

Backgrounder: Broten will protect Crowns to deliver affordability

Brad Wall can't be trusted to protect our Crowns

- In the last election, Wall kept many of his plans a secret until after the ballots were cast, including:
 - Privatizing the profitable Information Services Corporation¹
 - Selling off land previously protected under the *Wildlife Habitat Protection Act*²
 - Selling off 40 profitable SLGA liquor stores³
 - Putting the casinos up for sale⁴

Privatization costs more

- After promising not to privatize Manitoba Telecom Services, the Conservative government sold it off in 1997.⁵
- Manitoba families pay 22 per cent more on their telephone bills compared to Saskatchewan families,⁶ and 37 per cent more for basic home phone service.⁷
- Manitoba Telecom Services has 114,000 fewer customer connections, but its net income is 72 per cent higher than SaskTel's – because of higher rates and inferior services.⁸

	MTS (privatized)	SaskTel (public)
Customer connections (total wireless, wireline, internet, TV)	1,304,000	1,418,000
Revenue	\$1.61 billion	\$1.23 billion
Net income	\$131.7 million	\$76.4 million
Cost of basic home phone service	\$29.58	\$21.54
CEO compensation	\$7,782,241	\$499,492
Corporate income taxes, or dividends to province over last five years	\$1.2 million <small>*MTS doesn't expect to pay corporate income taxes until at least 2020</small>	\$497 million

¹ http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2012/11/19/saskatchewan-to-sell-information-services-corporation-crown-corporation_n_2160532.html

² <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/sask-habitat-protection-proposal-raises-furor-1.897883>

³ <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/sask-government-to-sell-40-liquor-stores-1.3324290>

⁴ <http://www.metronews.ca/news/regina/2014/02/10/saskatchewan-government-eyes-potential-sale-of-casino-moose-jaw-and-casino-regina.html>

⁵ https://www.policyalternatives.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/publications/Manitoba_Pubs/2007/FastFacts_May9_07_MTS.pdf

⁶ 2015 Intercity Comparison, Government of Saskatchewan's Budget 2015-16, page 66

⁷ Sanger, T. (2015). *Parables of privatization: a cautionary tale of two telcos.*

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