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Hon. Yvonne Clarke, MLA
Speaker
Yukon Legislative Assembly

Dear Speaker:

On behalf of the members of the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges, appointed by order of the 36th Yukon Legislative Assembly, I have the honour to present the committee's second report.

Respectfully,


Adam Gerle, Chair
Standing Committee on Rules,
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Preface

The Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges

On December 10, 2025, the Yukon Legislative Assembly adopted the following motion:

THAT Adam Gerle, the Hon. Scott Kent, Patti McLeod, Tyler Porter, Doris Anderson, Lane Tredger, Justin Ziegler, and Debra-Leigh Reti be appointed to the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges established pursuant to Standing Order 45(1);

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. 5)

Pursuant to Motion No. 5 and Standing Order 45(1), the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges met on January 9, March 11, and June 26, 2026, to review the Standing Orders of the Yukon Legislative Assembly.

This report

A review of the standing orders regarding the rubric Oral Question Period in the Daily Routine was requested by the Hon. Yvonne Clarke, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, at the start of the 2025 Fall Sitting. On December 9, 2025, the Speaker made the following statement:

As Speaker, I believe that we are past due for the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges, or SCREP, to review Question Period and report to this Assembly on its findings. [...]

I would ask that members of SCREP turn their attention to the issues surrounding Question Period as soon as possible and report back to the House in the Spring Sitting.¹

On March 19, 2026, Adam Gerle, Chair of the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges, presented the committee's First Report to the Legislative Assembly. The report included a recommendation that the length of the Oral Question Period be extended to 35 minutes for the duration of the 2026 Spring Sitting.

¹ [Hon. Yvonne Clarke December 9, 2025, Hansard](#)

Following the conclusion of the 2026 Spring Sitting, the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges met on June 26, 2026, and considered whether the provisional 5-minute extension of the Oral Question Period should be continued with a permanent amendment to the Standing Orders of the Yukon Legislative Assembly.

This second report contains the committee's findings and recommendation.

35 Minute Maximum Length for Oral Question Period

On March 23, 2026, the Legislative Assembly adopted Motion Respecting Committee Reports No. 1, concurring in the *First Report of the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges*. The 35-minute maximum length for Oral Question Period came into effect on March 24, 2026, the first sitting day following the adoption of the motion.

During the 2026 Spring Sitting, the extension increased the cutoff for the final question from 28 minutes and 30 seconds to 33 minutes and 30 seconds. This shifted the point at which the final question could be recognized by 5 minutes, allowing for additional sets of questions to be asked. In practice, this resulted in 1 to 2 additional sets of questions with each set consisting of a member's initial question followed by up to two supplementary questions.

Over the course of the sitting, Oral Question Period averaged approximately 35 minutes and 54 seconds. During this period, an average of 7.3 sets of questions were asked per sitting day, with between six and eight sets occurring each Question Period.

Recommendation

Upon consideration of the matter, the committee recommends:

THAT, the maximum length of the Oral Question Period be increased by amending Standing Order 11(2) of the Standing Orders of the Yukon Legislative Assembly by replacing the number "30" with the number "35".