

## **PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN**

(CANADA)

### 2015-16 MID-YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

November 30, 2015

#### **Government of Saskatchewan**

**Budget Update - Mid-Year** for the year ended March 31

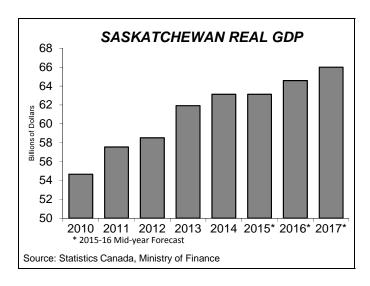
			Mid-Year
			Change
	Budget	Mid-Year	From
(millions of dollars)	2015-16	Projection	Budget
Revenue			
Taxation	6,808.1	6,710.5	(97.6)
Non-Renewable Resources	2,453.2	2,064.9	(388.3)
Other Own-Source Revenue	1,890.8	1,914.1	23.3
Transfers from Federal Government	2,223.0	2,314.9	91.9
Net Income from Government	904.9	1,005.9	101.0
Business Enterprises			
Total Revenue	14,280.0	14,010.3	(269.7)
Expense			
Agriculture	721.6	683.2	(38.4)
Community Development	531.9	531.9	-
Debt Charges	305.1	295.9	(9.2)
Economic Development	256.6	261.8	5.2
Education	3,661.0	3,626.1	(34.9)
Environment and Natural Resources	242.1	318.6	76.5
Health	5,507.0	5,527.0	20.0
Protection of Persons and Property	625.7	673.7	48.0
Social Services and Assistance	1,209.9	1,256.5	46.6
Transportation	544.1	535.9	(8.2)
Other	568.2	561.9	(6.3)
Total Expense *	14,173.2	14,272.5	99.3
Surplus *	106.8	(262.2)	(369.0)

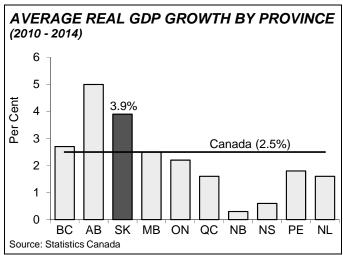
 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{^{\ast}}$  Before adjustment to account for pension costs on an accural basis.

### Key economic indicators update

- Employment increased by 2,700 through the first 10 months of 2015;
- Between July 1, 2014 and July 1, 2015,
   Saskatchewan's population increased by 11,354 to 1,133,637;
- Lowest unemployment rate in Canada;
- · Highest percentage increase in wholesale trade; and,
- Third highest percentage increase in the value of building permits.

# Saskatchewan's real GDP growth is expected to pick up in 2016 and 2017



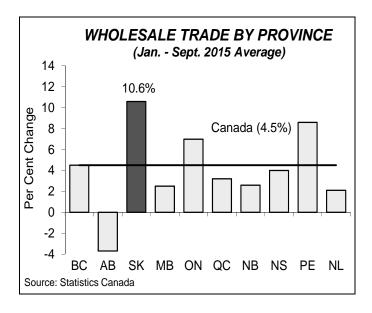


### Key economic assumptions for 2015

	Actual			
	2014	Budget	Mid-Year	
Can. Real GDP Growth (%)	2.5	2.1	1.2	
U.S. Real GDP Growth (%)	2.4	3.1	2.6	
Can. Dollar (US cents)	90.7	79.0	77.8	
Short-term Interest Rate (%)	0.91	0.48	0.48	
Long-term Interest Rate (%)*	2.23	1.82	1.44	
* 10-year Government of Canada Bond				

Source: Ministry of Finance

# Growth in wholesale trade highest among provinces



# 2015-16 non-renewable resources forecast assumptions

		First Quarter	Mid-Year
	Budget	Forecast	Projection
WTI Oil Price (US\$/barrel)	57.15	49.50	49.50
Light-Heavy Differential (% of WTI)	19.1	15.5	18.6
Oil Production (million barrels)	178.7	168.4	173.4
Potash Price (mine netback, US\$/KCl tonne) <sup>1</sup>	297	294	282
Potash Price (mine netback, C\$/K <sub>2</sub> O tonne) <sup>1</sup>	612	620	595
Potash Sales (million K <sub>2</sub> O tonnes) <sup>1</sup>	11.0	11.0	10.7
Uranium Price (C\$/Kg)	141	125	126
Canadian Dollar (US cents)	79.2	77.0	77.0
Ministry of Finance calculations derived from calendar-year forecasts.			

#### **Credit Ratings of the Province**

Standard & Poor's AAA
Moody's Investors Service Aaa
Dominion Bond Rating Service AA

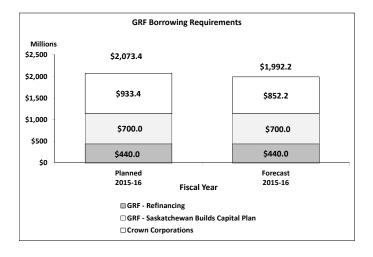
### Public debt is below Budget estimate

#### **Schedule of Public Debt**

As at March 31

	Actual	Budget	Mid-Year
(millions of dollars)	2015	2016	Projection
General Revenue Fund (GRF)			
- operating	3,800.0	3,800.0	3,800.0
- Saskatchewan Builds Capital Plan	-	700.0	700.0
Other Government Service Organizations	588.8	601.4	615.0
Government Service Organization Debt	4,388.8	5,101.4	5,115.0
Government Business Enterprise Debt	7,296.4	8,081.2	7,991.9
Public Debt	11,685.2	13,182.6	13,106.9

### **Borrowing requirements**



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