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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**GOVERNMENT MOTIONS**

1. Hon. Mr. Fentie (Motion #69)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to work collaboratively with the Government of Canada, the Government of the Northwest Territories, the Porcupine Caribou Management Board, all affected First Nations in Yukon and the Northwest Territories, and stakeholders, to develop a Porcupine Caribou Herd Harvest Management Strategy that ensures to the greatest extent possible, the conservation and protection of the Porcupine Caribou Herd.

2. Hon. Mr. Fentie (Motion #167)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon, the Government of Canada and Yukon First Nation governments to develop a timely, inclusive process through the re-instated Intergovernmental Forum to implement the recommendations of the Nine Year Review of the Yukon Final Land Claims Agreements in order to ensure the spirit and intent of the land claims agreements are fulfilled.

3. Hon. Mr. Cathers (Motion #194)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon and the Yukon Registered Nurses Association to continue working together on the development of legislation that will allow Nurse Practitioners to work within their full scope of practice.

4. Hon. Mr. Kenyon (Motion #239)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue to work with the Government of Canada, First Nations, Yukon College, members of the business community and non-governmental organizations to:

- (1) enhance and develop labour market initiatives targeting First Nations, older workers, youth, persons with disabilities and immigrants through measures such as apprenticeship programs, the Youth Employment Program, the Yukon Nominee Program, the Temporary Foreign Worker Program and other programs,
- (2) develop a national recruiting campaign; and
- (3) assist in the development of retention incentives for employers.

5. Hon. Mr. Cathers (Motion #357)

THAT this House urges the Department of Health and Social Services to launch a new health promotion initiative to:

- (1) further assist Yukoners who wish to quit smoking by funding a portion of the cost of nicotine replacement therapies; and
- (2) work in partnership with the Motor Vehicles Branch to provide drivers with information on the increased health impacts of smoking within the confined space of a motor vehicle.

**BILLS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT BILLS**

**(Second Reading)**

- 1. Bill #101 - Act to Perpetuate a Certain Ancient Right  
-Mr. Nordick
- 2. Bill #102 - Act to Amend the Yukon Human Rights Act  
-Mr. Inverarity  
Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Cathers
- 3. Bill #105 - An Act to Amend the Cooperation in Governance Act  
-Mr. Mitchell  
Adjourned debate: Mr. Nordick
- 4. Bill #107 - Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act  
-Mr. Hardy
- 5. Bill #108 - Legislative Renewal Act  
-Mr. Hardy
- 6. Bill #109 - Young Worker Protection Act  
-Mr. Cardiff  
Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Cathers

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WRITTEN QUESTIONS

1. Mr. McRobb (November 29, 2007)

Addressed to: Hon. Mr. Fentie, Minister of Finance

On what date was the Yukon Government's public web site updated to make available the internal government audit, officially entitled "Report on the Audit of Contributions" dated January 2007, prepared by the Government Audit Services Branch? **(WQ#1)**

2. Mr. Elias (December 11, 2007)

Addressed to: Minister of Environment

Does the Government of Yukon support the Kyoto Protocol? **(WQ#2)**

3. Mr. Hardy (April 29, 2008)

Addressed to the Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate

Will the Minister table the following information concerning the 2008/09 Main Estimates for the Women's Directorate:

- (1) plans for the Family Focus Housing project that include location, size, and total cost,
- (2) the type of programming and counseling support services to be offered to tenants in the Family Focus Housing,
- (3) the eligibility criteria for the project's tenancy; including family income, number of children, social conditions, criminal records, pet restrictions, and family history of violence,
- (4) the expected completion date for the Family Focus Housing; and
- (5) how the Directorate will assure tenants and the public that the project will not become a ghetto. **(WQ#5)**

4. Mr. Hardy (April 29, 2008)

Addressed to the Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate

Will the Minister please table the following information concerning the 2008/09 Main Estimates for the Women's Directorate:

- (1) a list of recipients, a breakdown of the amounts transferred, and the objectives of projects for funds transferred in the line item "Various Women's Groups",
- (2) the evaluation process used for the various women's groups for measuring success,
- (3) justification for the difference in amounts transferred to various women's groups and the amount transferred to the Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre; and,
- (4) the guidelines for transfer payments. **(WQ#6)**

5. Mr. Hardy (April 29, 2008)

Addressed to the Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate

Will the Minister table the following information concerning the 2008/09 Main Estimates for the Women's Directorate:

- (1) how the Directorate has met its program objectives over the past year, as listed on page 16-6; and

(2) how the Directorate measures its success in meeting its program objectives. **(WQ#7)**

6. Mr. Hardy (April 29, 2008)

Addressed to the Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate

Will the Minister table the following information concerning the 08/09 Main Estimates for the Women's Directorate:

- (1) a progress report on the Northern Strategy Emergency Shelter Feasibility Study,
- (2) the criteria for the evaluation of the Long Term Public Education Campaign on the Prevention of Violence Against Women and Children,
- (3) the process for evaluation and the results of the evaluations of the projects initiated by Aboriginal women to address violence prevention in their communities in 2007-08; and,
- (4) the process for evaluation and the results of the evaluations of the projects funded in 2007-08 under the Women's Equality Fund. **(WQ#8)**

7. Mr. Hardy (April 30, 2008)

Addressed to the Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission

Will the Minister please provide responses to the following questions related to the 2008/09 Main Estimates for the Public Service Commission:

- (1) what is the Public Service Commission doing to reduce workplace injuries and lower the Workers' Compensation assessment rate the Government pays,
- (2) does the Government believe it is on-track with respect to recruitment and succession planning, and that we will have enough well-trained employees to maintain excellent public services as the current employees reach retirement age,
- (3) how long is the project involving people with disabilities who look after the Government's document shredding and recycling scheduled to run, and what plans are there to provide opportunities for people with disabilities in the public service,
- (4) why has the Public Service Commission taken the position that the right to join unions doesn't extend to certain categories, such as teachers-on-call and emergency fire-fighters,
- (5) is the Minister prepared to re-visit that position - for example, if teachers-on-call make another attempt at union certification,
- (6) how many grievances are currently on the books, and what is being done to clear up any backlog? **(WQ#9)**

8. Mr. Edzerza (November 18, 2008)

Addressed to the Minister of Education

Will the Minister of Education table all documentation dealing with the Destruction Bay school which pertains to the presence or not of moisture and mould in the building and all other Departmental investigations into the safety and health of students attending the school? **(WQ #10)**

9. Mr. Cardiff (December 1, 2008)

Addressed to the Premier

Will the Premier provide responses to the following questions:

- (1) what is the status of each recommendation made in the Audit of Contracts including:

- (a) what recommendations has the government adopted to date?;
- (b) what recommendations does the government plan to adopt at a later date?; and
- (c) what recommendations does the government not plan to adopt? **(WQ #11)**

10. Mr. Cardiff (December 10, 2008)

Addressed to the Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation

Will the Minister please provide the following information:

- (1) the detailed total amount expended by the Yukon Housing Corporation for litigation with the Whitehorse Housing Co-operative; and
  - (2) the detailed total amount expended in fulfilling the Yukon Housing Corporation's duties as receiver responsible for the Whitehorse Housing Co-operative, including expenses for management and maintenance of the property and infrastructure.
- (WQ#12)**

NOTICE PAPERMOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

1. Mr. McRobb (Motion #663)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to ensure that public consultation related to the *Forest Resources Act* includes two rounds of consultation for drafting the forestry regulations and the Stewardship Manual, and further ensure that forestry practices in the Stewardship Manual are mandatory and an adequate period of time is provided to involve other Yukon Government departments, especially the Department of Environment, as well as the successor resource legislation working group, Renewable Resources Councils, and focus groups, in developing the final manual before conducting public consultation.

2. Mr. McRobb (Motion #664)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to avoid further delay on its promise to provide the final draft of the Comprehensive Energy Policy within six months, as stated by the Minister responsible on May 14, 2008.

3. Mr. McRobb (Motion #665)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to complete and table the governance policy between the Yukon Government and the Yukon Energy Corporation and Yukon Development Corporation that has been in possession of the Minister responsible for the Yukon Development Corporation and the Yukon Energy Corporation since August 2004.

4. Mr. McRobb (Motion #666)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to ensure the expeditious delivery of information requested from officials from the Yukon Energy Corporation and Yukon Development Corporation during their appearance in Committee of the Whole on December 8, 2008.

5. Mr. McRobb (Motion #667)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to justify the continued 15 percent charge to Yukoners' power bills resulting from the Fuel Rider, given the ongoing requirement for only minimal diesel generation on both Yukon power grids.

6. Mr. Fairclough (Motion #668)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to immediately strike a committee comprised of members of the Government of Yukon and Yukon First Nation governments to comprise a working group to develop the process and policy options for the development of a Child and Youth Advocate Act, in order that Yukon First Nations can be assured that the process and resultant legislation will address their concerns.

7. Mr. Inverarity (Motion #669)

THAT this House improve the ability of special and select committees to consider the matters referred to them by;

- (1) ensuring that all parties represented in the Legislative Assembly have reviewed a committee's mandate and terms of reference prior to a new committee being formed,
- (2) ensuring the Clerk of the Assembly has reviewed the mandate and terms of reference of a new committee prior to the new committee being formed,

- (3) ensuring that a new committee is provided the necessary reference material to reasonably consider the issue under review,
- (4) expressly clarifying, as part of a select committee's mandate, the types of meetings and hearings a select committee is empowered to hold; and
- (5) establishing timelines for committee returns that are sufficient for thorough and meaningful consultations with the public and stakeholder groups.

8. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #670)

THAT this House urges the Minister responsible for the Workers Compensation Health and Safety Board to introduce in this House amendments to the *Workers Compensation Act* that would compel the Board to release the safety records of the companies with the highest number of injuries.

9. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #671)

THAT this House urges the Minister of Highways and Public Works to introduce in this House amendments to the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* to extend the Act to apply to the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board and other Government Corporations.

10. Mr. Hardy (Motion #672)

THAT it is the opinion of this House that:

- (1) when children grow up in poverty, they have more illnesses, perform poorly in school, have more mental health problems, and earn less when they are adults,
- (2) research shows that for every dollar that a country invests in giving children a good start in life, it saves seven dollars for health and other problems that arise when children's needs are not met,
- (3) helping children out of poverty is morally, socially, and economically productive and necessary; and
- (4) this season of abundance and giving reminds us of our commitment to eliminate child poverty.

11. Mr. Hardy (Motion #673)

THAT this House urges the Minister of Environment to respond to the internal audit of the Yukon Government's performance under the *Environment Act* and comply with the requirements of the Act by presenting a revision to the Yukon Conservation Strategy to the Legislative Assembly, as the most recent version is dated May 1990.

12. Mr. Hardy (Motion #674)

THAT this House urges the Minister of Environment to respond to the internal audit of the Yukon Government's performance under the *Environment Act* and immediately initiate a comprehensive review of the *Environment Act* in light of the substantial governance changes since 1991.

### **MOTIONS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF PAPERS**

1. Mr. McRobb (MPP #22)

THAT this House do issue an order for the return of the signed shareholder letter of expectations 2008-2009 between the Yukon Development Corporation and Yukon Energy Corporation and the Minister responsible for those corporations.