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SASKATCHEWAN BUDGET UPDATE

14-15

STEADY GROWTH

MID-YEAR REPORT

BACKGROUNDER

Surplus

- A **\$70.9 million surplus is projected at mid-year**—virtually unchanged from the budgeted surplus of \$71.4 million.

Revenue

- **Revenue is projected to be up \$126.4 million from budget.**
- Increased non-renewable resource revenue and net income from Crown Corporations and the insurance sector are more than offsetting lower than expected growth in personal and corporate income tax revenue.

Expense

- **Expense is projected to be up \$126.9 million from budget.**
- Flood-related costs account for \$107.0 million of the increase from budget – costs related to helping residents and municipalities recover from recent flooding.
- Other significant increases include additional support for those who are among the most vulnerable, including people with disabilities as well as children and families. There is also more support for new schools, and for growing enrolments in Saskatchewan schools.

Debt

- **Government public debt is projected at \$3.8 billion – unchanged from last year.**
- **Total public debt, which includes Crown Corporations, is projected to be up \$44.7 million from budget, to \$11.86 billion.**
- The increase is primarily due to higher debt at SaskPower, as it builds new infrastructure to meet the growth needs of the province, largely offset by decreases in the debt of other organizations.

Other Key Figures

- The average 2014-15 WTI oil price is now projected at US\$91.08 per barrel, down from the budget estimate of US\$94.25 per barrel.
- The average exchange rate projection is 89.74 US cents, down from the budget estimate of 91.50 US cents.
- The average potash price for 2014-15 is now projected at US\$280 per KC1 tonne, up from the budget estimate of US\$274.
- Potash sales in 2014-15 are now projected at 11.0 million K₂O tonnes, up from the budget assumption of 10.6 million K₂O tonnes.