

No. 21

ORDERS OF THE DAY
OF THE
Legislative Assembly of British Columbia

Second Session of the Forty-third Parliament

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

10 A.M.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

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PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

- 1** *Elenore Sturko* to introduce a Bill intituled *Interpretation Amendment Act, 2026*.
- 2** *Jordan Kealy* to introduce a Bill intituled *Health Professions and Occupations Repeal Act*.
- 3** *Scott McInnis* to introduce a Bill intituled *Aboriginal Title Transparency Act*.

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STATEMENTS (STANDING ORDER 25B)

(Afternoon sittings: Monday and Wednesday)

(Morning sittings: Tuesday and Thursday)

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ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

(30 minutes, afternoon sittings: Monday and Wednesday)

(30 minutes, morning sittings: Tuesday and Thursday)

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PRESENTING PETITIONS

—
READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

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PRESENTING REPORTS

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MOTIONS ON NOTICE
(See Schedule A—Government Motions)
(See Schedule D—Private Members' Motions)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ON NOTICE

ORDERS OF THE DAY

THRONE SPEECH DEBATE

(Hon. *David Eby* adjourned the debate.)

BUDGET DEBATE (INCLUDING COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Estimates.

Report of Resolutions passed in Committee of Supply

- SECTION A: February 26.
 - SECTION B: March 3.
 - SECTION C: March 3, 4, 9.
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PRIVATE MEMBERS' TIME
(Monday morning only)
(See Schedule D)

PUBLIC BILLS AND ORDERS AND GOVERNMENT MOTIONS ON NOTICE

COMMITTEE

Committee—

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2026*, PRINTED. Hon. Minister of Finance.

Committee—

Bill (No. 6) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2026*, PRINTED. Hon. Attorney General and Deputy Premier.

Committee—

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Post-Secondary International Education (Designated Institutions) Act*, PRINTED. Hon. Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills. (Clause 11.)

Committee—

Bill (No. 8) intituled *Civil Forfeiture Amendment Act, 2026*, PRINTED. Hon. Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

ADJOURNED DEBATE ON SECOND READING

Adjourned Debate on Second Reading—

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 2026*, PRINTED. Hon. Minister of Citizens' Services. (*David Williams* adjourned the debate.)

Adjourned Debate on Second Reading—

Bill (No. 10) intituled *Labour Statutes Amendment Act, 2026*, PRINTED. Hon. Minister of Labour. (Hon. *Jennifer Whiteside* adjourned the debate.)

SECOND READING

Second Reading—

Bill (No. 1) intituled *An Act to Ensure the Supremacy of Parliament*, PRINTED. Hon. Attorney General and Deputy Premier.

Second Reading—

Bill (No. 11) intituled *Residential Tenancy Amendment Act, 2026*, PRINTED. Hon. Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs.

Second Reading—

Bill (No. 12) intituled *Safe Access to Schools Amendment Act, 2026*, PRINTED. Hon. Attorney General and Deputy Premier.

Second Reading—

Bill (No. 13) intituled *Safe Access to Places of Public Worship Act*, PRINTED. Hon. Attorney General and Deputy Premier.

PRIVATE BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS IN THE HANDS OF PRIVATE MEMBERS

(*See Schedule D*)

ADJOURNED DEBATE ON OTHER MOTIONS

KATE RYAN-LLOYD
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

SCHEDULE B

WRITTEN QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

1 *Korky Neufeld* to ask the Hon. Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills the following questions:—

1. Will the Minister reveal the findings of the internal investigation regarding the ongoing student union issues at Kwantlen Polytechnic University and Langara College?
2. Will the Minister commit to discussing the ongoing student union issues at Kwantlen Polytechnic University and Langara College with the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Citizens' Services?
3. What is the Minister's plan to double the apprenticeship seats?
4. What is the per-seat funding lift?
5. Are capital dollars attached?
6. How does this square with no new college capital "replacing"?
7. Why are 20 percent of new seats allocated to BC Building Trades?
8. What accountability measures ensure quality and outcomes?
9. Does BC Building Trades have the same obligation as the public post-secondary institutes?
10. Will colleges meaningfully benefit, or is this primarily a research university investment?
11. How does this differ from existing graduate program funding?
12. How will the \$30 million funding be distributed geographically and institutionally?
13. Graduate satisfaction is currently at 86.6 percent; the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills (PSFS) service plan has a target of 90 percent. Given financial strain and staffing reductions, how realistic is achieving a three-point increase?
14. How will this be accomplished?
15. Employment outcomes after skills training baseline are at 67 percent, but forecast is at 71 percent; is this ambitious enough in a labour-constrained environment?
16. Do immediate college graduate rates differ from university graduates?
17. Is it correct that 19 out of 25 public post-secondary institutions will file an annual deficit?
18. What does the Minister attribute that to?
19. Do nine of these 25 public institutions have an accumulated operating deficit?
20. Can the Minister name those institutions?
21. Does the Minister know the amount of an accumulative deficit for each institution? Please supply the list.
22. The PSFS transfer to educational institutions and organizations remains flat at \$3.24 billion over three years. How is a flat operating envelope consistent with rising inflation, wage settlements, utilities and benefit costs?
23. What is the real (inflation-adjusted) decline in institutional operating funding?
24. Is the Ministry assuming institutions will absorb cost increases through reductions?
25. How does this align with the service plan goal 2 commitment to a "sustainable" system in the PSFS service plan?
26. What reduction target is expected for colleges and universities FTEs?
27. How does this align with expanding trades seats?
28. How will service levels be protected?
29. The mandate letter suggests the Minister will work with institutions to evaluate and advocate federally in relation to funding challenges caused by federal changes related to international students. What modelling has been done on system-wide revenue loss due to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) caps? Where is that reflected in the service plan financial projections?

30. The public post-secondary institutions financial summary shows a total revenue in 2025/2026 to be \$9.149 billion and in 2026/2027 to \$9.161 billion. This implies a very modest growth despite international volatility. What if permit reductions persist for longer than projected?

31. Does the Ministry view the IRCC reduction as temporary volatility or structural contraction?

32. If structural, why does the service plan not include system restructuring metrics?

33. Where are targets related to institutional mergers, program rationalization or administrative consolidation?

34. The government often emphasizes “student choice.” How is student choice preserved if public institutions are exclusively supported?

35. Does the Ministry believe that students in private institutions are less deserving of support than those in public institutions?

36. Is there a principled policy rationale for differentiating support between students based solely on institutional governance structure?

37. Has the Ministry evaluated the systemic risk to B.C.’s post-secondary ecosystem if private institutions were to close?

38. What would be the economic impact on communities where private institutions operate and employ local residents?

39. Does the Ministry view private post-secondary institutions as partners in fiscal efficiency, given that they operate without core operating grants?

40. B.C. faces a growing deficit. Would it not be fiscally prudent to leverage private sector training capacity rather than duplicating it through public capital expansion?

41. How does excluding private institutions from policy consideration align with the province’s stated commitment to economic productivity and workforce readiness?

42. Would the Minister consider a formal review of the role of private post-secondary institutions within B.C.’s broader fiscal and workforce strategy?

43. If the government were to support only public post-secondary institutions, what is the Ministry’s plan to replace lost private sector capacity?

44. If the government were to support only public post-secondary institutions, what is the Ministry’s plan to avoid increased taxpayer burden?

45. If the government were to support only public post-secondary institutions, what is the Ministry’s plan to prevent disruption to domestic students currently enrolled in private programs?

46. What was the government’s provincial attestation letter (PAL) distribution logic?

47. Why is there a lack of priority alignment?

48. Were there plans to take program labour market alignment into consideration when allocating or reallocating PALs?

49. By allocating with labour market considerations, will this not eliminate more bad actor schools?

50. What is the Minister doing to fix this mess?

51. How will this government meet its own goals of skilled training in order to build our economy, when institutions public and private are telling us they are in decline in staffing and programming?

52. Could the Don Avison review of post-secondary sustainability lead to further privatization?

53. Will this review lead to consolidation of services?

54. Will the Minister reaffirm the province’s commitment to the 2 percent tuition cap?

55. What measures in this budget show the province is properly funding higher education?

56. What will this Minister do to strengthen the tuition limit policy to keep education affordable and stop institutions from bypassing it with new or repackaged ancillary fees?

57. How will the new review determine gaps in government funding?

58. Will the Minister increase provincial funding by developing a funding model that reduces reliance on student fees, accounts for inflation and provides long-term financial stability for institutions?

59. Will this Minister take urgent action to reinvest in post-secondary education and protect the future of education in our province? What is this Minister's plan to accomplish this?
60. Can the Minister describe the extent and the nature of the Ministry's engagement with the Independent Contractors and Businesses Association (ICBA)?
61. Can the Minister explain how their insights have informed their own skill development program?
62. Has the Minister done any cost-benefit analysis to per-pupil cost?
63. Given Look West, the Strategic Investment Fund, trades and highly qualified professionals and provincial nominee program (PNP) alignment, how does this service plan structurally reposition the post-secondary system to support B.C.'s industrial strategy, beyond incremental program adjustments?
64. If international enrollment drops 30 percent longer-term, what is plan B?
65. Is government prepared for institutions insolvency?
66. Are there triggers for emergency stabilization funding?
67. Would government permit tuition increases?
68. Are colleges disproportionately exposed to international student volatility?
69. Are micro-credentials sufficiently funded to scale?
70. Is the Ministry implicitly expecting cross-subsidization from trades funding?
71. How does the Minister reconcile flat base funding with the expectation of system transformation?
72. Are we looking at a structurally smaller international sector?
73. What are the early warning indicators of institutional distress?
74. Will trades funding be permanent base funding or time-limited?

SCHEDULE D

PRIVATE MEMBERS' TIME

(Monday morning only)

(D number denotes order of precedence)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS (STANDING ORDER 25A)

PUBLIC BILLS IN THE HANDS OF PRIVATE MEMBERS

COMMITTED TO THE SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS AND PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS

- [D6] Committee—
Bill (No. M 214) intituled *Firefighters' Health Act*, PRINTED. *Misty Van Popta*. (October 6, 2025.)
- [D9] Committee—
Bill (No. M 216) intituled *Professional Reliance Act*, PRINTED. *George Anderson*. (November 17, 2025.)
- [D10] Committee—
Bill (No. M 217) intituled *Dashboard Cameras in Commercial Vehicles Act*, PRINTED. *Ward Stamer*. (November 24, 2025.)
- [D12] Committee—
Bill (No. M 226) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, PRINTED. *Dana Lajeunesse*. (February 23, 2026.)
- [D13] Committee—
Bill (No. M 231) intituled *Veterans and First Responders Month Act*, PRINTED. *Rosalyn Bird*. (March 2, 2026.)
- [D14] Committee—
Bill (No. M 232) intituled *Long Term Care Access and Transparency Act*, PRINTED. *Brennan Day*. (March 9, 2026.)

PUBLIC BILLS IN THE HANDS OF PRIVATE MEMBERS AND PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

ADJOURNED DEBATE

- [D15] **M 201** *Sharon Hartwell* moved—
That this House affirms its commitment to affordable, equitable and accessible clean water as an important component of Canadian sovereignty. (*Sheldon Clare* adjourned the debate.)

ITEMS BELOW NOT LISTED IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

(* Denotes Member's intended item of business)

SECOND READING

Second Reading—

Bill (No. M 233) intituled *Public Sector Construction Projects Procurement Act*, PRINTED. *Kiel Giddens*.

Second Reading—

Bill (No. M 234) intituled *School Amendment Act, 2026*, PRINTED. *Jordan Kealy*.

Second Reading—

Bill (No. M 235) intituled *Drug Recovery and Community Safety Act*, NOT PRINTED. *Tara Armstrong*.

Second Reading—

Bill (No. M 236) intituled *Health Professions and Occupations Repeal Act*, NOT PRINTED. *Anna Kindy*.

Second Reading—

Bill (No. M 237) intituled *Insurance (Vehicle) Amendment Act, 2026*, NOT PRINTED. *Sheldon Clare*.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS ON NOTICE

M 202 *Peter Milobar* to move—

That pursuant to section 13 (2) of the *Auditor General Act*, the Legislative Assembly request that the Auditor General undertake an examination of the Government of British Columbia's gift card for public servants program examining any potential conflict of interest relating to program administrators providing themselves and their immediate colleagues with gift cards.

M 203 *Tony Luck* to move—

That the House affirms that the application of the merit principle within the B.C. Public Service be overseen by an independent officer of the Legislature.

M 204 *Brennan Day* to move—

That the *Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia* be amended by deleting the text shown as struck out and adding the underlined text in Standing Order 78 as follows:

First reading not debatable; Bill added to Order Paper.

78. When a Bill is presented by a Member, the question, "That this Bill be NOW read a first time," shall be ~~decided~~ deemed to have carried without amendment or debate and the Bill shall be placed on the Order Paper for second reading.

LIST OF PRECEDENCE FOR PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

(Last revised on March 9, 2026)

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| 1. Tony Luck | 16. Susie Chant | 32. Lynne Block |
| 2. Kiel Giddens | 17. Tara Armstrong | 33. Kristina Loewen |
| 3. Sheldon Clare | 18. Reann Gasper | 34. Claire Rattée |
| 4. Gavin Dew | 19. Amshen / Joan Phillip | 35. Stephanie Higginson |
| 5. Steve Morissette | 20. Harman Bhangu | 36. Linda Hepner |
| 6. Harwinder Sandhu | 21. Rob Botterell | 37. Amelia Boulton |
| 7. Scott McInnis | 22. Lorne Doerkson | 38. Mandeep Dhaliwal |
| 8. Jordan Kealy | 23. Mable Elmore | 39. Brent Chapman |
| 9. David Williams | 24. Jeremy Valeriote | 40. Peter Milobar |
| 10. Amna Shah | 25. Janet Routledge | 41. Pete Davis |
| 11. Bryan Tepper | 26. Korky Neufeld | 42. Á'a:liya Warbus |
| 12. Heather Maahs | 27. Trevor Halford | 43. Larry Neufeld |
| 13. Qwulti'stunaat /
Debra Toporowski | 28. Ian Paton | 44. Lawrence Mok |
| 14. Sunita Dhir | 29. Donegal Wilson | 45. Dallas Brodie |
| 15. John Rustad | 30. Teresa Wat | 46. Garry Begg |
| | 31. Bruce Banman | 47. George Chow |