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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. 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.

7. Hon. Ms. Horne (Motion #935)

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada to meet its obligations under the Yukon First Nation Self-Government Agreements by providing sufficient financial resources to implement these agreements through the Assumption of Responsibilities Agreement (ARA) process; and to demonstrate this commitment by negotiating an appropriate ARA on the administration of justice with the Teslin Tlingit Council.

8. Hon. Ms. Taylor (Motion #941)

THAT this House urges the Government of Canada to work with Canada's tourism industry, provinces and territories and other stakeholders in the development of China Approved Destination Status policies and processes that will enable Canada's tourism sector to capitalize on this opportunity.

GOVERNMENT BILLS**(Second Reading)**

1. Bill #18 - Third Appropriation Act, 2009-10
-Hon. Mr. Fentie
2. Bill #19 - Interim Supply Appropriation Act, 2010-11
-Hon. Mr. Fentie
3. Bill #20 - First Appropriation Act, 2010-11
-Hon. 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 #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

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. 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)**

9. 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)

10. 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)**

11. 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)**

12. Mr. McRobb (December 17, 2009)

Addressed to the Premier

Will the Premier identify the mystery investor providing \$12 million to the Carmacks-Stewart Transmission Line Project, Phase II, which is censored in the document entitled Canada-Yukon Energy Corporation Green Infrastructure Fund Agreement for the Yukon Green Energy Legacy Project 2009-2010/2011-2012 as tabled in the Legislative Assembly on December 15, 2009? **(WQ #15)**

13. Mr. McRobb (December 17, 2009)

Addressed to the Premier

Will the Premier provide a full chronology of his secret negotiations with ATCO regarding Yukon Energy, which ran in parallel to those negotiations he ordered government officials to undertake? **(WQ #16)**

NOTICE PAPER

MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

1. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #989)

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to work with the four affected First Nation governments and all stakeholders to develop a land use plan for the Peel Watershed, prior to the next Yukon territorial election, that respects the principles set out by the Peel Watershed Land Use Planning Commission, in its recommended plan.

2. Mr. Mitchell (Motion #990)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to recognize the valuable service of Social Workers and the social service sector in our territory by ensuring that the resources they need to carry out their mandates are provided in a timely manner.

3. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #991)

THAT this House recognizes the long-term inter-generational impact of residential schools in Yukon by urging the Government of Canada to reinstate its funding for the Aboriginal Healing Foundation to ensure that current local projects and services funded through the Foundation can continue, and that the funding is extended for at least the next ten years.

4. Mr. Cardiff (Motion #992)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to amend Yukon's *Quartz Mining Act* and Yukon's *Placer Mining Act* to bring them into harmony with the values of today's society concerning the critical issues of:

- (1) conflicts inherent in surface rights versus mining rights within the mineral tenure system and security of investment, or free-entry staking, particularly within municipal boundaries,
- (2) prioritization of land claim settlements in disputes around mineral staking; and
- (3) maintenance of the mineral industry's contribution to Yukon's economy.

5. Mr. Cathers (Motion #993)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to confirm that the \$570,000 for intersection upgrades to improve safety on the Alaska and Klondike Highways mentioned in its recent press release will be used to:

- (1) improve turning lanes at the intersection of the Alaska Highway and the North Klondike Highway,
- (2) construct turning lanes at the Deep Creek Road and Shallow Bay Road where those two roads meet the North Klondike Highway,
- (3) improve sightlines at the intersection of Boreal Road and the North Klondike Highway; and
- (4) assess the need for turning lanes at both entrances to Couch Road.

6. Mr. Cathers (Motion #994)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to confirm that the \$1.24 million to perform bridge inspections and minor upgrades on bridges throughout the territory mentioned in its recent press release includes funding to examine and report on options to improve safety at the

Takhini River Bridge on the North Klondike Highway, including improving the approach to the bridge, widening the bridge, and adding a pedestrian walkway.

7. Mr. Cathers (Motion #995)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to implement the Functional Plan for upgrading the Hot Springs Road by moving forward with the planned widening of the road, creation of cyclist lanes, and development of trails on both sides of the road in the 2010 construction season.

8. Mr. Cathers (Motion #996)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to complete chip-sealing of the Old Alaska Highway during the 2010 construction season.

9. Mr. Cathers (Motion #997)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to move forward with planning, design and consultation to develop a community well near the junction of the Hot Springs Road and the North Klondike Highway.

10. Mr. Cathers (Motion #998)

THAT this House urges the Yukon Government to confirm that plans to develop a public day-use site and swimming area at the Gunnar Nilsson and Mickey Lammers Research Forest remain a priority, and to ensure that the public day-use site and swimming area is developed during the 2010 construction season.