

**END POVERTY REGINA**  
**QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES IN THE PROVINCIAL ELECTION**

1. As of October 1, Saskatchewan's minimum wage will be \$15 an hour—the lowest minimum wage in the country. If you are elected, will you call for the minimum wage to be raised to a living wage: \$19 an hour?
2. Questions concerning Saskatchewan's two income assistance programs: Saskatchewan Income Support or SIS, a "program [that] helps people in need meet their basic needs while they become more self-sufficient and independent to the best of their abilities"; and Saskatchewan Assured Income For Disability, a "program for people with significant and enduring disabilities."
  - a) Will your party raise SIS rates above the poverty line? Currently, an individual on SIS gets \$1,005 a month, well below the poverty line. The poverty line for a single adult in Saskatchewan is \$1,868 a month.
  - b) In addition to being inadequate, SIS does not cover utilities. Will your party ensure that SIS, or any replacement for it, covers utilities?
  - c) Will your party raise SAID rates up to full time minimum wage level? People with a disability frequently incur extra expenses. Currently an individual on SAID receives on average \$1,382 a month. A full-time minimum wage worker earns \$2,240 a month.
  - d) Will your party commit to no claw back on any existing disability income supports upon implementation of the Canada Disability Benefit?
3. Will your party take immediate action to make the approximately 3,000 vacant Sask Housing units across the province immediately available for occupation?
4. Will your party implement rent control legislation? 80% of Canadians live in jurisdictions with rent control.
5. Will your party ban renovictions?
6. Will your party reinstate funding for harm reduction services—including providing clean new needles and drug use paraphernalia—as well as funding more treatment services?
7. What can the Government of Saskatchewan do to make Saskatchewan—and the world—a better place for everyone who lives here?