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## Saskatchewan Party MLA defends his motel charging higher rates for Social Services

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A Saskatchewan Party legislature member is defending his motel after it raised rates for a person on social assistance.

Gary Grewal told reporters Monday it makes sense for Social Services to pay higher nightly rates than a single \$200 damage deposit, arguing it saves the ministry money.

"It's better to pay \$50 or \$60 extra, than paying \$200 extra," Grewal said. "By this policy, Social Services are paying less money at the end."

The Opposition NDP has accused Grewal's motel of raising rates for a Social Services recipient when the ministry started to pay her tab.


Motel receipts provided by the NDP show the client paid \$132 a night, plus a \$200 damage deposit, when she initially checked in.

However, when the Ministry of Social Services decided to foot the bill, the receipts show the government paid \$168 a night and then \$200 a night a few days later.

Grewal said the rate is higher because some on social assistance damage the rooms.

"Sometimes the damage is \$700-\$800," he said. "So many things happen."



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Sask MLA Ryan Domotor removed for obtaining sexual services : r/saskatchewan

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Granted, the Sunrise Motel, up high overlooking a Ring Road interchange, is too exposed for an MLA parking and coming in for an afternoon tryst. (Using a taxi would be just as risky.) His being there would automatically be seen as illicit, gambling, drugs, meeting a prostitute. Saying he was just stopping in for a chat with his pal Gary Grewal wouldn't fly.

Are we rather to conclude that Mr. Domotor is just not real smart with past escapade success emboldening him to brazenly, lustily conclude he could get away with it again?

How "fake news" can be created and spread. First, a Saskatchewan Party MLA got in trouble for milking Social Services to fill his Sunrise Motel on Victoria Ave in East Regina. Then another SK Party MLA got caught soliciting sexual services at a "hotel in East Regina." News agencies were careful to not name the business—something we all are curious to know. (The old Coachman Hotel on Victoria further downtown is an obvious candidate, but not for any "self-respecting" MLA.) But Reddit posts the story with a photo of the Sunrise Motel, obviously suggesting the owner is facilitating sex trade services for his caucus mates. This blows the scandal up to being more than just the total of two separate ones. But is this "multiplicative" mathematics valid, or is the sum of the scandals just "additive"? News agencies might as well have named the hotel in the first reporting, making clear just what questions about Gary Grewal's sins have basis. **TJB**