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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.

GOVERNMENT BILLS

(Second Reading)

- 1. Bill #13 Third Appropriation Act, 2008-09
 -Mr. Fentie
- 2. Bill #14 Interim Supply Appropriation Act, 2009-10 -Mr. Fentie
- 3. Bill #15 First Appropriation Act, 2009-10 -Mr. Fentie

Adjourned debate: Mr. Mitchell

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. Inversity

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

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 PAPER

MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

1. Mr. McRobb (Motion #675)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to monitor and take appropriate action as required, to ensure the expedited fulfillment of necessary improvements to our electrical infrastructure in order to increase service reliability for electrical consumers and avoid all-too frequent power outages.

2. Mr. Elias (Motion #676)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to work with the City of Whitehorse to ensure that the 2012 Arctic Winter Games are a success by investing sufficient financial resources and other support.

3. Mr. Fairclough (Motion #677)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to:

- (1) establish performance targets for Yukon students overall and, to the extent possible, for each major student sub-group and;
- (2) develop comprehensive action plans to reach these targets.
- 4. Mr. Inverarity (Motion #678)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to ensure federal infrastructure funding provides maximum benefit to all Yukoners by ensuring:

- (1) funding is fairly distributed between rural Yukon and Whitehorse,
- (2) job creation for Yukoners is maximized,
- (3) money is spent as quickly as possible while maintaining adequate financial controls,
- (4) funding promotes economic recovery,
- (5) the local economy benefits; and
- (6) the funding is actually used.
- 5. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #679)

THAT this House:

- (1) endorses the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,
- (2) urges the Parliament of Canada to adopt this important international declaration; and
- (3) supports Bill C-328 introduced by NDP MP from Victoria Denise Savoie an Act to ensure that the laws of Canada are consistent with the United Nations Declaration on The Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- 6. Mr. Hardy (Motion #680)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to make public, periodic progress reports on the 2009-10 Main Estimates to:

- (1) provide on-going economic and fiscal updates,
- (2) detail the actual implementation of the budget,
- (3) itemize the actual effects of the budget; and
- (4) provide details on any adjustments or new measures as may be required to benefit Yukon's economy.

7. Mr. Hardy (Motion #681)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to immediately put a moratorium on all mineral staking in the Peel Watershed region until a comprehensive land-use plan that recognizes this area's significant cultural, heritage, wilderness and economic potential has been completed by the Peel Watershed Planning Commission and approved by the Yukon Government.