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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. 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.

4. Hon. Ms. Horne (Motion #713)

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada and its NATO allies to insist in the strongest possible terms that the Government of Afghanistan fully honour its human rights treaty obligations under international laws and demonstrate its commitment both in law and in practice to respect, protect and enforce the equality rights of the women of Afghanistan or face international sanctions.

5. Hon. Mr. Hart (Motion #723)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to support the findings of the Motion #542 Consultation Report done by the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board and the Employment Standards Board, responding to Motion #542 adopted during the 2008 Fall Sitting of the Legislative Assembly, by requesting that the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board and the Employment Standards Board:

- (1) work together within their existing frameworks of authority to appropriately address areas of general consensus;
- (2) work together to ensure adequate training, orientation and supervision of young workers; and
- (3) conduct a review within 5 years to assess the effectiveness of any regulations resulting from this consultation and consider whether there is a need for a general minimum working age in Yukon.

6. Hon. Ms. Taylor (Motion #831)

THAT this House urges one member of the Official Opposition Caucus, one member of the Third Party Caucus and the Independent Member to accept the Yukon Government's invitation to attend the Climate Leaders Summit at COP15 in Copenhagen, Denmark, as observers from December 13-20, 2009.

7. Hon. Ms. Horne (Motion #832)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to explore the concept of a multidisciplinary approach to dealing with the complex needs of chronic substance abusers.

BILLS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT BILLS

(Second Reading)

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

Adjourned debate: Mr. Cathers

6. Bill #110 - Yukon Energy Corporation Protection Act
-Mr. McRobb
Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Fentie

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Bill #78 - Elections Act, Act to Amend
-Hon. Mr. Fentie
2. Bill #17 - Second Appropriation Act, 2009-10
-Hon. Mr. Fentie
3. Bill #80 - Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Health Act,
Act to Amend
-Hon. Mr. Lang
4. Bill #73 - Registered Nurses Profession Act, Act to Amend
-Hon. Mr. Hart
5. Bill #75 - Second Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2009
-Hon Ms. Horne
6. Bill #76 - Motor Vehicles Act, Act to Amend
-Hon. Mr. Lang
7. Bill #79 - Medical Profession Act, Act to Amend
-Hon. Mr. Lang

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)**

11. Mr. Cardiff (May 4, 2009)

Addressed to the Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation

What is the process for distributing the \$50 million in housing funding that Yukon is to receive from the Federal Government including:

- (1) the criteria for determining which projects will qualify for funding?;
- (2) the criteria for determining which projects are priorities?; and
- (3) the timeframe for determining which projects will receive funding? **(WQ#13)**

12. Mr. Cardiff (May 13, 2009)

Addressed to the Minister of Community Services

Will the Minister provide the House with the following information concerning implementing measures to protect young workers in the workplace:

- (1) an update on progress in implementing of changes to the *Employment Standards Act* and related regulations in response to the findings of the Motion 542 Consultation Report;
- (2) a timeline for when legislative changes will come before the Legislative Assembly for First Reading; and
- (3) a timeline for when regulatory changes will come into effect. **(WQ #14)**

NOTICE PAPER**MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS**

1. Mr. Nordick (Motion #882)

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada to continue funding support for the Historic Places Initiative that funds important preservation work of Yukon and First Nation historic properties.

2. Mr. Edzerza (Motion #883)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to continue to follow the process outlined in Chapter 11 - Land Use Planning of the Umbrella Final Agreement in relation to the land use planning process that has been established for the Peel River planning area.

3. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #884)

THAT this House respects the hard work of our Canadian Rangers and urges the Yukon Government to work with the Minister of National Defence on ways to improve the treatment of Canadian Rangers and ensure that these men and women receive fair remuneration for their efforts and are compensated in a timely manner.

4. Mr. Hardy (Motion #885)

THAT this House urges the Commissioner in Executive Council to issue Orders in Council to withdraw from mineral staking all lands within the Peel Watershed Land Use Planning Area recommended for protection, due to their high conservation, cultural and recreational values, as soon as the Peel Watershed Planning Commission submits its final report to the Yukon Government and the four First Nations whose traditional territories overlap in the area while the parties are negotiating the final regional land-use plan there, and

THAT the Yukon Government immediately develop a policy to address the problem of 'nuisance' mineral staking whenever future regional land-use-planning processes are occurring to reduce the risk of exposing the Yukon Government and Yukon citizens to potential legal actions for financial compensation or restitution by the mineral exploration and extraction industries; and

THAT the Yukon Government avoid repeating the mistakes made during the Peel Watershed land-use planning process by immediately developing a policy to address the issue of compensation and expropriate for any mineral claims that are staked on lands that end up being recommended for protection, due to their high conservation, cultural and recreational values, by any future regional land-use planning authority.

5. Mr. Cathers (Motion #886)

THAT this House urges the Department of Community Services to develop a community well near the junction of the Hot Springs Road and the North Klondike Highway.