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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** September 26, 2023

**To:** Hon. Jeremy Harper, Speaker, and House Leaders (Hon. John Streicker, Scott Kent, Lane Tredger)

**From:** Dan Cable, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

**Re:** Information regarding the 2023 Fall Sitting of the First Session of the 35<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly

**Note: The information in this memorandum is neither privileged nor confidential. Feel free to distribute it at your discretion.**

You may find the following information useful in regard to the 2023 Fall Sitting.

### **Government Bills**

Pursuant to Standing Order 74 all government bills to be dealt with during the 2023 Fall Sitting will have to be introduced and given first reading by the fifth sitting day - Thursday, October 12, 2023. The introduction of a government bill after that date will require the unanimous consent of the House. At each subsequent stage, the bill would require unanimous consent to proceed, if the government wishes to proceed with the bill during the 2023 Fall Sitting.

### **Length of the Sitting**

Pursuant to Standing Order 75, once all government bills have been introduced the House Leaders shall meet for the purpose of achieving agreement upon the number of sitting days for the 2023 Fall Sitting. The Government House Leader will report to the House by the seventh sitting day - Tuesday October 17, 2023 - on the deliberations of the House Leaders regarding the length of the 2023 Fall Sitting. Standing Order 75(1) states that there shall be a maximum of 60 sitting days per calendar year. The 2023 Spring Sitting lasted 32 days. The one-day Sitting in Dawson City is not included in the calculation for this purpose as it was a Special Sitting called in addition to the Spring and Fall Sitzings. For your information:

- A 20-day Sitting, the shortest permitted under Standing Order 75(2), would see the House rise on Wednesday, November 8, 2023.
- A 28-day Sitting, either agreed upon by the House Leaders or pursuant to Standing Order 75(3) (where there is no agreement between the Government House Leader and at least one other House Leader), would see the House rise on

Thursday, November 23, 2023.

Note: The Legislative Assembly will not sit on Thanksgiving Monday, October 9, 2023. In addition, the Legislative Assembly will not sit on Monday November 13, 2023 due to the statutory holiday for Remembrance Day. Also, the House may, by adopting a motion, decide to not sit on a day when it would otherwise normally meet. Adopting such a motion would alter the date on which the 20<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> sitting day would fall.

**Private Members' Business**

Standing Order 14(1) says, "After the Daily Routine, on the first Wednesday of a Session that private members' business is to be considered, and every second Wednesday thereafter, the order of business shall be as follows:

Opposition private members' business:

- (a) Motions for the Production of Papers
- (b) Motions other than Government Motions
- (c) Bills other than Government Bills

Motions Respecting Committee Reports

Government Designated Business

Government private members' business:

- (a) Motions for the Production of Papers
- (b) Motions other than Government Motions
- (c) Bills other than Government Bills"

Pursuant to Standing Order 14(2), "After the Daily Routine, on the second Wednesday of a Session that private members' business is to be considered, and every second Wednesday thereafter, the order of business shall be as follows:

Government private members' business:

- (a) Motions for the Production of Papers
- (b) Motions other than Government Motions
- (c) Bills other than Government Bills

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There are currently no Government private members in the Legislative Assembly. If there are no Government private members then the Orders of the Day, pursuant to Standing Order 14(2), revert to the next item, which is Government Designated Business.

Therefore, during the 2023 Fall Sitting which commences on Wednesday October 4, 2023, the schedule of private members' business for the Sitting will be:

October 4	Government Business
October 11	Opposition Private Members' Business
October 18	Government Business
October 25	Opposition Private Members' Business
November 1	Government Business

