

The high cost of government absenteeism

Table 1

Sick days taken and estimated cost of absenteeism in government departments 2001 - 2006							
	2001/2002 Days per FTE	2002/2003 Days per FTE	2003/2004 Days per FTE	2004/2005 Days per FTE	2005/2006 Days per FTE	Percent Increase/ Decrease 2001-2006	Cost of Absenteeism 2005/2006
Culture, Youth and Recreation	4.3	4.9	7.4	5.9	5.8	34.4%	\$137,791.22
Saskatchewan Environment	6.9	7.3	8.3	9.6	9.2	32.9%	\$1,930,246
Highways and Transportation	8.9	10.5	10.6	10.1	10.7	20.1%	\$2,012,509.51
Industry and Resources	7.4	7.5	8.5	9.8	8.6	17.6%	\$506,431.34
Liquor and Gaming Authority	8.7	8.3	9.4	9.4	10.2	17.4%	\$1,248,813.68
Agriculture and Food	5.7	6.1	5.1	4.8	6.5	14.6%	\$450,883.00
Learning	7.5	8.4	8.2	8.0	8.3	10.4%	\$898,641.44
Department of Health	7.0	7.9	7.8	8.9	7.6	8.6%	\$904,294.28
Saskatchewan Finance	7.2	8.0	7.7	7.8	7.5	4.7%	\$626,383.55
Corrections and Public Safety	N/A	13.0	13.2	12.8	13.6	4.5%	\$4,417,637.47
Government Relations	N/A	7.3	8.1	7.6	6.7	-8.2%	\$214,247
Property Management	10.3	10.3	10.2	9.8	9.0	-12.4%	\$1,348,199.20
Justice	12.0	9.9	9.4	8.7	8.4	-22.9%	\$1,455,482.65
All Government Departments (Public Service Commission estimate)	9.0	9.4	9.7	9.7	9.6	6.7%	\$19,470,210.00

Source: Information obtained by the CTF using freedom of information legislation.

Table 2

Sick days taken and estimated cost of absenteeism for crown corporations 2001 - 2006							
	2001/2002 Days per FTE	2002/2003 Days per FTE	2003/2004 Days per FTE	2004/2005 Days per FTE	2005/2006 Days per FTE	Percent Increase/ Decrease 2001- 2006	Cost of Absenteeism 2005-2006
SaskPower	8.5	8.2	7.4	7.8	7.5	-12.0%	\$4,076,320.50
Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan (CIC)	4.5	4.5	5.8	6.9	4.2	-6.2%	\$200,256.00
SGI*	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.1	5.1	0.0%	\$1,400,000
STC	8.8	11.4	11.3	9.9	10.1	15.0%	\$302,777.87
Information Services Corporation	9.2	7.8	8.8	9.9	10.7	16.5%	\$488,404.67
SaskEnergy	6.5	6.8	6.9	6.5	7.7	18.0%	\$1,189,961.00
SaskTel	8.7	8.5	9.0	11.3	11.4	31.3%	\$7,819,650

Source: Information obtained by the CTF using freedom of information legislation.

Table 3

Average number of sick days taken Canadian average - 2001-2005					
Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Sick Days Per Employee	7.0	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.8

Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM, table 279-0029.

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