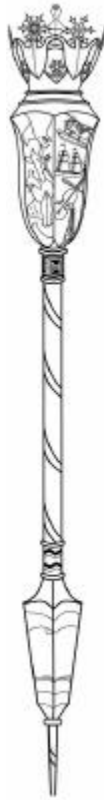


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GENERAL RULES

- 1 (1) The proceedings in the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories and in all Committees of the Legislative Assembly shall be conducted according to these Rules. Rules
- (2) In all cases not provided for in these Rules or by other orders of the Assembly, the customs and procedures of this Assembly, the House of Commons and the provincial and territorial legislatures shall be followed, so far as they apply to this Assembly. Customs and Procedures

DEFINITIONS

- 2 In these Rules: Definitions
- (a) “Assembly” means the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories;
- (b) “Clerk” means the Clerk of the Assembly;
- (c) “Hansard” means the edited official record of the Assembly proceedings;
- (d) “House” means the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories;
- (e) “Law Clerk” means the Legal Counsel to the Assembly;
- (f) “Minister” means a Member of the Executive Council of the Government of the Northwest Territories;
- (g) “Point of Order” means any departure from any written or unwritten rule or custom of this Assembly or of Parliamentary tradition;
- (h) “Private Members’ Public Bills” are Public Bills introduced by a Member who is not a Minister. Private Members’ Public Bills shall not involve the expenditure of public funds or the imposition of any tax;
- (i) “Privilege” means all of the privileges to which Legislatures and their Members are traditionally entitled.

The privileges of Members include:

- (i) freedom of speech;

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- (ii) freedom from arrest in civil matters;
- (iii) exemption from jury duty;
- (iv) exemption from attendance as a witness in court while the House or a Committee is sitting; and
- (v) freedom from obstruction and intimidation in relation to their duties as elected representatives.

The privileges of the House include:

- (vi) the power to maintain order and to discipline for breaches of privilege and for contempt of the House. Contempt of the House may include disobedience to its orders, misconduct before it, affronts against its dignity and authority, and any act or omission which impedes or obstructs the House or its Members in the performance of their duties; and
- (vii) the right to regulate its internal affairs, including the right to set its own Rules and to exercise control over publications.
- (j) “Public Bills” are Bills introduced by a Minister relating to matters of administration or public policy of general application within the Northwest Territories;
- (k) “Quorum” means a majority of the Members, including the Speaker.
- (l) “Rules” means the Rules of the Legislative Assembly;
- (m) “Strangers” means any persons admitted to the Assembly Chamber other than the Commissioner, Members, Officers and staff of the Assembly and witnesses appearing before the Committee of the Whole;
- (n) “Transcript” means the unedited record of the Assembly proceedings.

SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Session
Dates

- 3 (1) The Assembly shall hold two Sessions each year;
 - (a) one beginning the second Wednesday in February; and
 - (b) one beginning the first Wednesday in October.

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| (2) | Notwithstanding Rule 3(1), the Commissioner shall call the Assembly into special Session at the request of the Executive Council or of a majority of the Members of the Legislative Assembly. | Special sessions |
| 4 | (1) The Assembly shall meet on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. unless otherwise ordered. | Sitting days and times |
| | (2) When the Assembly rises on Friday it stands adjourned until the following Monday unless otherwise ordered. | Friday adjournment |
| 5 | The Assembly shall not meet on New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, the first Monday in August, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day, Remembrance Day, Christmas Day or Boxing Day unless otherwise ordered. | House not to sit |
| 6 | (1) At 6:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and at 2:00 p.m. on Fridays the Assembly shall be interrupted by the Speaker, or if the Assembly is in Committee of the Whole by the Chair, who shall rise and report progress. The Speaker shall adjourn the Assembly and all remaining business shall stand over until the next sitting day. | Daily adjournment |
| | (2) Notwithstanding Rule 6(1), a Member may propose a motion without notice in the Assembly or in Committee of the Whole to continue a sitting beyond the hour of daily adjournment for the purpose of continuing consideration of a specified item of business, subject to the following conditions: | Motion to extend sitting hours |
| | (a) the motion must relate to the business then being considered; | |
| | (b) the motion must be proposed prior to the scheduled time for daily adjournment; and the motion shall not be subject to debate or amendment. | |

QUORUM

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| 7 | (1) The presence of a quorum shall be necessary to constitute a meeting of the Assembly. | Quorum requirements |
| | (2) If at the time of meeting the Speaker takes the Chair and finds there is not a quorum, the Speaker shall adjourn the Assembly until the next sitting day. | Adjournment due to lack of quorum |
| | (3) When the Speaker adjourns the Assembly for lack of a quorum, the time of adjournment and the names of the Members present shall be recorded in Hansard. | Record of adjournment |

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Lack of quorum during sitting (4) If the attention of the Speaker is drawn to a lack of a quorum during a sitting the Speaker shall call in the Members for up to 15 minutes. If there is still no quorum the Speaker shall adjourn the Assembly until the next sitting day.

Lack of quorum in Committee of the Whole (5) If the attention of the Chair is drawn to a lack of a quorum, the Chair shall call in the Members for up to 15 minutes. If there is still no quorum the Chair shall rise and report to the Speaker.

SPEAKER

Election of Speaker 8 (1) At its first meeting after a general election, or when a vacancy occurs in the office of the Speaker, the House shall elect a Speaker from among its Members before entering into any business.

Clerk to preside (2) The election of the Speaker shall be presided over by the Clerk and shall take place by motion without notice. A motion must be made and seconded for each Member proposed, and may not be amended.

Method of Election (3) If only one Member is proposed the Clerk shall declare that Member elected. If two or more Members are proposed the motions shall be considered jointly. At the conclusion of the debate, the motion first made shall be placed first, and if it is carried the proposed Member shall be declared elected. If it is defeated the motions will be placed in the order in which they were proposed until a Member is elected.

Tie vote on election of Speaker (4) In the case of a tie, the Clerk shall declare the motion to be defeated.

Term of office (5) The Speaker shall hold office at the pleasure of the Assembly.

Speaker shall not debate 9 (1) The Speaker shall not take part in any debate before the Assembly.

Speaker decides tie vote (2) The Speaker shall not vote except to cast the deciding vote in the case of a tie.

Deputy Speaker 10 (1) If the Speaker is unable to act, the Deputy Speaker shall act in his or her place.

Removal of Speaker (2) A motion to remove the Speaker, Deputy Speaker or a Chair of Committee of the Whole requires notice to be given in accordance with Rules 18(2) and 44.

DEPUTY SPEAKER — COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Appointment of Deputy Speaker 11 (1) A Deputy Speaker shall be appointed by motion at the commencement of every Assembly, or when a vacancy occurs.

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| (2) | The Deputy Speaker shall act as Chair of Committee of the Whole Assembly and shall preside over and maintain order in the Committee. | Chair of Committee of the Whole |
| (3) | Two Deputy Chairs of Committee of the Whole shall be appointed by motion at the commencement of every Assembly. During the absence of the Chair or when directed by the Speaker, one of the Deputy Chairs named by the Speaker shall act as Chair of Committee of the Whole Assembly. | Deputy Chairs of Committee of the Whole |
| (4) | In the absence of the Deputy Speaker and the Deputy Chairs of Committee of the Whole, the Speaker shall appoint any Member to act as Chair of Committee before leaving the Chair. | Absence of Chair and Deputy Chairs |

ORDER AND DECORUM

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| 12 (1) | The Speaker shall preserve order and decorum and shall decide questions of order. | Speaker to Preserve Order |
| (2) | In deciding points of privilege, order or practice, the Speaker shall state the applicable Rule or other authority. The Speaker's decision shall not be subject to debate or appeal. | No debate or appeal of decision |
| (3) | Whenever the Mace is on the Table, Members shall upon entering, leaving or crossing the Assembly Chamber show respect for the right of people to rule their own lives by bowing in the direction of the Mace. | Bowling to Mace |
| (4) | Out of respect no Member shall pass between the Chair and the Table when the Mace is on the Table. | Mace on the Table |
| (5) | When the Speaker is putting a question, no Member shall enter, leave or cross the Chamber, or make any noise or disturbance. | Speaker putting question |
| (6) | When a Member is speaking, no Member shall pass between that Member and the Chair, nor interrupt him or her except to raise a point of order or question of privilege. | Member speaking |
| (7) | Members shall refer to each other by surname or as "The Honourable Member for (name of constituency)" or as "The Honourable Member". | Referring to Members |
| (8) | When the Speaker speaks, any Member speaking shall sit and the Speaker shall be heard without interruption. | Members to sit |
| (9) | When in the Assembly every Member shall be attired in traditional aboriginal clothing or in a manner that does not offend the dignity of the Assembly. | Dress of Members |

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Smoking, food and beverages not permitted (10) Smoking is not permitted during any proceedings of the Assembly. Food and beverages, other than water, may not be brought into or consumed in the Chamber.

Stand for adjournment (11) When the Assembly adjourns the Members shall stand and remain standing in their places until the Speaker has left the Chamber.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Financial interest 13 No Member is entitled to vote upon any question in which he or she has a direct or indirect financial interest, and the vote of any Member so interested shall be disallowed.

Voting on Members' salaries 14 Notwithstanding Rule 13, a Member is entitled to vote upon any question concerning the indemnities, expenses, allowances and salaries of that Member or any other Member payable by the Government of the Northwest Territories.

STRANGERS

Admitting strangers 15 (1) Strangers may be admitted to that part of the Assembly Chamber set aside for that purpose.

Behaviour of strangers (2) No stranger admitted to the Assembly Chamber shall:
(a) at any time enter into that portion of the Chamber reserved for the use of Members, Officers and staff;
(b) send written notes to Members or Assembly staff, except through a Page on duty;
(c) use any type of photographic, television or sound equipment in the Chamber unless previously authorized by the Speaker.

Notice of strangers present 16 (1) When any Member takes notice that strangers are present on the floor of the Chamber, the Speaker or the Chair shall put the question "Shall strangers be ordered to withdraw." The question shall not be subject to debate or amendment.

Strangers ordered to withdraw (2) Notwithstanding Rule 16(1), the Speaker or the Chair may at any time order the withdrawal of strangers or the clearing of the gallery.

Removal of strangers 17 The Sergeant-at-Arms shall, when ordered by the Speaker or the Chair, eject any stranger who engages in misconduct or does not withdraw when directed.

WAIVER OF RULES

- 18 (1) The Assembly may waive any Rule, procedure, custom or precedent by unanimous consent. Consent to suspend Rules
- (2) Notwithstanding, Rule 18(1) does not apply to the removal of the Speaker, Deputy Speaker or a Deputy Chair of Committee of the Whole. Exceptions
- (3) Notwithstanding, Rule 18(1) does not apply to Rule 6(1), 21, and 61(2) if the Member has been granted approval by the Speaker to waive those rules for a specified period of time.

PRIVILEGE

- 19 (1) A Member may always raise a question of privilege in the Assembly immediately after the words are uttered or the events occur that give rise to the question. Raising a question of privilege
- (2) When a matter of privilege arises it shall be considered immediately. Question of privilege
- (3) The Speaker may allow debate to assist the Speaker to determine whether a *prima facie* case of breach of privilege has taken place and whether the matter is being raised at the earliest opportunity. Debate on question of privilege
- (4) When the Speaker has ruled
- (a) that there appears to be a *prima facie* breach of privilege, and Motion concerning privilege
- (b) that the matter has been raised at the earliest opportunity, Dress of Members
- then any Member may either immediately propose a motion or, by the conclusion of the next sitting day, give notice of a motion calling upon the Assembly to take action on the matter or referring the matter to a Committee of the Assembly.
- (5) If the Speaker rules that there is no *prima facie* case of privilege or that the matter has not been raised at the earliest opportunity, the matter is then closed. Question of privilege closed
- (6) Unless otherwise directed by the Assembly, it is not a breach of privilege for a Member of a Standing or Special Committee to discuss with other Members of the Assembly, on a confidential basis, matters that are under consideration by a Committee. Discussion of Committee matters
- 20 (1) With leave of the Speaker, any Member may explain a matter which, Personal matter

although not a contempt or breach of privilege, concerns the Member in his or her capacity as a Member of the Legislative Assembly. In particular, the Member may explain that he or she has been misquoted or misunderstood, or deny published accusations against the Member. The explanation must be clear and concise and no debate shall be allowed.

Written
notice
required

- (2) At least one hour prior to making the remarks under Rule 20(1), the Member must provide written notice to the Speaker setting out the substance of the Member's comments. If responding to written or spoken words, the Member must attach to the notice a copy of the written words or notes of the spoken words.

RULES OF DEBATE

Member
speaking

- 21 Every Member recognized to speak shall stand in his or her place and address the Speaker.

Time limit
and
exceptions

- 22 No Member shall speak for more than twenty minutes at any time in debate, but this Rule does not apply to:

- (a) Members' Statements;
- (b) Emergency Debates;
- (c) Replies to Opening Address; and
- (d) Petitions.

Member
called to
order

- 23 In debate a Member will be called to order by the Speaker if the Member:

- (a) speaks twice to a question, except in the case of a mover concluding debate, or in explanation of a material part of the Member's speech which may have been misquoted or misunderstood. The Member is not to introduce any new matter and no debate shall be allowed upon any explanation;
- (b) speaks to matters other than:
 - (i) the question under discussion;
 - (ii) a motion or amendment the Member intends to move; or
 - (iii) a question of privilege or a point of order under discussion;

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- (c) persists in needless repetition or raises matters which have been decided during the current Session;
- (d) refers at length to debates of the current Session or reads unnecessarily from Hansard or any other document. The Member may quote relevant passages which are necessary to comment on something said or to reply to an alleged misrepresentation.
- (e) interrupts another Member except to raise a point of order or privilege;
- (f) reflects upon any previous vote of the Assembly except for the purpose of moving that it be rescinded;
- (g) refers to any matter:
 - (i) that is pending in a court or before a judge; or
 - (ii) that is before any quasi-judicial, administrative or investigative body constituted by the Assembly or under the authority of an Act of the Assembly where any person may be prejudiced in such matter by the reference;
- (h) makes allegations against another Member, a House officer or a witness;
- (i) imputes false or hidden motives to another Member;
- (j) charges another Member with uttering a deliberate falsehood;
- (k) uses abusive or insulting language of a nature likely to create disorder;
- (l) speaks disrespectfully of Her Majesty, any member of the Royal Family, His Excellency the Governor General, the Commissioner, the Assembly or any Member; or
- (m) introduces any matter in debate that offends the practices and precedents of the Assembly.

POINT OF ORDER

- 24 (1) A Member addressing the Assembly who is called to order by the Speaker or on a point of order raised by another Member shall sit while the point of order is stated.

Point of order

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Explanation (2) When the point of order has been stated the Member called to order may explain.

Relevant Debate (3) The Speaker may permit debate strictly relevant to the point of order before giving a decision.

NAMING OF A MEMBER

Member using offensive words 25 (1) If a Member is called to order for words spoken in debate, the words shall be recorded by the Clerk on the request of any Member. Any Member who has used offensive words and does not retract them or explain or apologize to the satisfaction of the Assembly may be censured or dealt with as the Assembly thinks fit.

Irrelevance or repetition (2) If a Member engages in irrelevance or lengthy repetition of his or her own or other Members' arguments, the Speaker or the Chair may call the attention of the Assembly or the Committee of the Whole, respectively, to the conduct of the Member. If the Member persists in this conduct, the Speaker or the Chair may direct the Member to stop speaking. If the Member continues to speak in the Assembly the Speaker shall name the Member.

Naming a Member (3) A Member may be named by the Speaker for disregarding the authority of the Chair, or for abusing the Rules by persistently and wilfully obstructing the business of the Assembly.

Suspension of a Member (4) A Member named under Rule 25(2) or (3) shall be suspended from the Assembly for the remainder of the sitting day. A motion without notice may be moved to increase the length of the suspension of the named Member and shall be decided without amendment or debate.

Motion to increase suspension (5) If the named Member refuses to leave after the Assembly orders him or her to leave, a motion may be made to increase the length of the suspension for the remainder of the Session.

Offence in Committee of the Whole (6) Where an offence to which Rule 25(2) or (3) applies is committed in Committee of the Whole, the Chair shall suspend proceedings and report the circumstances to the Assembly. The Speaker shall proceed as if the offence had been committed in the Assembly.

EMERGENCY DEBATE

Matter of urgent importance 26 (1) At the conclusion of Oral Questions, a Member may move to set aside the ordinary business of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance requiring immediate consideration, subject to the following conditions:

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- (a) the Member proposing the motion shall give written notice of the matter proposed to be discussed to the Speaker at least one hour before the sitting of the House;
 - (b) no more than one matter shall be discussed on the same motion;
 - (c) the motion must not revive discussion on a matter which has been discussed in the same Session;
 - (d) the motion must not raise a matter of privilege; and
 - (e) the motion must not raise any matter which can only be debated upon a motion with notice.
- (2) On any day during which more than one notice is received under this Rule, the Speaker shall decide which notice shall receive precedence. Precedence of notices
- (3) The Member proposing the motion may make a statement of not more than five minutes explaining the matter to be discussed and the reason for urgency. Short statement
- (4) The Speaker may allow such debate as he or she considers necessary to decide the question of urgency of debate and shall then put the question. No Member may speak for more than five minutes in debate pursuant to the question of urgency. Debate regarding urgency
- (5) If the motion to set aside business is carried in the affirmative, the debate shall proceed. No Member shall speak for more than ten minutes in debate pursuant to this Rule, and the debate shall conclude: Debate concludes
- (a) when all Members wishing to speak have spoken; or
 - (b) at the usual hour of adjournment whichever occurs first.

BUSINESS OF THE ASSEMBLY

- 27 (1) The order of business on the Opening Day of each Session shall be: Order of business on Opening Day
- 1. Prayer
 - 2. Opening Address
 - 3. Ministers' Statements
 - 4. Members' Statements

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5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
7. Written Questions
8. Petitions
9. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
10. Tabling of Documents
11. Notices of Motion
12. Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills
13. Motions
14. First Reading of Bills
15. Second Reading of Bills
16. Orders of the Day.

Daily order
of business

- (2) The daily order of business in the Assembly shall be:
1. Prayer
 2. Ministers' Statements
 3. Members' Statements
 4. Returns to Oral Questions
 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
 6. Oral Questions
 7. Written Questions
 8. Returns to Written Questions
 9. Replies to Opening Address
 10. Petitions

11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills
13. Tabling of Documents
14. Notices of Motion
15. Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills
16. Motions
17. First Reading of Bills
18. Second Reading of Bills
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
20. Report of Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day

(3) The daily order of business in the Assembly on Thursdays shall be:

1. Prayer
2. Minister's Statements
3. Member's Statements
4. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
5. Returns to Oral Questions
6. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
7. Oral Questions
8. Written Questions
9. Returns to Written Questions

Order of
Business on
Thursdays

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10. Replies to Opening Address
11. Petitions
12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills
13. Tabling of Documents
14. Notices of Motion
15. Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills
16. Motions
17. First Reading of Bills
18. Second Reading of Bills
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
20. Report of Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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| Order of business | 28 | All items on the Orders of the Day shall be taken up according to their precedence on the Order Paper. |
| Business for Committee of the Whole | 29 | The Orders of the Day shall include all items that are pending in Committee of the Whole. |
| Announcing Orders of the Day | 30 | Immediately prior to adjournment on each sitting day, the Clerk shall announce the Orders of the Day for the next sitting day. |
| Items to next day | 31 | All items on the Orders of the Day not taken up at the adjournment of the Assembly shall be placed on the Orders of the Day for the next sitting day. |

PRAYER

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| Prayers | 32 | A prayer shall be read in an official language each sitting day before the Assembly enters upon any business. The Speaker may read a prayer, or |
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may call upon a willing Member or the Clerk to read a prayer.

OPENING ADDRESS

- 33 The Opening Day of each Session shall begin with an “Opening Address” read by the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories. Opening Address

MINISTERS’ STATEMENTS

- 34 (1) A Minister may make a short factual announcement or statement of Government policy. Ministers’ Statements
- (2) A copy of each Minister’s Statement, with translation, shall be filed with the Clerk one hour prior to the sitting of the Assembly during which the statement will be given. Copies to Clerk
- (3) The Clerk shall give a copy of each statement to each Member prior to or during the sitting of the Assembly during which the statement will be given. Copies to Members
- (4) Notwithstanding Rule 34(2), in the case of an emergency, a Minister may make a statement without filing a copy with the Clerk. Emergency Statements
- (5) Any Member may, without notice, move a Minister’s Statement into Committee of the Whole for discussion. The motion shall not be subject to debate or amendment. Statement moved to Committee of the Whole
- (6) The time allotted for Ministers’ Statements shall not exceed twenty minutes. Time limit

BUDGET ADDRESS AND REPLIES

- 35 (1) Under the item “Ministers’ Statements”, the Minister of Finance may inform the House of his or her intention to present a Budget Address on a specific date. Budget Address Announcement
- (2) Upon receiving notice of a Budget Address, the Speaker shall place the item “Budget Address” on the Orders of the Day for the day of presentation immediately after “Prayer”. Budget Address on Orders of the Day
- (3) The item “Replies to Budget Address” shall be placed on the Orders of the Day after “Replies to Opening Address” on the day of the presentation of a budget and for the next six sitting days. Replies to Budget Address
- (4) Every Member may make one reply to a Budget Address which shall not exceed twenty minutes. One reply

MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

- Members' Statements 36 (1) Under the item "Members' Statements", a Member may make a statement on any matter.
- Improper use (2) The Speaker may order a Member who makes improper use of the Members' Statement to take his or her seat.
- Limitations on statements (3) Statements made under Rule 36(1):
- (a) shall not exceed two and one half minutes;
 - (b) shall be confined to one matter; and
 - (c) shall be limited to one statement per day by any Member.
- Member's Statement by a Minister (4) A Minister may make a statement in accordance with Rule 36(1), but the statement must not relate to his or her responsibility as a Minister.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS IN THE GALLERY

- Recognition of Visitors 36.1 (1) Under the item "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery", a Member may make a statement of introduction of a Visitor in the Gallery.
- (2) Introductions made under rule 36.1(1) shall not exceed 30 seconds.

QUESTIONS

- Questions 37 Written and oral questions relating to public affairs may be asked of a Minister. In putting a question or replying to it, no argument, opinion or facts shall be stated except so far as is necessary to explain, and the matter referred to shall not be debated.

ORAL QUESTIONS

- Oral Questions 38 (1) Under the item "Oral Questions", questions relating to public affairs may be put to Ministers.
- Questions concise and clear (2) An oral question shall be concisely and clearly put and shall refer only to a matter which may reasonably be assumed to be within the present knowledge of the Minister to whom it is directed.
- Minister's response (3) The Minister may:
- (a) answer the question; or

(b) state that he or she takes the question as notice and answer it orally on a subsequent day under the item “Returns to Oral Questions”.

- (4) When a Minister answers an oral question, only three supplementary questions per Member directly related to the same subject may be asked. Three supplementary questions
- (5) The time allotted for oral questions shall not exceed sixty minutes. Time limit

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

- 39 (1) Under the item “Written Questions”, written questions may be asked of Ministers. A question which would be likely to require a detailed or complex answer, or which would not reasonably be assumed to be within the present knowledge of the Minister, should be posed as a written question. Written Questions
- (2) All written questions shall be filed with the Clerk, who shall endorse the date of filing and provide copies to all Members. Filed with Clerk

RETURNS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS

- 40 (1) A Minister to whom a written question is directed shall, without unnecessary delay, file a reply with the Clerk, who shall endorse the date of filing. File reply
- (2) Under the item “Returns to Written Questions”, the Clerk shall inform the Assembly of the returns or provisional returns received, deliver copies to all Members, and have the returns printed in Hansard. Assembly advised of returns
- (3) Under the item “Returns to Written Questions”, a Minister may read a return which has been filed in accordance with Rule 40(1). Minister may read return
- (4) A Minister shall provide a Return to a Written Question within 21 calendar days, unless the Minister files a provisional return with the Clerk indicating: Return within 21 days
- (a) that more time is required;
- (b) the reason for the delay; and
- (c) the date upon which the information will be provided.

REPLIES TO OPENING ADDRESS

- Replies to Opening Address 41 (1) Every Member may make one reply to the Opening Address given under Rule 33 and may speak on any matter.
- Replies on Orders of the Day (2) The item “Replies to Opening Address” shall be placed on the Orders of the Day for the day after Opening Day and for every following sitting day, except the day designated for prorogation.

PETITIONS

- Petition presented 42 (1) A petition to the Assembly may be presented by a Member at any time during a sitting of the Assembly by filing it with the Clerk, or in the manner set out in Rule 42(2).
- Procedure for petitions (2) A Member may present a petition from his or her place in the House under the item “Petitions”. The Member shall endorse his or her name on the petition and shall confine the presentation to a statement of the petition, the number of signatures and the material allegations. A Member shall not exceed five minutes in presenting a petition.
- Reported by Clerk (3) Every petition presented under Rule 42(1) shall be reported to the House by the Clerk under the item “Petitions”.
- No debate on presentation (4) No debate shall be allowed on the presentation of a petition.
- Member is answerable for petition (5) A Member presenting a petition shall be answerable for any impertinent or improper matter that it contains.
- Form of petition (6) Petitions may be either written or printed. When there are three or more petitioners, the signature of at least three petitioners shall be set on the sheet containing the body of the petition.
- Immediate debate (7) A petition that complains of some present personal grievance requiring an immediate remedy may be debated immediately.
- Petition referred to committee (8) A Member may, after notice, move that a petition be referred to a Standing or Special Committee which shall report its recommendations to the Assembly.
- Clerk delivers petitions (9) The Clerk shall deliver copies of all petitions presented to either the Speaker or the Minister responsible.
- Response to petitions (10) The Speaker or the Minister responsible shall provide a response to a petition within 60 calendar days of its presentation. The response shall

petition within 60 calendar days of its presentation. The response shall be tabled at the earliest opportunity.

TABLED DOCUMENTS

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| 43 | Under the item “Tabled Documents”, a Member may provide to the House any document which is required to be tabled in the House by any Act or order of the Assembly, or which may be in the public interest. A Member may make a brief factual statement to identify the document. | Tabled Documents |
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NOTICE

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| 44 | Forty-eight hours notice shall be given of a motion. | Notice of Motion |
| 45 | Notwithstanding Rule 44, no notice is required for the following motions: | Notice not required |

- (a) to continue a sitting beyond the normal hour of daily adjournment;
- (b) to amend a bill or a motion introduced in Committee of the Whole, or to report progress;
- (c) to suspend a Member from the Assembly;
- (d) to order the withdrawal of strangers;
- (e) to adjourn the Assembly or the debate;
- (f) to deal with a question of privilege;
- (g) relating to bills after their introduction;
- (h) to set aside the ordinary business of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, provided that one hour’s notice has been given to the Speaker;
- (i) to move a Minister’s Statement into Committee of the Whole; or
- (j) to amend another motion.

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| 46 | (1) A Member giving notice shall: | Member giving notice |
| | (a) specify the day on which the motion is to be moved; | |
| | (b) read the full text of the resolution portion of the motion; and | |
| | (c) deliver to the Table a written copy of the motion. | |

Notice in Hansard (2) The notice referred to in Rule 46(1) shall be printed in Hansard.

Only two notices 47 No Member shall give more than two notices of motion in one day.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn 48 A motion to adjourn either the Assembly or a debate is always in order, but no second motion to adjourn may be made until an intermediate proceeding has taken place.

MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Motions 49 (1) A motion is used to propose that the Assembly

- (a) do something,
- (b) order something to be done, or
- (c) express an opinion on a matter.

Order or resolution (2) An adopted motion becomes either an order or resolution of the Assembly. It becomes an order when the Assembly requires its Committees, its Members or any other person to do something. It becomes a resolution when it declares the opinion of the Assembly or affirms a fact or a principle.

Motions in writing and translated 50 All motions shall be in writing and translated, and shall be read by the mover and seconded before being debated or put from the Chair.

Non-debateable motions 51 All motions are debatable except those:

- (a) to continue a sitting beyond the hour of daily adjournment;
- (b) to suspend a Member from the Assembly;
- (c) to order the withdrawal of strangers;
- (d) to give first reading to a bill;
- (e) to adjourn the Committee of the Whole or the Assembly;
- (f) to remove the Speaker, Deputy Speaker or a Deputy Chair of Committee of the Whole;
- (g) to concur with the report of the Committee of the Whole;

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- (h) to move a Minister's Statement into Committee of the Whole; or
- (i) to defer a motion or item under discussion.
- 52 (1) Every Member has the right to speak once to a motion. Right to speak once
- (2) The mover of the motion also has the right to the last reply. The Speaker shall inform the Assembly that the reply of the mover of the original motion closes the debate. Mover's right to close debate
- (3) Notwithstanding Rule 52(2), the mover of an amendment to a motion has no right to the last reply. No right to last reply
- 53 When a question is under debate no motion shall be received except: Motions during debate
- (a) to amend the question;
- (b) to postpone the question to a specific day;
- (c) to adjourn the debate;
- (d) to defer the question;
- (e) to extend sitting hours;
- (f) to report progress when in Committee of the Whole; or
- (g) to adjourn the Assembly.
- 54 A motion to refer a bill, resolution or question to Committee of the Whole or to a Standing or Special Committee shall take precedence over amendments to the bill, resolution or question. Motion to refer
- 55 A Member who has made a motion may withdraw it with the consent of the seconder provided debate has not begun. Withdraw motion
- 56 Whenever the Speaker is of the opinion that a motion offered to the Assembly is contrary to the Rules and privileges of the Assembly, the Speaker shall inform the Assembly immediately, quoting the applicable Rules or authority, and shall not put the question to the Assembly. Motion out of order
- 57 (1) A motion that has been twice called from the Chair and not proceeded with shall be dropped, but it may be restored to the Order Paper after due notice. Motion dropped

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| Motion withdrawn from Order Paper | (2) | If a restored motion is again called from the Chair and not proceeded with, it shall be dropped from the Order Paper, and may not be introduced again during the same Session. |
| Motion defeated; motion rescinded | 58 | A formal motion that has been defeated in the Assembly cannot be introduced again in the same Session. A motion that has been carried may be rescinded by a new motion. |
| Motion defeated in Committee of the Whole | 59 | A motion defeated in Committee of the Whole may only be introduced again by a formal motion at the same Session. |

VOTING

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| Quorum required | 60 | (1) Questions shall only be put when a quorum is present. |
| Majority vote | (2) | Questions shall be decided by a majority of members voting. |
| Deciding tie vote | (3) | In the case of a tie, the Speaker or Chair of Committee of the Whole shall cast the deciding vote, and may state reasons. |
| Calling in Members | (4) | If a quorum of Members is not present on a question, the Speaker or Chair of Committee of the Whole shall call in the Members in accordance with Rule 7(4) and (5). |
| Recorded vote | 61 | (1) The names of the Members voting on each side of the question shall not be recorded in Hansard unless a recorded vote is requested by a Member. |
| Voting | (2) | When a recorded vote is requested the Speaker shall first call upon the mover of the motion, and then upon those voting in the affirmative, and in the negative, and those abstaining, to rise. Names shall be called successively from the mover's left, and shall be recorded in Hansard. |

BILLS

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| Notice of First Reading | 62 | Every bill shall be introduced upon notice of motion for first reading specifying the title of the bill. |
| Incomplete bill | 63 | No bill may be introduced in blank or in incomplete form. |
| Three separate readings | 64 | (1) Every bill shall receive three separate readings, on different days, before being passed. |
| Opposition to readings | (2) | Notwithstanding Rule 64(1), a bill may be read two or three times, or advanced two or more stages in one day, unless this action is opposed |

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- by two or more Members.
- 65 When a bill is presented, the question “That this bill be now read for the first time” shall be decided without amendment or debate. First reading
- 66 Notwithstanding Rule 64, an Appropriation Bill bringing forward the capital or operation and maintenance budget for the forthcoming year may receive second reading on the same day on which it received first reading. Exception for Appropriation Bill
- 67 The Clerk or Deputy Clerk shall certify upon each bill the date of reading and of passage. Bills certified
- 68 Every bill shall be read twice in the Assembly before committal or amendment. Bills read twice
- 69 (1) The debate on a motion for second reading must be limited to the object, expediency, principles and merits of the bill. The details of the bill are not debatable. Second reading debate
- (2) Unless otherwise ordered by the Assembly, when a bill is read for the second time it stands ordered to a Standing or Special Committee. Bill ordered to Committee
- (3) Notwithstanding Rule 69(2), when a bill for the appropriation of any part of the public revenue of the Northwest Territories is read for the second time, it stands ordered to Committee of the Whole for consideration. Appropriation bill to Committee of the Whole
- 70 (1) Unless otherwise ordered by the Assembly, bills referred to a Standing or Special Committee shall not be proceeded with until the Assembly receives the report of the Committee or 120 calendar days pass from the day the bill was given second reading. Bill may not proceed
- (1.1) Notice of intent to proceed with a bill not reported in accordance with Rule 70(1) may be given to the House by the sponsor of the bill under the item “Ministers’ Statements” on the Order Paper if it is a government bill, and under “Members’ Statements” if it is a Private Members’ Bill. Notice of Intent to Proceed
- (1.2) On the third sitting day after receipt of a “Notice of Intent” the Speaker shall have the bill placed on the Orders of the Day in Committee of the Whole.
- (1.3) A Standing or Special Committee may request an extension of the 120-day review period by motion under item “Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills.”

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| Bill sponsor must agree with amendments | (2) | All amendments made in a Standing or Special Committee must have the concurrence of the sponsor of the bill. |
| Reporting bills to Committee of the Whole | (3) | All amendments made in the Committee shall be reported to the Assembly. Every bill reported from any Committee, whether amended or not, shall be received by the Assembly and ordered into Committee of the Whole. |
| Bill reprinted as amended by Standing or Special Committee | (4) | When amendments to a bill have been made in a Standing or Special Committee, the bill shall be reprinted as amended and introduced with the report of the Committee. |
| Two sitting days | (5) | Unless otherwise ordered by the Assembly, a bill reported by a Standing or Special Committee shall not be taken into consideration until two sitting days have passed from the presentation of the report. |
| Clauses considered in order | 71 (1) | In proceedings in Committee of the Whole on bills, the preamble and title are first postponed; then every other clause is considered by the Committee in its proper order. The preamble and title are considered last. |
| Amendments written and translated | (2) | All amendments proposed to bills in Committee of the Whole must be written and translated and made available to the Assembly at the time the amendment is proposed. |
| Questions only to sponsor | 72 (1) | When a bill is being considered in Committee of the Whole, questions relating to the content of the bill shall only be addressed to the Minister or Member in charge of the bill. |
| Questions referred | (2) | Notwithstanding Rule 72(1), a Minister or Member may refer questions on a bill to another Minister or Member. |
| Witnesses may appear | (3) | When a bill is being considered in Committee of the Whole, the Minister or Member in charge of the bill may, with the consent of the Committee, have witnesses appear to supply information as required. |
| Reprinting of amended bills | 73 (1) | When a bill has been amended in Committee of the Whole it shall be reprinted as amended if so ordered by the Committee. |
| Notice of reprinting | (2) | When the bill has been sent to be reprinted, it shall be marked on the Orders of the Day "Being Reprinted", and shall not be further proceeded with until that mark has been removed. |
| Amendments reported | 74 (1) | All amendments made in Committee of the Whole shall be reported by the Chair. |
| Report stage | (2) | The report of a bill from Committee of the Whole shall be received and |

the motion for concurrence shall be disposed of without debate or amendment.

- 75 When a bill is reported from the Committee of the Whole, it is ordered to be read a third time on a date appointed by the Assembly. Third reading of bills

MONEY MESSAGE

- 76 (1) The Assembly may not adopt or pass any vote, resolution, address or bill for the appropriation of public revenue except for a purpose recommended to the Assembly by the Commissioner in the Session in which the vote, resolution, address or bill is proposed. Money message
- (2) Rule 76(1) relates only to appropriations and does not refer to the imposition of taxes. The only condition imposed on a taxation measure is that it be introduced by a Minister. Taxation measures

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

- 77 A Member who is not a Minister may introduce a Private Member's Public Bill which does not involve the expenditure of public funds or the imposition of any tax. Rules 62 to 76 inclusive, where relevant, apply to Private Members' Public Bills. Private Members' Public Bills

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- 78 (1) The Rules and procedures of the Legislative Assembly shall be observed in Committee of the Whole so far as they are applicable. Rules of Committee
- (2) Speeches in Committee of the Whole must be strictly relevant to the item or clause under consideration. Debate
- (3) The Chair shall maintain order in Committee of the Whole and shall decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to the Speaker. Maintaining order in committee
- (4) Disorder in Committee of the Whole may be censured only by the Assembly, on receiving a report from the Committee. Disorder in committee
- 79 (1) No Member shall speak for more than ten minutes at any one time in Committee of the Whole. Time limit on speaking
- (2) Subject to the discretion of the Chair, a Member may speak more than once to a matter under discussion but not until every Member wishing to speak has spoken. Speaking more than once

	80	The requirements for seconding motions shall not apply in Committee of the Whole.	No seconding of motions
Ineligible Chairs	81	The Chair of a Standing or Special Committee who considered a matter shall not chair the Committee of the Whole when that matter is under discussion.	
Chair casts deciding vote	82	The Chair of Committee of the Whole shall not vote except to cast the deciding vote in the case of a tie.	
Report of progress	83	(1) The Committee of the Whole shall report to the Assembly on progress regarding bills and other matters under consideration.	
Motion for concurrence		(2) The report of progress from Committee of the Whole shall be received and the motion for concurrence shall be disposed of without debate or amendment.	
Motion to report progress	84	(1) A motion that the Chair of Committee of the Whole leave the Chair to report progress shall always be in order, shall take precedence over any other motion, and shall not be debatable.	
Motion defeated		(2) If a motion referred to in Rule 84(1) is defeated, it cannot be reintroduced unless some intermediate proceeding has taken place.	

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Appointment of Committees	85	(1) At its first sitting after a general election, the Assembly shall appoint a Striking Committee of three Members to report and recommend, with all convenient speed, Members to comprise the following Standing Committees of the Assembly: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">On Accountability and Oversight; On Governance and Economic Development; On Rules and Procedures; On Social Programs;</p> <p>and any other Standing and Special Committees as directed by the Assembly.</p>	
Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight		(2) The Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight shall; <p>(a) Review issues which have government-wide implications including the overview of the budget and fiscal framework;</p> <p>(b) Review multi-year business plans, budgets and Bills of the Department of the Executive, including the Executive Offices, the</p>	

Financial Management Board Secretariat and the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs, and the Department of Finance;

- (c) Consider the budgets and financial management of any other boards and agencies that are outside the responsibility of any Standing Committee;
 - (d) Examine the reports on the annual financial statements and public accounts of the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Report of the Auditor General.
 - (i) In the event that the Assembly is not in Session, the Speaker may provide the Auditor General's Report and the Minister of Finance may provide the Public Accounts to the Committee for review, which may include public hearings, in advance of tabling;
 - (e) Review Government reports on financial and performance results and program and policy evaluations to ensure anticipated outcomes are being achieved and accountability is maximized;
 - (f) Review, as necessary or appropriate, the annual and other Reports of Statutory Officers of the Legislative Assembly, including the Commissioner of Official Languages, the Conflict of Interest Commissioner, the Information and Privacy Commissioner, the Equal Pay Commissioner and the Human Rights Commission;
 - (g) Coordinate House Business scheduling and planning in cooperation with appropriate Cabinet representatives; and
 - (h) Consider any other matter referred by the House.
- (3) The Standing Committee on Governance and Economic Development shall consider the following matters with respect to the Departments of Public Works and Services, Municipal and Community Affairs, Industry, Tourism and Investment, Environment and Natural Resources, and Transportation:
- (a) Review multi-year business plans and budgets, Bills, and boards and agencies including the Workers' Compensation Board, the Northwest Territories Power Corporation, the Northwest Territories Business Development and Investment Corporation and the Public Utilities Board;
 - (b) Review departmental performance, including that of boards and agencies; and

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Committee on
Governance
and Economic
Development

(c) Consider any other matter referred by the House.

Standing
Committee
on Rules and
Procedures

(4) The Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures shall:

(a) Review the Reports of the Chief Electoral Officer on the conduct of elections, plebiscites, or votes conducted in the Northwest Territories in accordance with statute;

(b) Review and make recommendations on the implications and impacts that the implementation of self-government agreements will have on the powers, structures and procedures of the Legislative Assembly; and

(c) Inquire into such matters as may be referred to it by the Legislative Assembly, the Speaker, or the Board of Management.

Standing
Committee
on Social
Programs

(5) The Standing Committee on Social Programs shall consider the following matters with respect to the Departments of Health and Social Services, Education, Culture and Employment, Justice, and the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation:

(a) Review multi-year business plans and budgets, Bills, boards and agencies, including the Status of Women Council, and programs for Seniors, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities;

(b) Review departmental performance, including that of boards and agencies; and

(c) Consider any other matter referred by the House.

Board of
Management

86 At its first sitting after a general election the Assembly shall appoint a Board of Management in accordance with Section 36 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*.

Number of
Members

87 (1) A Committee established pursuant to Rule 85(1) shall consist of not more than six Members with the exception of the Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight, which shall consist of eleven Members.

Alternate
Members

(2) Each Standing Committee, with the exception of the Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight, shall also have three alternates, each of whom may be called upon by the Chair to take the place of an absent Committee Member. When participating in Committee business, the alternate shall be entitled to vote on any matter.

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Special
Committees

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| 88 | (1) At any time, the Assembly may appoint a Special Committee for any purpose or to consider any matter referred to it by the Assembly. | |
| | (2) A Special Committee established pursuant to Rule 88(1) shall consist of not more than five Members unless otherwise ordered by the Assembly. | Number of Members on Special Committees |
| 89 | The Clerk shall distribute to every Member a list of the Members comprising the Committees and the Board of Management. | List of Members |
| 90 | (1) The Member first named in the motion establishing the membership of any Committee shall call the first meeting of the Committee. | |
| | (2) At the first meeting, the Committee shall elect a Chair and Deputy Chair, or Co-Chairs, who shall act at the pleasure of the Committee. | Election of Chairs |
| | (3) The Quorum of a Committee shall be a simple majority of Committee Members. | Quorum of Committees |
| | (4) Notices of all Committee meetings shall be posted in the Legislative Assembly office and circulated to all Members. | Notice of meetings |
| 91 | (1) A Member of a Standing or Special Committee who is absent from Committee meetings without cause may be removed from the membership of the Committee by a motion adopted by the Assembly. | Removal of Members |
| | (2) In the case of a vacancy in the membership of a Standing or Special Committee, the Striking Committee provided for by Rule 85 shall propose a successor to the Assembly. | Filling vacancies |
| 92 | (1) A Member who is not a Member of a Committee may attend Committee meetings and may address the Committee after its Members have spoken, according to any limits imposed by the Chair. | Members may attend meetings |
| | (2) Only Members of a Committee shall vote on any question to be decided by the Committee. | Only Committee Members vote |
| 93 | (1) Every report of a Standing or Special Committee shall be in writing, signed by the Chair, and shall be presented by the Chair or a Committee Member under the appropriate item in the daily order of business of the Assembly. | Committee reports |
| | (2) The Member presenting the report shall move that the report be received by the Assembly. | Motion to receive report |
| | (3) A report from a Standing or Special Committee may be | Report adopted or |

- (a) adopted by the Assembly;
- (b) referred to Committee of the Whole; or
- (c) referred back to the Committee which presented it.

Report not considered for two days

- (4) A report from a Standing or Special Committee shall not be taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole until two sitting days have passed from the presentation of the report.

Response to report

- (5) Within 120 calendar days of the presentation of a report under Rule 93(1) and (2), the Executive Council shall, upon the request of the Committee, table a comprehensive response.

Powers of committees

- 94 (1) Standing and Special Committees have the power to call for persons and documents and to examine witnesses.

Meetings of committees

- (2) Standing and Special Committees may meet during a Session, when the Assembly is not in Session, or between Sessions.

COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS

- 95 (1) All documents which come into the possession of a Committee or which come into existence in the course of the conduct of Committee business belong to that Committee before it reports to the Assembly and belong to the Assembly after the Committee reports to the Assembly, subject to any direction of the Speaker acting on an order of the Assembly.

Disposition of Committee documents

- (2) Notwithstanding Rule 95(1), where a Committee does not report to the Assembly before dissolution of the Legislature, all Committee documents belong to the Assembly upon its dissolution subject to:
 - (a) any direction of the Committee as to their disposal;
 - (b) any direction by order of the Assembly as to their disposal; or
 - (c) in the absence of any other direction, the direction of the Speaker.

WITNESSES

- 96 (1) No witness shall be summoned to attend before a Committee of the Assembly unless a Committee Member has filed a certificate with the Chair stating that the evidence to be obtained from the witness is in the Member's opinion material and important.

Payment to witnesses

- (2) The Clerk, with the approval of the Speaker, may authorize payment to

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witnesses summoned by a Committee of a reasonable daily amount during their travel and attendance plus a reasonable amount for travelling expenses.

- (3) The claim of a witness for payment shall state the number of days during which the witness was in attendance before the Committee, the duration of necessary travel and the amount of travel expenses. The Chair and the Clerk of the Committee shall certify the claim and statement before payment. Payment claims certified
- 97 (1) Notwithstanding Rule 72(3), no witness shall appear before Committee of the Whole unless with the Committee's unanimous consent, or through the adoption of a motion of approval by the Assembly.
- (2) No witness shall appear before Committee of the Whole when an expenditure of Legislative Assembly funds is required unless a motion of approval has been adopted by the Assembly. Motion for expenditure of funds
- (3) Each question directed to a witness and each reply shall be made through the Chair. The Chair shall rule out of order any question which: Questions ruled out of order
- (a) is of a nature that would tend to intimidate or embarrass the witness; or
- (b) constitutes a personal allegation against the witness.
- (4) No motions shall be proposed in Committee of the Whole in the presence of witnesses except when bills or appropriations are being considered. No motions in the presence of witnesses
- 98 Witnesses may be invited to appear before any Standing or Special Committee at the discretion of the Chair. Witnesses before Standing or Special Committees

OFFICERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

- 99 (1) The Officers of the Assembly are: Officers of the Assembly
- (a) the Clerk;
- (b) the Deputy Clerk;
- (c) the Clerk of Committees;
- (d) the Law Clerk; and
- (e) the Sergeant-at-Arms.

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Clerk

- (2) The Clerk of the Assembly is responsible for the safekeeping of all Assembly documents, and has direction and control over all officers, Clerks, and other employees subject to the orders of the Speaker or the Assembly.
- Clerk distributes Order Paper (3) On each sitting day before the meeting of the Assembly, the Clerk shall distribute the Order Paper for the day to each Member and to the Speaker.
- Necessary staff (4) The Clerk shall employ such staff as are necessary to conduct the business of the Assembly with the approval of the Speaker.
- Hours of attendance (5) The Clerk shall set the hours of attendance of the officers and staff of the Assembly.
- Distribution of Hansard (6) The Clerk shall ensure that copies of Hansard are distributed only as directed by the Assembly and that Hansard is printed clearly in final form and distributed within five days of the day of the recording.
- Committee Clerks (7) The Clerk shall assign a Committee Clerk to each Standing and Special Committee of the Assembly.
- Absence of Clerk 100 In the absence of the Clerk, the Deputy Clerk or Clerk of Committees shall perform the duties of the Clerk.
- Law Clerk 101 The Law Clerk shall:
- (a) advise the Assembly in regard to legislation placed before it;
 - (b) ensure that all amendments made to bills in Committee are incorporated before third reading;
 - (c) ensure that all amendments made to bills in a Standing or Special Committee are incorporated before consideration in Committee of the Whole; and
 - (d) review within 15 days from the close of each Session, all legislation enacted prior to its distribution.
- Sergeant-at-Arms 102 (1) The Sergeant-at-Arms is responsible for the safekeeping of the Mace, the security of the precincts of the Assembly and the supervision of the Pages.
- Preserves order (2) The Sergeant-at-Arms shall preserve order in the Chamber and in the galleries subject to the orders of the Speaker.

HANSARD

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- Hansard 103 (1) A printed transcript of the deliberations and proceedings of the Assembly and Committee of the Whole, known as the “Hansard”, shall be compiled, edited, printed and distributed under the authority of the Speaker.
- (2) The unedited transcript shall be produced daily and one copy distributed to each Member. Daily transcript
- (3) Every Member has until 10:00 a.m. of the sitting day following receipt of the transcript to correct it as to grammar, obvious errors in transcription and other mistakes in form in accordance with Rule 103(4). Corrections may not affect the substance of the transcript. Time limit for corrections
- (4) The Clerk shall provide for the editing of the transcript in accordance with the following: Editing
- (a) revisions shall be limited to correcting grammar, spelling and punctuation, ensuring that the correct parliamentary forms are observed, and minimizing repetition and redundancies;
 - (b) revisions shall not include material alterations or amendments which would in any way tend to change the sense of what has been spoken;
 - (c) the Transcript shall remain an accurate and, as far as possible, an exact report of what was said;
 - (d) a Member has no right to alter the report of any speech or remarks attributed to him or her in any way, and the Speaker shall determine whether or not a Member’s suggested correction shall be admitted;
 - (e) unless a Member can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Speaker that he or she has been misreported, a Member may not change the sense of anything that he or she has been recorded as having said. A Member is not permitted to make any insertion as an afterthought nor to strike out a passage which he or she regrets having spoken.

Timothy P. Mercer
Clerk of the Assembly

APPENDICES

**PROCEDURAL
INFORMATION**

QUESTION PERIOD GUIDELINES

Question Period proceedings are generally conducted in accordance with a combination of Northwest Territories' practices and precedents and Beauchesne citations.

Question Period ought to be respected for the realization of the principle objective of "the seeking of information from Government".

However the traditional purpose of questions, namely the seeking of information or pressing of action by the Government has shifted and broadened in many legislatures including the Northwest Territories. It is suggested that there are four objectives of the Question Period:

1. as a vehicle for individual Ordinary Members to raise the individual grievances of their constituencies;
2. as an opportunity for the House as a whole to probe the actions of the Executive;
3. as a means of illuminating the differences of opinion on the policies of the Executive on major issues and judging the Parliamentary skills of individual Members in the House; and
4. as a means of obtaining information by the House from the Government.

Question Period also enables the Government, through the Ministers' answers, to disseminate information about a particular policy decision or issue to the House.

The following guidelines deal with the most frequently encountered situations about a policy decision or issue to the House.

The following guidelines deal with the most frequently encountered situations in Question Period with the objective of ensuring the most effective and economic use of the time available by both Ordinary Members and the Cabinet.

Situations which are not covered by these guidelines will be dealt with in accordance with Northwest Territories precedents, where any exist, or the practices of the House of Commons as set out in Beauchesne 6th Edition and elsewhere.

The guidelines have been set out under several self-explanatory headings, and every effort has been made to write them in clear, simple and easily understood language.

1. A Question must:
 - a) be addressed by indicating the Minister to whom it is directed;
 - b) be a question;
 - c) seek information;

- d) deal with a matter reasonably assumed to be within the present knowledge of a Minister;
 - e) consist of a single question;
 - f) be brief;
 - g) be within the administrative responsibility of the Government;
 - h) relate only to the current responsibilities of the Minister to whom it is directed; and
 - i) comply with the Rules and practices of the House regarding language and speech content.
2. A Question must not:
- a) be an argument or a debate;
 - b) contain a preamble exceeding one carefully drawn sentence;
 - c) be hypothetical;
 - d) be trivial, vague, meaningless or frivolous;
 - e) seek an opinion;
 - f) contain inferences, impute motives or cast aspersions upon any person;
 - g) require a lengthy and detailed answer;
 - h) repeat an earlier question which was answered, taken as notice, or to which an answer was refused at that sitting;
 - i) anticipate a matter listed on the Order Paper for consideration at that sitting;
 - j) refer to a matter that is before the courts (sub-judice);
 - k) seek information about proceedings in a Committee which has not yet been reported to the House;
 - l) be addressed to the Speaker (information relating to matters under the Speaker's jurisdiction must be obtained privately);
 - m) seek information about matters which are secret, such as decisions or proceedings of Cabinet; or
 - n) request a Minister to provide a legal interpretation.
3. A Supplementary Question:
- a) may be asked to obtain clarification of the answer or answers provided by the Minister to whom the original question was directed;
 - b) therefore should not require any preamble; and
 - c) only three supplementary questions on the same original question can be asked.
4. When Answering a Question a Minister may:
- a) answer it;
 - b) take it as notice; or
 - c) decline to answer by saying nothing.
5. Answers to Questions must:
- a) reply to the question asked; and
 - b) be brief.
6. Answers to Questions must not:

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- a) be lengthy;
- b) contain argument or debate; and/or
- c) provoke debate.

TELEVISION GUIDELINES

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1. The philosophy of television coverage of the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly should be an accurate, factual and coherent record of the legislative proceedings which will allow the viewing public to clearly understand how the legislative process works without dramatizing the proceedings.
2. The coverage of the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly shall be recorded in the Official Languages of the Northwest Territories as identified in the *Official Languages Act*.
3. All proceedings in the Legislative Chamber, beginning with the Speaker's procession and Prayers until the daily adjournment of the Assembly, shall be recorded, with the exception of recesses. Proceedings in Committee of the Whole shall also be recorded.
4. The Member who is on his or her feet and has been recognized by the Speaker shall be shown on camera and shall be identified periodically by his or her full name and constituency, or for a Minister, his or her full name and portfolio titles. When a Minister makes a Member's Statement he or she shall be identified by name and constituency.
5. Information as to the status of the House and current business shall be displayed on the television screen periodically during proceedings.
6. The shot of the Member shall be of his or her head and shoulders, or a medium close-up shot showing some of the Members who are seated on either side of the speaking Member. In addition, an occasional establishing shot may be taken to help orient viewers to the Chamber. On special occasions such as the Opening Address and the Budget Address, cutaway shots of individuals or groups of Members or guests to the House may be shown.
7. When the Speaker is speaking or is on his or her feet, the camera facing the Speaker that best reflects the activities of the House, shall be used at the discretion of the Television Director.
8. When in Committee of the Whole, or in a Standing or Special Committee, a variation of wide, medium and close shots may be used to best reflect the activities of the Committee. Ministers may be shown consulting with their officials. Officials or witnesses may be shown on camera as introduced by Ministers or the Chair of the Committee, or when answering questions at the direction of the the Chair of Committee of the Whole.

9. Head and shoulder close-up shots of the Speaker or the Chair in Committee may be taken when he or she is giving a ruling.
10. Applause shots and orientation cut-away shots may be taken provided that care is taken to ensure that the shots are in good taste and reflect the decorum of the Chamber.
11. Split screen shots will not be permitted.
12. Medium close-up shots may be taken of distinguished visitors sitting in the Gallery. These guests must be seated in a predesignated location and the Speaker or the Chair of Committee of the Whole will instruct the Television Director when such introductions will be made.
13. Pursuant to the provisions of the *Copyright Act (Canada)*, the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories has copyright in the audio/video record of the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly.
14. Access to and use of the audio/video record of the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly may be made available to media organizations upon permission being obtained from the Speaker's office.
15. Members of the Legislative Assembly or members of the public may obtain an audio/video copy of the record of the proceedings from the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. This service will be provided free of charge but it is the responsibility of the requester to provide the audio/video tape.
16. After the prorogation of each session of the Legislature, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly shall ensure that the master audio/video records of the proceedings made during that session are deposited in the Northwest Territories Archives, following which access to this record shall be had in accordance with procedures established by the Territorial Archivist.
17. The following conditions apply to the use of the record of proceedings of the Legislative Assembly by any person or organization:
 - 1) the person or organization shall have a bona fide public interest in the use of that record;
 - 2) the person or organization shall not use that record with purposeful distortion; and
 - 3) the person or organization shall not use that record as part of any paid advertisement.

Any breach of these conditions or of the *Copyright Act (Canada)* is an offence and may be prosecuted accordingly, or may be otherwise enforced by the Speaker and the Assembly.

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18. These guidelines shall be enforced by the Speaker. Specific complaints by Members regarding the televising of the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly should be raised with the Speaker in the Speaker's office.
19. The Speaker will establish a broadcasting schedule that will afford the viewing public an opportunity to observe a broad perspective of the daily proceedings of the Legislative Assembly.

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