

## **Yukon Legislative Assembly**

# Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges

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On May 17, 2021, the Yukon Legislative Assembly adopted the following motion, as amended:

THAT the Hon. Richard Mostyn, the Hon. John Streicker, Patti McLeod, Brad Cathers, and Annie Blake be appointed to the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges established pursuant to Standing Order 45(1);

THAT the committee meet a minimum of four times each calendar year;

THAT the committee convene no later than 30 days after the adoption of this motion by the Assembly;

THAT the committee have the power to call for persons, papers, and records and to sit during intersessional periods;

THAT the committee review, as necessary, such standing orders as it may decide upon;

THAT the committee, following the conduct of any such review, report any recommendations for amendment to the Assembly; and

THAT the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly be responsible for providing the necessary support services to the committee. (Motion No. 9)

Pursuant to this Order of the House and Standing Order 45(1), the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges met in 2021 on June 11, August 17, September 21, and December 21, and in 2022 on February 10, 17 and 24, to review the Standing Orders of the Yukon Legislative Assembly.

Emily Tredger served as a substitute for committee member Annie Blake at the meetings from June 2021 to February 2022. On April 14, 2022, the Legislative Assembly amended the membership of the committee with the adoption of Motion No. 302, thereby replacing committee member Annie Blake with Emily Tredger.

This third report contains the committee's recommendations on the rubric Ministerial Statement in the Daily Routine.

#### **Ministerial Statement**

The Legislative Assembly's Daily Routine includes the rubric Ministerial Statement. The current standing orders pertaining to ministerial statements are Standing Order 11(2) through 11(4):

11 (2) The ordinary Daily Routine in the Assembly shall be as Daily Routine follows:

Introduction of Visitors

Tributes

Tabling Returns and Documents

Presenting Reports of Committees

Petitions

Introduction of Bills

Notices of Motions

Ministerial Statement

Oral Question Period (not exceeding 30 minutes)

(3) On the Ministerial Statement, as listed in Standing Ministerial Order 11(2), a Minister may make an announcement Statement: or statement on government policy or a matter of Ministers public interest. Such announcement or statement shall not last longer than four minutes. A member for each of the parties in opposition to the government may comment thereon for not more than four minutes and a Minister may then give a reply of not more than four minutes.

One Ministerial Statement or Cabinet Commission One Ministerial Statement shall be allowed per sitting day.

Statement allowed per day

(4) On the Ministerial Statement, as listed in Standing Ministerial Order 11(2), a member who has been designated as Statement: a Cabinet Commissioner may make an announcement Cabinet or statement related to his or her Commission. Such commissioners announcement or statement shall not last longer than four minutes. A member for each of the parties in opposition to the government may comment thereon for not more than four minutes and the Cabinet Commissioner may then give a reply of not more than four minutes.

#### **Committee Consideration of Ministerial Statement**

On June 11, 2021, the committee identified ministerial statements as a priority for future consideration. The committee considered the Daily Routine rubric Ministerial Statement in the committee's meetings on September 21 and December 21, 2021.

#### Recommendation

Upon consideration of the matter, the committee recommends:

THAT Standing Order 11 of the Standing Orders of the Yukon Legislative Assembly be amended by adding the following: "11(3.2) Copies of the Ministerial Statement to be delivered that day shall be provided to the Speaker and the House Leader of each party in opposition to the government at least two hours before the opening of the sitting."

Respectfully,

Hon. Richard Mostyn, Chair Standing Committee on Rules,

**Elections and Privileges** 

Date