering into non-disclosure agreements in cases of workplace harassment, given that the stated goal of the Government's Respectful Workplace Policy is transparency and respect, and how many such agreements has the Government entered into from May 31, 2022, to October 27, 2025, to which Ministers, employees in the Office of the Premier, employees in the office of a Minister, Deputy Ministers, or senior officials in Government departments were parties?

**WQ7.** Hon. Mr. Guthrie to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 145):

How many complainants under the Government's Respectful Workplace Policy, including Ministers, employees in the Office of the Premier, employees in the office of a Minister, Deputy Ministers and senior officials in Government departments, have been dismissed or required to sign non-disclosure agreements, and, in respect of each of those complainants, what is the Government's explanation for their dismissal or requirement to sign non-disclosure agreements?

**WQ8.** Hon. Mr. Guthrie to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 145):

What independent oversight exists to ensure compliance with the Government's Respectful Workplace Policy, beyond internal human resources structures in the Office of the Premier, offices of Ministers, and Government departments, and what role, if any, does the Ethics Commissioner have in ensuring compliance?

**WQ9.** Hon. Mr. Guthrie to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 145):

Why does the Government not publish statistics on the number of complaints made, investigations conducted, and findings determined under the Government's Respectful Workplace Policy, including information specific to Ministers, employees in the Office of the Premier, employees in the office of a Minister, Deputy Ministers, and senior officials in Government departments, and will the Government consider publishing such information on a regular basis?

**WQ10.** Hon. Mr. Guthrie to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 145):

What is the total amount paid in severance by Alberta Health Services from October 11, 2022, to October 27, 2025, including severance payments to executives, managers, and employees across all departments and any subsidiaries or entities for which Alberta Health Services is responsible for administering or funding severance payments?

## Motions for Returns

**MR1.** Hon. Mr. Guthrie to propose the following motion (Due Day 145):

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

For the period from January 1, 2023, to October 27, 2025,

- (a) a list of all Government expenditures, including those made by Executive Council, on advertising, promotions, sponsorship, influencer partnerships, production or other communications content, with mainstream, independent, and alternative media, media outlets and news outlets, including websites, blogs, community radio, community groups, grassroots movements, podcasts, streaming platforms, social media, and newsletters, and
- (b) in respect of each expenditure referred to in clause (a), the following information:
  - (i) the recipient,
  - (ii) the amount paid,
  - (iii) copies of receipts, and
  - (iv) the amounts and information related to all associated costs, such as media placement, creative design, market research, staffing, distribution, event promotion, contractual services, and related overhead or contingency expenses.

**MR2.** Hon. Mr. Guthrie to propose the following motion (Due Day 145):

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

For the period from January 1, 2023, to October 27, 2025,

- (a) a list of all travel by employees in the Office of the Premier, the Premier, Members of the Legislative Assembly, including Ministers, employees in the Office of the Premier, employees in the offices of Ministers, for which the Government paid or reimbursed any portion, and
- (b) in respect of each instance of travel, the following information:
  - (i) the purpose of the travel,
  - (ii) the travel itinerary,
  - (iii) the department associated with the Government payments or reimbursements,
  - (iv) the amount of the payment or reimbursement, and
  - (v) post-travel report, if any.

**MR3.** Hon. Mr. Guthrie to propose the following motion (Due Day 145):

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

Copies of all reports, statistics or records prepared from May 31, 2022, to October 27, 2025, relating to the Government's implementation of the Respectful Workplace Policy, including records of training completion rates, complaint investigations and the use of non-disclosure agreements in the resolution of complaints.

**MR4.** Hon. Mr. Guthrie to propose the following motion (Due Day 145):

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

For the period from January 1, 2019, to October 27, 2025,

- (a) the total annual cost of policing in Alberta, disaggregated by municipality, including the amounts paid by:
  - (i) the Government of Alberta,
  - (ii) each municipality,
- (b) the amount of any increases or decreases in municipal policing costs resulting from the implementation of the Police Funding Regulation (also referred to as the Police Funding Model or PFM),
- (c) the formulas, methodologies, or criteria used by the Government to calculate each municipality's policing cost contributions under the Police Funding Regulation (Police Funding Model), and
- (d) all reports, reviews, or analyses prepared by or for the Government concerning the financial or operational impacts of the Police Funding Regulation (Police Funding Model) on municipalities.

**MR5.** Hon. Mr. Guthrie to propose the following motion (Due Day 145):

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

Copies of

- (a) all analyses, briefings, submissions, and correspondence between the Government and industry stakeholders regarding the Government's moratorium on renewable energy project approvals announced in 2023, including all information relating to the anticipated economic costs of the moratorium, including decreases in investments and employment opportunities in the renewable energy sector, and
- (b) the number of renewable energy projects that have been cancelled since the moratorium was issued.

- MR6.** Hon. Mr. Guthrie to propose the following motion (Due Day 145):
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
For the period from January 1, 2023, to October 27, 2025,
- (a) a list of all sole-source contracts and operational agreements entered into by Executive Council, and
  - (b) in respect of each contract or operational agreement the following:
    - (i) the vendor,
    - (ii) the contract value,
    - (iii) whether the contract was for the procurement of goods or services valued at \$25,000 or more, or for construction valued at \$75,000 or more, and
    - (iv) if the contract or agreement exceeded the values in subclause (iii), Executive Council's justification for entering into the sole-source contract or operational agreement.

- MR7.** Hon. Mr. Guthrie to propose the following motion (Due Day 145):
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
- (a) For the period from January 1, 2024, to October 25, 2025, a list of all agreements entered into between the Government and Marshall Smith, former chief of staff of the Premier, or a corporation or entity in which he holds a direct or beneficial ownership interest, and
  - (b) in respect of each agreement referred to in clause (a), the following information:
    - (i) the ministry or agency involved,
    - (ii) the terms and duration of the agreement,
    - (iii) the dollar amounts paid or payable under the agreement, and
    - (iv) the nature of the services, deliverables or goods to be provided under the agreement.

- MR8.** Hon. Mr. Guthrie to propose the following motion (Due Day 145):
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
For the period from January 1, 2023, to October 27, 2025,
- (a) a list of all travel to Brazil by employees in the Office of the Premier, the Premier, Members of the Legislative Assembly, including Ministers, employees in the Office of the Premier, employees in the offices of Ministers, including any travel organized in whole or in part with Invest Alberta Corporation, or for which Invest Alberta Corporation or the Government paid or reimbursed any portion or contributed funding or support, and

- (b) in respect of each instance of travel to Brazil referred to in clause (a), the following information:
    - (i) the purpose of the travel,
    - (ii) the travel itinerary,
    - (iii) the department associated with the Government payments or reimbursements,
    - (iv) the amount of the payment or reimbursement, and
    - (v) post-travel report, if any.
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## NOTICES

### Government Motions

37. Hon. Mr. Schow to propose the following motion:

- A. Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize that
  - (a) the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission's Final Report, which was tabled by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly on March 26, 2026 (Sessional Paper 436/2025-26), makes recommendations to the Legislative Assembly as to the area, boundaries, and names of the electoral divisions of Alberta, referred to as the Final Report,
  - (b) on the tabling of the Final Report, the Commission appointed under section 2 of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act is concluded,
  - (c) the Final Report includes input from Albertans provided through written proposals and public hearings held across Alberta,
  - (d) the Final Report includes a Majority Report, an Addendum to the Majority Report and a Minority Report,
  - (e) the Majority Report notes that since the last Electoral Boundaries Commission report in 2017, the population of Alberta has increased by over 800,000 people and that in responding to these changes, the Legislature expanded the number of available seats by two, from 87 to 89,
  - (f) the Majority Report notes that the size of the Legislative Assembly was only increased by 2 percent despite the population increasing by 20 percent,
  - (g) the Majority Report expresses regret that the Commission had to remove two ridings from central and north central Alberta in order to address this population increase,

- (h) the Majority Report states that the majority of the Commission believes that it would have been able to provide Albertans with more effective representation had the Legislature provided an additional two seats and indicates that, had the Commission been given the power to do so, it may have proposed a map of at least 91 electoral divisions,
  - (i) the Addendum to the Majority Report
    - (i) proposes that if the Legislative Assembly cannot concur in the Majority Report's recommendation to remove two electoral divisions from areas outside of the Cities of Edmonton and Calgary, the Legislative Assembly consider amending the Electoral Divisions Act for the purpose of increasing the number of electoral divisions for the next general election from 89 to 91,
    - (ii) proposes that the matter be referred to an all-party Select Special Committee or other legislative committee, and
    - (iii) in its four additional recommendations cited as Recommendation 5(a) to (d), provides recommendations to protect certain proposed electoral divisions described in the Majority Report from substantive alteration stemming from the addition of two additional electoral divisions, and
  - (j) section 3 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees that every citizen of Canada has the right to vote in an election of members of the House of Commons or of a legislative assembly and to be qualified for membership therein, which includes a right to effective representation;
- B. And be it further resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce a Bill to amend section 13 of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act to provide for 91 proposed electoral divisions;
- C. And be it further resolved that
- (a) a Select Special Committee on Electoral Boundaries be established to oversee an independent review of electoral boundaries of Alberta
    - (i) on an expedited basis, and
    - (ii) without a requirement to direct the holding of public hearings,
  - (b) the Committee consists of the following:
    - (i) Mr. Lundy as the Chair of the Committee;
    - (ii) 3 Members of the Government caucus nominated by the Government House Leader, the nominations of which are to be submitted to the Chair;

- (iii) 2 Members of the Opposition caucus nominated by the Opposition House Leader, the nominations of which are to be submitted to the Chair,
- (c) the Committee is constituted on the nomination of a majority of its Members and continues despite any vacancies in its membership,
- (d) the Committee be directed to engage independent advisors
  - (i) to serve on an independent advisory panel to carry out the mandate referred to in clause (e), and
  - (ii) who are to be appointed by the Committee as follows:
    - (A) a chair of the independent advisory panel who must be one of the following.
      - (I) the president of a post-secondary educational institution in Alberta;
      - (II) a judge or retired judge of any court of Alberta;
      - (III) a person whose stature and qualifications are similar to those of the persons referred to in subparagraphs (I) and (II);
    - (B) on nomination of the Leader of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition in consultation with the leaders of other opposition parties represented in the Legislative Assembly, 2 persons who are not Members of the Legislative Assembly;
    - (C) on nomination of the President of the Executive Council, 2 persons who are not Members of the Legislative Assembly;
    - (D) with respect to the persons appointed under paragraph (B), one must be a resident in a city and the other resident outside a city at the time of their appointment;
    - (E) with respect to the persons appointed under paragraph (C), one must be a resident in a city and the other resident outside a city at the time of their appointment;
    - (F) all persons appointed under paragraphs (A), (B) and (C) must be Canadian citizens, residents of Alberta and at least 18 years of age.
- (e) the independent advisory panel's mandate is to
  - (i) conduct a review of the electoral boundaries of Alberta and make proposals as to the area, boundaries and names of the electoral divisions of Alberta.
  - (ii) in conducting its review,

- (A) divide the electoral boundaries of Alberta into 91 proposed electoral divisions
- (B) incorporate the recommendations provided in Recommendation 5 in the Addendum to the Majority Report subject to any modifications the independent advisory panel considers necessary, taking into consideration the requirement for effective representation as guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and
  - (I) sparsity, density and rate of growth of the population
  - (II) communities of interest, including municipalities, regional and rural communities, Indian reserves and Metis settlements,
  - (III) geographical features,
  - (IV) the availability and means of communication and transportation between various parts of Alberta,
  - (V) the desirability of understandable and clear boundaries, and
  - (VI) any other factors the independent advisory panel considers appropriate, and
- (C) ensure that its proposals comply with the following requirements:
  - (I) the population of a proposed electoral division must not be more than 25 percent above nor more than 25 percent below the average population of all the proposed electoral divisions;
  - (II) despite subparagraph (I), in the case of no more than 4 of the proposed electoral divisions, if the independent advisory panel is of the opinion that at least 3 of the following criteria exist in a proposed electoral division, the proposed electoral division may have a population that is as much as 50 percent below the average population of all the proposed electoral divisions:
    - 1. the area of the proposed electoral division exceeds 20,000 square kilometres or the total surveyed area of the proposed electoral division exceeds 15,000 square kilometres;
    - 2. the distance from the Legislature Building in Edmonton to the nearest boundary of the proposed electoral division by the most direct highway route is more than 150 kilometres;

3. there is no town in the proposed electoral division that has a population exceeding 8,000 people;
  4. the area of the proposed electoral division contains an Indian reserve or a Metis settlement;
  5. the proposed electoral division has a portion of its boundary coterminous with a boundary of the Province of Alberta;
- (III) for the purpose of the 3rd criterion set out in subparagraph (II), the municipality of Crowsnest Pass is not a town,
- (iii) conduct its review despite any vacancies in its membership,
  - (iv) on or before October 22, 2026, submit to the Committee a report based on its review, and
  - (v) on the independent advisory panel submitting its report to the Committee, the independent advisory panel's mandate is concluded,
- (f) for the purposes of the independent advisory panel carrying out its mandate, the Committee may, at the request of and on behalf of the independent advisory panel, do any of the following:
- (i) request access to and the use of any information and statistics that the independent advisory panel considers relevant to its mandate, including any information and statistics gathered and input received by the Electoral Boundaries Commission most recently appointed under the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, and any records held by the Legislative Assembly Office;
  - (ii) request advice, information and assistance from the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer;
  - (iii) request any person to provide the independent advisory panel with advice that the independent advisory panel considers advisable or necessary;
  - (iv) direct the Legislative Assembly Office to provide administrative support to the independent advisory panel as required,
- (g) the Committee be authorized to pay the following:
- (i) remuneration, and travelling and living expenses, of the independent advisors as it relates to carrying out the independent advisory panel's mandate;
  - (ii) reasonable disbursements incurred by the independent advisory panel for the effective conduct of its responsibilities,

- (h) if the independent advisory panel submits more than one report to the Committee, the report of a majority of the members of the independent advisory panel is the report of the independent advisory panel, but if there is no majority, the report of the chair is the report of the independent advisory panel,
- (i) as soon as practicable after receiving the independent advisory panel's report the Committee
  - (i) may convene to review the report, including making observations in respect of the report, and
  - (ii) on conclusion of its review, if any, must submit the report to the Legislative Assembly no later than November 2, 2026,
- (j) the Committee continues despite a prorogation of a session and may, without leave of the Legislative Assembly, meet during a period when the Legislative Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, and
- (k) on the Committee submitting the report to the Legislative Assembly, the Committee's mandate is concluded.

### **Leave to Introduce a Bill**

Bill 208 Tobacco, Smoking and Vaping Reduction Amendment Act, 2026 —  
Mrs. Petrovic

### **Projected Government Business**

Thursday, April 16

Morn./Aft. – **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

Bill 27

#### **Committee of the Whole**

Bill 18

#### **Third Reading**

Bill 18, 23

And as per the Order Paper

## **Written Questions and Motions for Returns for Consideration on Day 145**

### **Written Questions**

To be accepted: WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9

To be dealt with: WQ10

### **Motions for Returns**

To be dealt with: MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4, MR5, MR6, MR7, MR8

Hon. Ric McIver,  
Speaker