



2011 – 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories

SPEAKERS MESSAGE



It gives me great pleasure to present the first annual report of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly. When I became Speaker of the Legislative Assembly in October 2011, I committed to continue the work of my predecessors to improve the accountability and openness of the Legislative Assembly.

The Legislative Assembly is not a department of government. It is a unique and independent branch of government, and the most important symbol of the form of responsible government that has evolved in the Northwest Territories.

This report is intended both as an educational document and the consolidation of several accountability reports that are regularly tabled in the Legislative Assembly. It is also a work in progress. With each subsequent year, it is my hope that this report will evolve into a comprehensive and effective window into the operations of the Legislative Assembly, its' members and staff. 2011- 2012 covers the last months of the 16th assembly and the 1st months of the 17th.

In addition to the successful transition from one assembly to the next, this period also witnessed an historic visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge to the NWT and into the Chamber of our Assembly. I was proud to witness our Youth Parliamentarians debate issues of importance to them in the presence of their Royal Highnesses. This year we began a one year celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. This is another opportunity to celebrate our proud heritage and the unique way we have adapted the western traditions of parliamentary democracy to meet the values of our vibrant and diverse northern culture.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Jacobson', written in a cursive style.

Hon. Jackie Jacobson, Speaker
Legislative Assembly of the NWT

November 6, 2012

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A LOOK BACK – OUR HISTORY



3rd NWT Council (August 19, 1957 to September 19, 1960)

Territories Act and it is still the main governing legislation for the NWT Legislative Assembly and Government.

Consensus-style government began in those early years under the first Premier, the Honourable Frederick Haultain. He actively discouraged party politics and administered the affairs of the Territory in a non-partisan manner.

With the creation of the provinces of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan, the NWT was dramatically reduced in size and population, and the system of elected, responsible government that had been in place up until the early twentieth century fell into disuse. By 1919, the administration of the NWT fell under the dual responsibility of the appointed commissioner of the NWT and the federal Deputy Minister responsible for Northern Affairs. The NWT Council, which was created by the 1875 *North-West Territories Act*, remained inactive until 1921, when the federal Government appointed a six-Member Territorial Council. They were all public service employees based in Ottawa.

In 1947, John G. McNiven became the first northern resident to be appointed to the Council of the Northwest Territories.

In 1956, the official Mace, the symbol of the governing body, was presented to the Council of the NWT by the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, then Governor General of Canada.

The original Northwest Territories (NWT) was purchased by the Dominion of Canada in 1870 from the Hudson Bay Company for 300,000 British pounds. This land purchase included today's Northwest Territories, as well as the areas that are now the Nunavut and Yukon territories, Alberta, Saskatchewan, most of Manitoba, northern Ontario and northern Quebec. In 1875, the Federal Parliament passed *An Act to Amend and Consolidate the Laws Respecting the North-West Territories* by the Federal Parliament. Its short title was the *North-West*



A historic meeting of the Legislative Assembly in 1967, after it moved from Ottawa to Yellowknife. Commissioner Stu Hodgson is standing.

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In 1965, Abe Okpik of Frobisher Bay (Iqaluit) became the first Aboriginal Member appointed to the Council, and the following year the first Inuk member was elected, Simonie Michael. By 1966, elected members formed a majority on the Council, with seven elected and five appointed Members.

An important step in the evolution toward a representative and responsible territorial government was the designation of an official capital city within the NWT. Yellowknife was chosen to be the capital site for the NWT Council in 1965, and in 1967 the civil service moved from Ottawa to Yellowknife with a newly appointed Commissioner, Stuart Hodgson.

In 1975, the first fully elected Council took office with a complement of 15 Members. This event was a milestone of national significance because for the first time in Canadian history, a legislative body included a majority of Aboriginal Members. The historical name of “NWT Council” was officially changed to “Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories” and the Executive Committee members were given the titles of “Minister”. Members of the Legislative Assembly were also given the authority to choose their own speaker.

By 1981, the number of elected Members to the Legislative Assembly had increased to 24. In 1983, the first Aboriginal Government Leader was elected, the Honourable Richard Nerysoo. During the 1980s, a gradual transfer of powers from the federally-appointed Commissioner to the elected Executive Council also took place, with the former stepping into a more symbolic role and the latter taking on a more active governance role. In 1987, one of the first actions of the 11th Legislative Assembly was to approve a motion giving the Government Leader authority for the overall management and direction of the Executive branch of Government.



NWT Flag Committee presentation of the new Flag for the NWT on January 31, 1969.



A Page with Hon. Donald Stewart, who served as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the NWT from 1980-1987.

In response to a call for a more open and accountable government, members of the 12th Assembly made a significant departure from the tradition at that time by electing the Speaker, Government Leader, and Executive Council in a secret ballot, a practice that continues to this day.

The idea of dividing the NWT into two territories was first discussed in 1963, however it was many years before this vision became a reality. In 1992 the countdown to “Division” began when the “Parker Line” was approved by a majority

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Queen Elizabeth II in the Speaker's Chair in the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories. 1994

of voters. On April 1, 1999, the people of Nunavut celebrated the creation of their new territory.

On December 6th, 1999, 19 Members were elected to the 14th Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories, the first post-division NWT Assembly. This was followed by the elections of the 15th Legislative Assembly on November 24, 2003, the 16th Legislative Assembly on October 1, 2007, and the 17th Assembly, which is currently in office, on October 3, 2011.



Former Mace of the Northwest Territories. Used from 1959-2000.

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Legislative Assembly building in Yellowknife

Consensus Government

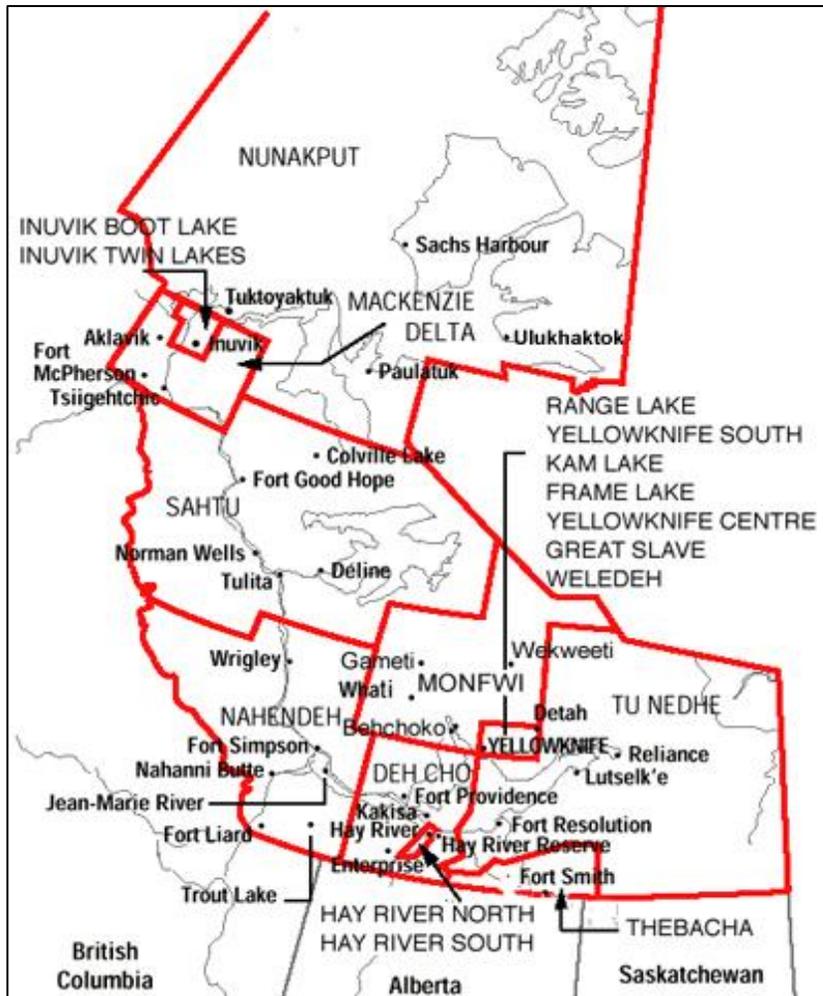
The Northwest Territories is one of only two federal, provincial or territorial jurisdictions in Canada that operate under the consensus system of government rather than the more familiar system of party politics. Within this system, all Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) are elected as independents in their constituencies.

Once elected, the Members travel to the Legislative Assembly where a territorial leadership meeting is held. After they meet, the first order of business is the secret ballot election of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. This approach reflects the importance placed on the role of the Speaker.

After the election of the Speaker, Members turn their focus to the election of the Premier. Since the 12th Legislative Assembly, Members have agreed to move the selection of the Premier into a public forum. In the selection process, it has been the convention that candidates are nominated, and then given an opportunity to present their platforms. This is followed by an opportunity for Members to question the candidates. Once questioning is concluded, a secret ballot vote is held. The candidate who garners at least 50 percent plus one of the votes is elected Premier.

The election of six additional Cabinet Ministers is next on the agenda. Again candidates are nominated and given an opportunity to outline their platforms before a secret ballot vote is held.

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Constituency Map of the NWT

Members of the Legislative Assembly other than the Speaker, Premier, and Ministers are referred to as Regular Members and are often considered to be the “unofficial opposition.” Through their work in the House and in Standing Committees they hold the Government to account.

As Cabinet currently consists of only seven of the nineteen Members, the eleven Regular Members exert considerable influence on many of the decisions and the direction of the government.

It is often said that the consensus system of governing is more in keeping with the way that aboriginal peoples have traditionally made decisions. However, consensus does not mean that unanimous agreement is required for decisions to be made, motions passed, and

legislation enacted. As in other Canadian legislatures, a simple majority carries the vote.



The Mace of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories

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Members of the Legislative Assembly



Back-row (left to right): Daryl Dolynny, MLA Range Lake; Bob McLeod, MLA Yellowknife South; Tom Beaulieu, MLA Tu Nedhe; Glen Abernethy, MLA Great Slave; Norman Yakeleya, MLA Sahtu; Bob Bromley, MLA Weledeh; Robert Bouchard, MLA Hay River North; Robert C. McLeod, MLA Inuvik Twin Lakes; Jackie Jacobson, MLA Nunakput; Wendy Bisaro, MLA Frame Lake; David Ramsay, MLA Kam Lake

Front-row (left to right): Michael Nadli, MLA Deh Cho; Alfred Moses, MLA Inuvik Boot Lake; Jackson Lafferty, MLA Monfwi; J. Michael Miltenberger, MLA Thebacha; Jane Groenewegen, MLA Hay River South; Kevin Menicoche, MLA Nahendeh; Frederick Blake Jr., MLA Mackenzie Delta; Robert Hawkins, MLA Yellowknife Centre

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Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) are elected to represent one of 19 constituencies of the Northwest Territories. MLAs are, first and foremost, law makers. Much of their time in the Assembly and in Committees is spent reviewing draft laws called Bills. The laws passed by the Members of the Legislative Assembly affect every aspect of our lives as residents of the Northwest Territories. The MLAs, as a group, are also responsible for approving the budgets of the Government of the NWT. Throughout the fiscal year, the MLAs approve approximately \$1.4 billion in spending. Once approved, the MLAs monitor the spending of these public funds to ensure they are in keeping with the approvals granted.

Perhaps most importantly, MLAs are a window into government for the people they represent. They bring the concerns of their constituents to the Government for action, assist them in gaining fair access to government programs and services, and seek redress on their behalf when fair treatment has not been granted. Members also help explain and promote government programs and services to the people in their communities.

MLAs are community leaders. They attend important events in constituencies including the opening of public facilities, graduations and anniversaries. The work that MLAs do in formal session is just a small part of the overall job. MLAs are on duty to help the people they represent around the clock, every day of the year.



Regular Members of the 17th Legislative Assembly. 2012

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Speaker

The Speaker, elected by all Members, assumes the position of highest authority in the Legislative Assembly, and represents the Legislature in all its powers and proceedings. The duties of the office fall into three categories.

First, the Speaker acts as a spokesperson of the Assembly in its relations with authorities outside the Legislature. Often, the Speaker officially welcomes visitors to the Legislative Assembly.

Second, the Speaker presides over the sittings of the Assembly and enforces the rules, order and conduct of business. The Speaker controls debates in the Chamber and ensures that Members follow the rules and practices of the Legislative Assembly as they ask or answer questions, debate or vote. The key aspects of being Speaker are authority and impartiality. The Speaker does not take part in debates, ask or answer questions, or vote, except to present the Legislative Assembly's budget or to break a tie. All questions and statements during a formal sitting must be directed through the Speaker.

Third, the Speaker is responsible for the daily administration of the Legislative Assembly. The many Legislative Assembly employees who provide services for the Members report to the Speaker. When the Speaker cannot be in the Legislative Assembly Chamber, the Deputy Speaker replaces him/her.

In carrying out his/her duties, the Speaker is assisted by the Clerk's Office. The Clerk is the chief procedural advisor to the Speaker and to Members of the Legislative Assembly. The Clerk is responsible for a wide range of duties relating to the proceedings and official records of the Assembly and its committees.

The Clerk sits directly in front of the Speaker at the Clerks Table. The Deputy Clerk, the Principal Clerks and the Law Clerk provide assistance to the Clerk. They keep the official records of the Assembly and advise the Speaker and Members on parliamentary and legal procedure.

Like all Members of the Legislative Assembly, Speakers are first elected in one of the 19 electoral districts. Members elect the Speaker by secret ballot at the beginning of the first legislative session following a territorial election or at any time a vacancy occurs.

In addition to his or her duties as Speaker, the Speaker also attends to the many tasks of being an MLA, such as responding to the concerns of his or her constituents.



Speaker Jacobson and Clerks. 2011

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Ministers



Executive Council of the 17th Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories

Like other forms of government, our parliamentary system has three branches: the Legislative, the Executive, and the Judiciary. The Executive branch proposes laws, the Legislative branch approves laws, and the Judicial branch interprets them in the courts. The Cabinet and public service constitute the Executive branch, but because its members are also elected Members of the Assembly, there is some overlap between the Executive and Legislative branches in our system. The Executive Council is the senior decision-making body of the Government of the Northwest Territories and is made up of the Premier and six Ministers, all of whom are elected by all Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Whether during session of the Legislative Assembly or other times of the year, the Executive Council is responsible for the day-to-day administration of government. In doing so, Ministers work with the full Legislative Assembly, individual Members, Standing Committees, and/or other Ministers. Throughout the year, they discuss policy, consider new laws, and work on business plans and budget estimates. Ministers are also department heads, and are responsible for making sure the laws administered by their respective departments are done in a fair and efficient manner.

One of the roles of Ministers is to introduce legislation relating to their departments' responsibilities. They must also answer questions in the Legislative Assembly about their departments' activities and budgets.

WHO WE ARE

Statutory Officers

Statutory Officers occupy a unique and valued position in the Legislature. They each play an important role in holding the government accountable to the Legislative Assembly and public. The Legislative Assembly has a number of statutory officers that deal with various aspects of the business affecting the House and its Members.

NWT Human Rights Offices

The Northwest Territories *Human Rights Act* establishes three separate and independent entities:

- The NWT Human Rights Commission works on preventing discrimination
- The Office of the Director of Human Rights processes complaints that allege discrimination
- The NWT Human Rights Adjudication Panel holds hearings into complaints that allege discrimination

Current Commission Members:

- Charles Dent, Chair
- Yacub Adam, Deputy Chair
- Marion Berls, Commission Member
- Roger Wah-Shee, Commission Member
- Bronwyn Watters, Commission Member

Ms. Deborah McLeod is the current Director of Human Rights.

The current members of the Adjudication Panel are:

- Ms. Joan Mercredi, Fort Smith
- Mr. Adrian Wright, Yellowknife
- Mr. Sheldon Toner, Yellowknife
- Mr. Louis Sebert, Yellowknife

NWT Languages Commissioner

The Languages Commissioner is appointed for a four-year term by the Legislative Assembly and is responsible for ensuring that the rights, status and privileges of each of the 11 official languages in the Northwest Territories are protected within government institutions. The Languages Commissioner can investigate complaints that the government is not meeting its obligations to provide services in official languages, and can make recommendations to the government to improve language services.

Ms. Sarah Jerome is the current Languages Commissioner.

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Information and Privacy Commissioner

The Information and Privacy Commissioner reviews government decisions on access to information and records and comments on how proposed laws and government programs might affect people's privacy.

Ms. Elaine Keenan Bengts is the current Information and Privacy Commissioner.

NWT Equal Pay Commissioner

The Equal Pay Commissioner is appointed under s. 40.2 of the *Public Service Act* and is responsible for responding to complaints under the *Act*.

The Equal Pay Commissioner receives and investigates pay equity complaints, and helps people resolve pay equity disputes. The Commissioner also promotes awareness and understanding of the right to equal pay for work of equal value.

Ms. Nitya Iyer is the current Equal Pay Commissioner.

Conflict of Interest Commissioner

The Conflict of Interest Commissioner is mandated to investigate conflict of interest charges made against Members of the Legislative Assembly. For example, a complaint could be filed if a member of the public believes an MLA stands to gain financially from a decision the MLA is involved in making. If a complaint has been made, the Conflict of Interest Commissioner investigates the charge and reports the findings to the Speaker who subsequently tables the report in the Assembly.

The current Conflict of Interest Commissioner is Mr. Gerald Gerrand.

Elections NWT

The Chief Electoral Officer is responsible for administering territorial elections, by-elections, and plebiscites, in accordance with the *Elections and Plebiscites Act*.

The current Chief Electoral Officer is Mr. David Brock.

WHAT WE DO



Pages with Speaker Jacobson and Sergeant-at-Arms during the 1st Session of the 17th Legislative Assembly. 2011

Page Program

The Legislative Assembly of the NWT administers one of the most unique page programs in the country. What makes this program so special is the commitment and effort students, parents, schools, chaperones and the Assembly put into ensuring page services from all of the nineteen constituencies are represented when the Assembly is in session.

Grade 8 and 9 students are eligible to serve as pages for the Assembly and are selected based on a combination of academic performance and expressed interest in how territorial government works at its highest level.

With approximately fifty sitting days a year spanning a twelve week period, students from the capital and non-capital constituencies are selected on a rotational basis to provide page services to the House.

A dedicated team of Assembly staff coordinates the travel, accommodations & meals, chaperone services and training required for students from each of the twelve non-capital

constituencies to work as pages for one week periods during a sitting of the Legislative Assembly.

In the 2011-2012 fiscal year, sixty-five students from eight communities and the capital provided page services to the Assembly. Following is a list of the communities outside of the capital who had participants in the page program over the past year.

Pages	Community	Constituency	MLA
2	Déline	Sahtu	Norman Yakelaya
2	Gamèti	Monfwi	Jackson Lafferty
2	Inuvik	Inuvik Boot Lake	Alfred Moses
2	Fort Smith	Thebacha	Michael Miltenberger
2	Fort Providence	Dehcho	Michael Nadli
2	Aklavik	Mackenzie Delta	Frederick Blake Jr.
2	Hay River	Hay River South	Jane Groenewegen
2	Jean Marie River	Nahendeh	Kevin Menicoche

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Youth Parliament

During the week of May 2, 2011, nineteen high school students from across the Northwest Territories took part in the 11th Biennial Youth Parliament program. The students participated in three days of meetings and briefings in preparation for the Youth Parliament Session during which they assumed the roles of their respective Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Youth Parliament is one of several educational outreach programs offered at the Legislative Assembly through the Office of the Speaker. The program is aimed at educating Northern youth about consensus government, with an emphasis on the Assembly's operations, its function and history, and the important role the institution holds in the NWT.



Youth Parliament 2011

The next Youth Parliament will be held in 2013.

Mace Tour

The Mace Tour is an educational outreach program provided by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. This annual program travels to different communities throughout the Northwest Territories to educate youth about the Mace as well as consensus government.



Clerk, Tim Mercer, giving a presentation to students in Fort Good Hope. 2011

From May 31, 2011 to June 2, 2011, the former Speaker, Paul Delorey, MLA Norman Yakeleya, Clerk Tim Mercer, and Sergeant-at-Arms Brian Thagard travelled to the Sahtu region visiting Norman Wells and Fort Good Hope.

While visiting the communities, they gave presentations to the schools on consensus government and the Legislative Assembly functions. The students also had the opportunity to view the mace up close and learn about its symbolism from the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Mace Tour group also hosted community feasts in both Norman Wells and Fort Good Hope where people in the communities got to see the Mace on display and meet the Members and staff.

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Kindergarten Christmas Trees

From November 21 – 30, 2011, the Legislative Assembly invited kindergarten students from Yellowknife, Dettah, and N'dilo to come to the legislature and decorate Christmas trees in the Great Hall. This program has been provided to kindergartners and their teachers since the Legislative Assembly building opened in 1993, and leads up to the Christmas Lights Across Canada event that is held annually on the first Thursday in December. This national event sees all capital cities across Canada light up their legislatures on the same day.



Great Hall of the legislature. Christmas 2011.

Standing Committees

Standing (or permanent) committees are an essential part of modern legislatures, allowing smaller groups of members to consider issues in detail. Standing committees carry out much of the work of the Assembly, meeting between and during sessions to conduct business such as public hearings on bills, departmental briefings, and *in camera* discussions on internal matters. In our consensus government system, the standing committees, in most cases comprised entirely of “regular members”, play an integral role in the machinery of governance. The standing committees of the 16th and 17th Legislative Assemblies include the Standing Committee on Priorities and Planning, the Standing Committee on Government Operations, the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Infrastructure, the Standing Committee on Social Programs, and the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures.

Priorities and Planning

Chair – Kevin Menicoche

Deputy Chair – Daryl Dolynny

Members – Wendy Bisaro, Frederick Blake Jr., Robert Bouchard, Bob Bromley, Jane Groenewegen, Robert Hawkins, Alfred Moses, Michael M. Nadli, Norman Yakeleya

Clerk – Doug Schauerte

Researcher – Colette Langlois

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The Standing Committee on Priorities and Planning is made up of all eleven “regular” or non-Cabinet members. This committee considers issues which have government-wide implications including matters such as devolution and the overview of the budget and fiscal framework; and plays a coordinating role in all other committee business.

The Standing Committee on Priorities and Planning meets every

day when the House is sitting to discuss House business and any

other issues before them. This committee also meets regularly with the Premier and other ministers to consider issues with government-wide implications, like devolution. In the 16th Assembly, the Standing Committee on Priorities and Planning held 20 meetings between April 1, 2011 and August 25, 2011; in the 17th Assembly, the committee met 34 times between October 28, 2011 and March 30, 2012. The committee also held a retreat on May 29-30, 2011 in Norman Wells where it discussed its *Report on Transition Matters*; this report was presented to the House in August 2011 before the General Election. The Committee’s key activities between the start of the 17th Assembly and the end of the 2011/2012 fiscal year included committee orientation and committee chair training, determining the committee structure for the 17th Assembly, and considering the 2012-13 capital estimates and interim operations budget.



Standing Committee on Priorities and Planning. 2012

Government Operations

Chair – Michael M. Nadli

Deputy Chair – Wendy Bisaro

Members – Daryl Dolynny, Alfred Moses, Norman Yakeleya

Alternates – Frederick Blake Jr., Robert Bouchard, Robert Hawkins

Clerk – Jennifer Knowlan

Researcher – Marina Devine

The Standing Committee on Government Operations monitors the Departments of Aboriginal Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations; the Executive; Finance; and Human Resources; and also reviews many of

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the annual reports of the Northwest Territories' statutory officers, including the Auditor General of Canada who audits the Government of the Northwest Territories. The Standing Committee on Government Operations also reviews official language issues.

In the 16th Assembly, the Standing Committee on Government Operations held 17 meetings between April 1, 2011 and August 25, 2011; in the 17th Assembly, the committee met 13 times between December 8, 2011 and March 30, 2012.

In 2011-12, the 16th Assembly Committee presented one substantive report on a bill: *Report on the Review of Bill 10: Northwest Territories Heritage Fund Act*, after holding public hearings on Bill 10 in May and August 2011 in Yellowknife. The committee heard five presentations on the bill and received two written submissions, and passed four amendments to the bill at the clause-by-clause review before the bill was reviewed in the House. The committee reviewed four other bills in 2011-12, and presented its *Report on Transition Matters* to the House just before the General Election that was held in October 2011

From the beginning of the 17th Assembly to the end of 2011-2012, the committee presented five reports on the committee's review of statutory officer reports: *Report on the Review of the 2009-2010 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of the Northwest Territories*; *Report on the Review of the Office of the Northwest Territories Languages Commissioner Annual Report 2009-2010*; *Report on the Review of the 2009-2010 Human Rights Commission Annual Report*; *Report on the Review of the Report of the Auditor General on Northwest Territories Health Programs and Services - 2011 - Department of Health and Social Services*; and *Report on the Review of the Report of the Auditor General on Northwest Territories Deh Cho Bridge Project - 2011 -Department of Transportation*. The committee also conducted a strategic planning session in Yellowknife.



Standing Committee on Economic Development and Infrastructure.
2012

Economic Development and Infrastructure

Chair – Robert Hawkins

Deputy Chair – Frederick Blake Jr.

Members – Robert Bouchard, Bob Bromley, Kevin Menicoche, Michael M. Nadli

Alternates – Wendy Bisaro, Jane Groenewegen, Norman Yakeleya

Clerk – Jennifer Knowlan

Researcher – Alicia Tumchewics

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The Standing Committee on Economic Development monitors and provides advice to the Departments of Environment and Natural Resources; Industry, Tourism and Investment; Municipal and Community Affairs; Public Works and Services; and Transportation. This standing committee also reviews the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut; the Northwest Territories Power Corporation; the Northwest Territories Business Development and Investment Corporation; and the Public Utilities Board.

In the 16th Assembly, the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Infrastructure held 39 meetings between April 1, 2011 and August 25, 2011; in the 17th Assembly, the committee met 11 times between December 8, 2011 and March 30, 2012.

In 2011-12, the committee reviewed Bill 9: *Wildlife Act*, and held extensive public hearings throughout the territory during April, May, June, and August. The committee visited Aklavik, Inuvik, Ulukhaktok, Fort Smith, Fort Simpson, Jean Marie River, Fort Liard, Fort Good Hope, Norman Wells, Hay River, Déline, Dettah, and Whatì on this bill, heard 58 presentations at the public hearings, and received 23 written submissions.

This bill was introduced in the House in March 2011, and the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Infrastructure heard many concerns from the public during the hearing process. The Standing Committee, after much consultation in communities throughout the territory, recommended in its *Report on Bill 9: Wildlife Act* to the House on August 17, 2011 that the bill not be proceeded with in its existing form. The sponsor of the bill, the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, stated in Committee of the Whole on August 24, 2011 that the Government would not be proceeding with the bill at that point. There was no further discussion on the matter.

The committee also reviewed seven other bills in 2011-12, and presented its *Report on Transition Matters* to the House in August 2011.

Social Programs

Chair – Alfred Moses

Deputy Chair – Daryl Dolynny



Standing Committee on Social Programs Committee Meeting in Hay River. 2011

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Members – Wendy Bisaro, Jane Groenewegen, Norman Yakeleya

Alternates – Bob Bromley, Kevin Menicoche, Michael M. Nadli

Clerk – Gail Bennett

Researcher – Lee Selleck

The Standing Committee on Social Programs monitors the Departments of Health and Social Services; Justice; Education, Culture and Employment; and the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation. This committee also reviews issues relating to the Status of Women Council; and programs for seniors, youth, and persons with disabilities.

The Standing Committee on Social Programs held 12 meetings between April 1, 2011 and August 25, 2011; and held 11 meetings between October 28, 2011, and March 30, 2012.

The 16th Assembly committee held two public hearings in the capital to review four pieces of legislation. The committee reviewed and reported to the Assembly on the *Vital Statistics Act*, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*, the *Electronic Transactions Act* and the *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2011*.

Early in the 17th Assembly, the Standing Committee on Social Programs met over two days (February 29 - March 1, 2012) in Hay River for an intensive planning and information session. While in Hay River, the committee also took the opportunity to visit local facilities, including the South Mackenzie Correctional Centre, Nats'eejee K'eh Treatment Centre, H.H. Williams Hospital, and the Family Support Centre. Following this planning session, the committee issued a press release identifying alcohol and drug treatment and an anti-poverty strategy as the two top priorities of the standing committee during the 17th Assembly.

Rules and Procedures

Chair – Bob Bromley

Deputy Chair – Hon. Glen Abernethy

Members – Jane Groenewegen, Robert Hawkins, Kevin Menicoche

Alternates – Alfred Moses, Daryl Dolynny, Hon. Robert C. McLeod

Clerk – Gail Bennett

Researcher – Colette Langlois

The Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures inquires into matters referred to it by the Legislative Assembly, the Speaker, or the Board of Management. This committee also reviews the reports of the Chief Electoral Officer and the Conflict of Interest Commissioner; and reviews and makes

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recommendations on the impacts that self-government agreements may have on the operations of the Legislative Assembly.

At the outset of the 17th Assembly in October 2011, a Caucus decision by all 19 Members approved the use of tablet computers. The intention was that the devices would reduce paper usage and provide for easier access to documents. Speaker Jackie Jacobson did request that the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures review the use of the tablets in both the Assembly and in committees. The Standing Committee returned with its *Report on the Use of Tablet Computers in the Legislative Assembly* in February 2012 and recommended that tablet computers be treated in the same manner as laptops and other handheld electronic devices. Tablet computers are now used in committees and in the Chamber during Committee of the Whole proceedings. All committee agenda packages are now uploaded onto the tablets by Assembly staff, and committee clerks no longer distribute paper copies. Members may, of course, print their own copies if they wish. The committee will continue to review the expansion of tablet computer use outside of Committee of the Whole, based on the Members' experience in the current sitting and after consideration of an updated jurisdictional review.

Board of Management

Chair – Hon. Jackie Jacobson

Members – Frederick Blake Jr., Robert Bouchard, Hon. Jackson Lafferty, Hon. David Ramsay

Alternates – Hon. Glen Abernethy, Hon. Tom Beaulieu, Wendy Bisaro, Daryl Dolynny

Secretary – Tim Mercer

Assistant Secretary – Gail Bennett

The Board of Management is a corporate body established under the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act. The existence of the Board reflects the right and privilege of the House to govern its internal affairs. The establishment of the Board emphasizes the responsibility that Members have for the general administration of the Legislative Assembly and confirms the independence of the Legislature



Board of Management meeting. 2012

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from the executive branch of government.

The Board of Management is responsible for the overall management and administration of the Legislative Assembly, including the provision of services to Members and the establishment of policies regarding their conduct. The Board is accountable to individual Members and to the House, with its powers set out in the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act. The responsibilities of the Board include, but are not limited to: preparing budget estimates for the Assembly; providing services to Members that it considers appropriate; administering the indemnities, allowances, reimbursements and benefits to which Members are entitled; establishing regulations and policies for all services provided to Members; management and administration of the Members' pension plans in accordance with the Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act and the Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act; ensuring that the cultures and traditions of the Northwest Territories are reflected in the Legislative Assembly; and, providing for any other financial or administrative matter that the Board considers necessary in respect of the Legislative Assembly or the Office of the Legislative Assembly.

The composition of the Board of Management in the 16th Assembly included the Speaker (who acts as Chairperson of the Board), one Member of the Executive Council and three regular Members, other than the Speaker and Deputy Speaker. Changes to the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, effective at the commencement of the 17th Assembly, changed the composition of the Board to include the Speaker, two Members of the Executive Council and two regular Members, other than the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker.

HIGHLIGHTS



Opening of the 17th Legislative Assembly, 2011.

Election 2011

The Northwest Territories follows a system of fixed election dates, whereby the Legislative Assembly may not sit for a period longer than four years. Polling day for a general election must be the first Monday in October, four years after the last general election.

Although there is no law prohibiting territorial political parties, no parties have successfully contested a territorial election. As such, the *Elections and Plebiscites Act* has no provisions governing matters such as leadership selection or party financing. The absence of political parties in the

electoral process is generally considered one of the features of the NWT system of consensus government.

On Monday, October 3, 2011, voters went to the polls to elect the Members of the 17th Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories.

Royal Visit

The Northwest Territories was delighted to host Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on their first visit to Canada following their April 2011 wedding. The royal couple visited Yellowknife from July 4-6, 2011.

The Northwest Territories was proud to showcase its beautiful landscape and the diversity of its culture, heritage, and people. During the entire Canadian tour, emphasis was on the youth of Canada and this was certainly the case in the north.

The Legislative Assembly was particularly honoured to host the royal couple as part of their busy program. The Duke and Duchess arrived at the Assembly in a motorcade. They were welcomed to the Assembly by former Speaker, Paul



Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. 2011

HIGHLIGHTS

Delorey and led them along the walkway, lined with staff members excited to greet them as they entered the building.

The Duke and Duchess were escorted to the Chamber where they met with members of the 2011 Youth Parliament and observed their debate. The youth voiced their views on the Northwest Territories educational system in a round table setting where they each had the opportunity to speak, and their Royal Highnesses listened with interest to the 20-minute debate. Watching from their seats in the Chamber were the Members of the Legislative Assembly, while the gallery was filled with the media, invited guests, and participants from the Legislative Assembly's inaugural 2010 Elders Parliament. The Youth Parliament debate was televised and broadcast throughout the Northwest Territories on the Legislative Assembly's television network, as well as being covered by various local, national, and international media.

The Royal couple also had the opportunity to examine the Mace and learn more about the symbolism and artistry involved in its creation.

Governor General of Canada Visit

A highlight of the First Session of the 17th Assembly, was a visit to the Assembly by the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada. This visit was the first by a Governor General to occur during a formal session of the House. The House introduced and adopted a motion to

interrupt its proceedings in order to receive an address from the Governor General of Canada. Also for the first time, the House extended invitations to regional Aboriginal government leaders to join the Members of the Legislative Assembly on the floor of the Chamber to receive the address.



Premier Bob McLeod and Speaker Jackie Jacobson with Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada and his wife Sharon Johnston. 2011

HIGHLIGHTS

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Along with many other Canadians, the Northwest Territories commemorated the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II on February 6, with a public flag-raising ceremony which took place at sunrise. With the permission of Her Majesty, the Queen's Personal Canadian Flag flew from sunrise to sunset on that day. On February 7, the House introduced and adopted a congratulatory message to Her Majesty on the occasion of her



Diamond Jubilee Award Ceremony in the Great Hall of the Legislative Assembly building. 2012.

Diamond Jubilee. Following the adjournment of the House that same day, the public was invited to join Members for a reception in the Great Hall and to participate in the presentation of the Diamond Jubilee medals to the Premier of the Northwest Territories and ten other northern recipients.

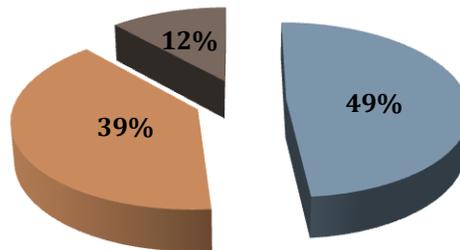
HIGHLIGHTS

Did you know...

People from as far away as New Zealand are visiting the Legislative Assembly site

We had 241 visitors from Australia on our site in 2011

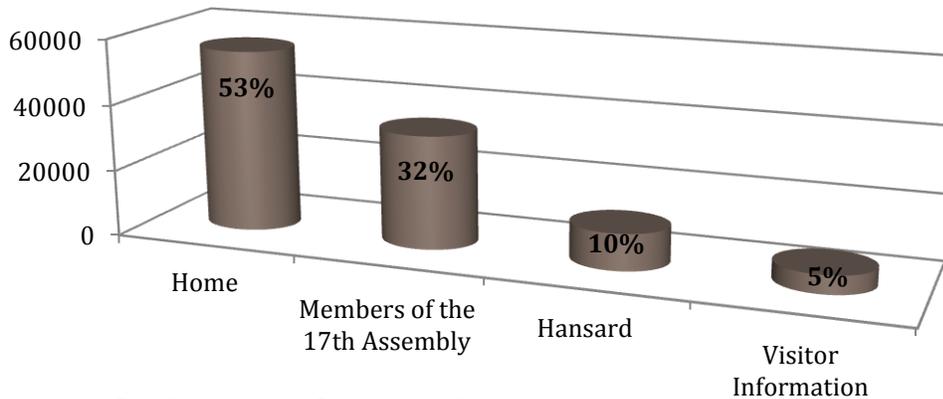
Who Visits the Legislative Assembly Site



- NWT (46,314)
- Canada (37,902)
- International (11,203)

Total of 94,419 visitors on the website

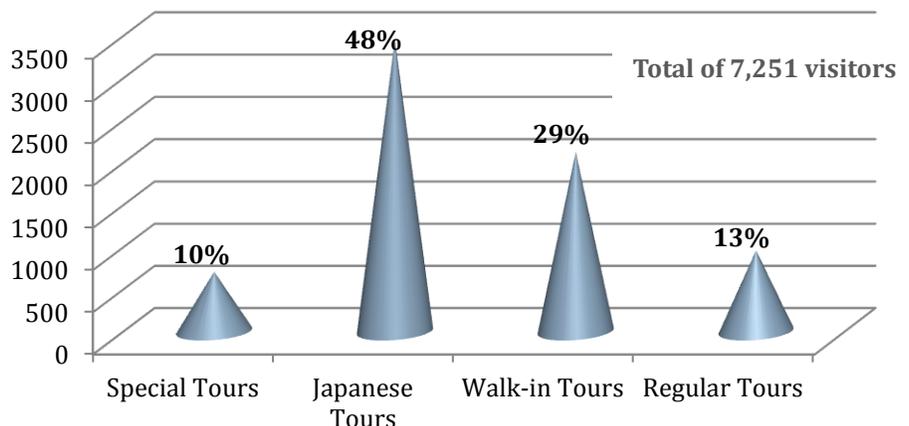
Hits per page from April 1, 2011 - March 31, 2012



There were 2,979 visitors to the Legislative Assembly site on November 2, 2011. This was the day the ministerial portfolios were assigned for the 17th Legislative Assembly

Total of 105,983 hits to the Legislative Assembly site

Tour Statistics - April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012



916 visitors participated in a Japanese-language tour during the month of February 2012

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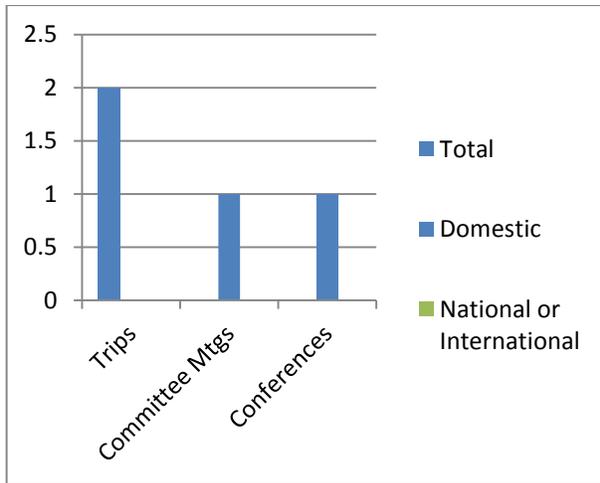
House Statistics

Category	16th Assembly 6th Session Mar. 7-Aug. 25/11	17th Assembly 1st Session Oct. 27-Dec. 15/11	17th Assembly 2nd Session Feb.7-17/11
Sitting Days	18	9	9
Hansard Pages	600	240	274
Session Hours	54	23	27
Minister's Statements	57	27	25
Member's Statements	196	98	95
Oral Questions	202	86	116
Written Questions	11	2	4
Petitions	2	1	0
Committee Reports	11	0	1
Tabled Documents	88	21	17
Recorded Votes	7	2	4
Bills Introduced	25	1	4
Received Royal Assent	24	1	4
Government Bills	23	1	4
Private Bills	2	0	0
Appropriation Bills	5	1	3

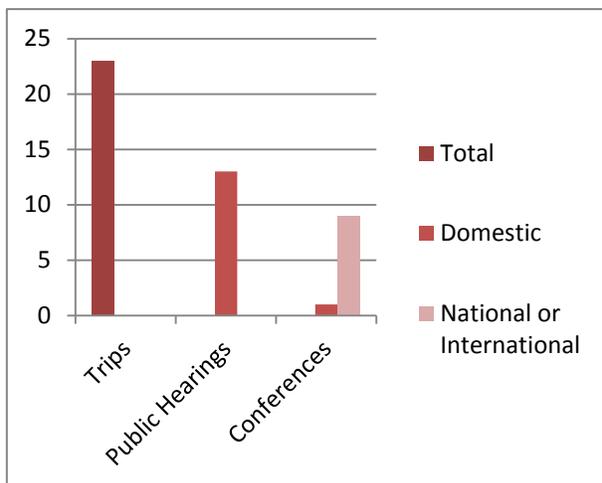
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Standing Committee Travel

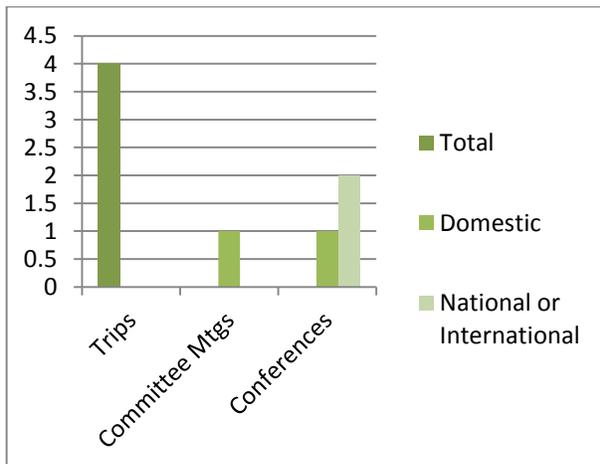
Social Programs



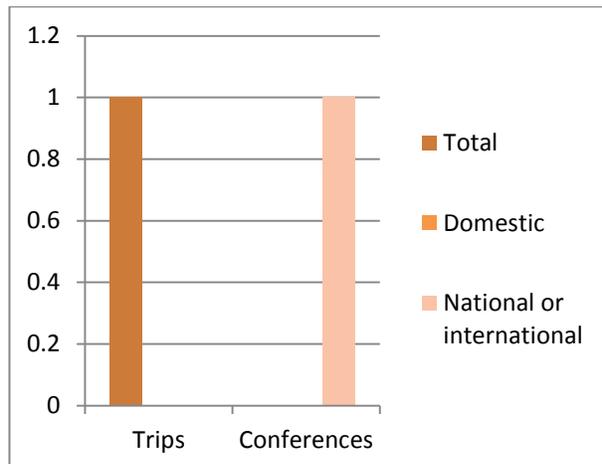
Economic Development & Infrastructure



Priorities & Planning



Government Operations



Committee Members travel throughout the territory to undertake the responsibilities that are delegated to them by the Legislative Assembly. On occasion, Members also travel outside of the territory to attend conferences and national events that pertain to their respective committee mandates.

ACCOUNTABILITY

**INDEMNITIES UNDER SECTION 17(1) & 18(1), ALLOWANCES UNDER SECTIONS 19 & 20
REIMBURSED TO OR INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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17TH ASSEMBLY - OCTOBER 3, 2011 TO MARCH 31, 2012

Member	Constituency	MLA Indemnity (1)	Ministerial Indemnity (2)	Speaker Indemnity (3)	Extra Duties (4)	Allowance for Expenses (5)	Northern Allowance (6)
NADLI, Michael	DEH CHO	48,311			1,901	6,962	3,516
BISARO, Wendy	FRAME LAKE	48,311			1,303	3,481	1,725
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	48,311	22,275			3,481	1,725
BOUCHARD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	48,311				6,962	2,676
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	48,311			2,931	6,962	2,676
MOSES, Alfred	INUUVIK BOOT LAKE	48,311			1,878	6,962	6,895
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUUVIK TWIN LAKES	48,311	22,275			3,481	1,725
RAMSAY, David	KAM LAKE	48,311	22,275			3,481	1,725
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	48,311				6,962	8,943
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	48,311	22,275			3,481	1,725
MENICOCHÉ, Kevin	NAHENDEH	48,311			3,861	6,962	5,212
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	48,311		18,115		6,962	11,094
DOLYNNY, Daryl	RANGE LAKE	48,311			1,303	3,481	1,725
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	48,311			1,298	6,962	9,223
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	48,311	22,275			3,481	1,725
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	48,311	22,275			3,481	1,725
BROMLEY, Bob	WELEDEH	48,311			951	3,481	1,725
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	48,311			1,901	3,481	1,725
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	48,311	31,654			3,481	1,725

(1) MLA ANNUAL INDEMNITY: annual figure of \$96,615 for all Members. For income tax reporting purposes, the first \$1,000 is tax free pursuant to the "Northwest Territories Act", subsection 12(6).

(2) MINISTERIAL AND PREMIER INDEMNITY: annual figure of \$51,709 for Ministers and \$73,482 for Premier.

(3) SPEAKER: annual figure of \$42,053 for Speaker.

(4) SPECIAL ANNUAL INDEMNITIES FOR EXTRA DUTIES: Deputy Speaker: \$6,804; Deputy Chair, Committee of the Whole: \$4,083; Chair of Standing Committee (Social Programs, EDI, Government Operations = \$6,029, Priorities & Planning = \$9,043, Rules & Procedures = \$3,014); Chair of Special Committee: \$3,014; Chair of Caucus: \$3,014.

(5) ALLOWANCE FOR EXPENSES: Basic Allowance: annual figure of \$6,962 for all Members. Additional Allowance: annual figure of \$6,962 for all Members who do not live within commuting distance of the capital, Ministers are considered to live in Yellowknife and only receive the basic allowance.

(6) NORTHERN ALLOWANCE: Annual amount paid in respect of the community in which Members live. Same as provided under the Collective Agreement.

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16TH ASSEMBLY - APRIL 1 TO OCTOBER 2, 2011**

Member	Constituency	MLA Indemnity (1)	Ministerial Indemnity (2)	Speaker Indemnity (3)	Extra Duties (4)	Allowance for Expenses (5)	Northern Allowance (6)
MCLEOD, Michael	DEH CHO	48,683	29,434			2,901	1,738
BISARO, Wendy	FRAME LAKE	48,683			1,287	2,901	1,738
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	48,683			1,743	2,901	1,738
DELOREY, Paul	HAY RIVER NORTH	48,683		24,100		5,802	2,696
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	48,683			2,574	5,802	2,696
ROLAND, Floyd	INUUVIK BOOT LAKE	48,683	42,111			2,901	1,738
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUUVIK TWIN LAKES	48,683	29,633			2,901	1,738
RAMSAY, David	KAM LAKE	48,683			2,574	2,901	1,738
KRUTKO, David	MACKENZIE DELTA	48,683			2,905	5,802	8,364
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFBI	48,683	29,633			2,901	1,738
MENICOOCHE, Kevin	NAHENDEH	48,683			2,574	5,802	5,252
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	48,683				5,802	11,179
VACANT	RANGE LAKE						
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	48,683				5,802	9,294
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	48,683	29,633			2,901	1,738
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	48,683			2,574	2,901	1,738
BROMLEY, Bob	WELEDEH	48,683			1,743	2,901	1,738
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	48,683			2,574	2,901	1,738
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	48,683	29,633			2,901	1,738

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ACCOUNTABILITY

**INDEMNITIES, ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES
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17TH ASSEMBLY - OCTOBER 3, 2011 TO MARCH 31, 2012**

Member	Constituency	Constituency Work Expense Budget (Section 29)	Constituency Work Expense Actuals (Section 29)	Capital Accommodation Maximum \$14,750 (Section 24)
NADLI, Michael	DEH CHO	41,265	27,653	12,836
BISARO, Wendy	FRAME LAKE	37,742	32,797	-
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	37,742	31,108	-
BOUCHARD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	39,755	34,621	14,750
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	39,755	37,617	14,750
MOSES, Alfred	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	41,265	36,539	14,750
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUVIK TWIN LAKES	41,265	39,345	-
RAMSAY, David	KAM LAKE	37,742	11,141	-
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	43,277	42,680	14,750
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	41,265	31,925	-
MENICOCHÉ, Kevin	NAHENDEH	42,774	36,233	14,750
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	44,787	35,701	14,333
DOLYNNY, Daryl	RANGE LAKE	37,742	31,634	-
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	44,284	42,205	14,000
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	40,258	30,800	-
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	41,265	40,531	-
BROMLEY, Bob	WELEDEH	37,742	37,742	-
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	37,742	34,996	-
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	37,742	36,711	-

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ACCOUNTABILITY

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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2012
16TH ASSEMBLY - APRIL 1 TO OCTOBER 2, 2011**

Member	Constituency	Constituency Work Expense Budget (Section 29)	Constituency Work Expense Actuals (Section 29)	Capital Accommodation Maximum \$29,500 (Section 24)
MCLEOD, Michael	DEH CHO	35,565	34,810	-
BISARO, Wendy	FRAME LAKE	32,529	23,785	-
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	32,529	19,017	-
DELOREY, Paul	HAY RIVER NORTH	34,264	26,321	12,015
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	34,264	33,789	14,642
ROLAND, Floyd	INUUVIK BOOT LAKE	35,565	32,544	-
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUUVIK TWIN LAKES	35,567	29,378	-
RAMSAY, David	KAM LAKE	32,529	29,545	-
KRUTKO, David	MACKENZIE DELTA	37,300	36,997	14,750
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	35,565	31,829	-
MENICOUCHE, Kevin	NAHENDEH	36,866	34,950	14,750
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	38,601	33,551	13,998
VACANT	RANGE LAKE	32,529	0	-
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	38,167	34,825	14,000
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	34,698	25,096	-
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	35,565	34,854	-
BROMLEY, Bob	WELEDEH	32,529	29,450	-
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	32,529	31,197	-
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	32,529	27,458	-

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ACCOUNTABILITY

**EXPENSES RELATED TO CONSTITUENCY WORK, UNDER SECTION 29
REIMBURSED TO OR INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2012
17TH ASSEMBLY - OCTOBER 3, 2011 TO MARCH 31, 2012**

Member	Constituency	Travel & Transportation	Materials & Supplies	Purchased Services	Contract Services	Fees & Payments	Computer Hardware/Software	Constituency Assistant	Total Expenditure	Total Budget
NADLI, Michael	DEH CHO	1,797	8,047	2,621	-	-	7,006	8,182	27,653	41,265
BISARO, Wendy	FRAME LAKE	-	6,591	4,487	-	210	-	21,509	32,797	37,742
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	-	6,139	6,136	-	-	-	18,833	31,108	37,742
BOUCHARD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	828	5,180	5,292	-	75	3,338	19,908	34,621	39,755
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	785	4,256	2,991	-	75	-	29,510	37,617	39,755
MOSES, Alfred	INUUVIK BOOT LAKE	-	2,293	7,110	-	-	-	27,136	36,539	41,265
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUUVIK TWIN LAKES	-	4,037	5,394	-	-	-	29,914	39,345	41,265
RAMSAY, David	KAM LAKE	-	909	1,447	-	-	425	8,360	11,141	37,742
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	4,723	6,203	7,272	-	-	-	24,482	42,680	43,277
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	5,310	6,432	6,293	-	-	-	13,890	31,925	41,265
MENICOUCHE, Kevin	NAHENDEH	-	4,945	3,151	-	-	640	27,497	36,233	42,774
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	2,011	4,283	6,530	-	-	900	21,977	35,701	44,787
DOLYNNY, Daryl	RANGE LAKE	-	6,555	5,723	-	-	2,086	17,270	31,634	37,742
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	1,230	5,244	10,076	-	-	350	25,305	42,205	44,284
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	-	2,771	4,629	-	-	-	23,400	30,800	40,258
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	110	1,728	7,462	-	-	-	31,231	40,531	41,265
BROMLEY, Bob	WELEDEH	-	3,176	4,730	-	-	1,267	28,569	37,742	37,742
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	-	8,987	9,856	-	-	4,627	11,526	34,996	37,742
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	-	10,446	5,649	-	-	616	20,000	36,711	37,742

EXPENSES: represent funds reimbursed to Members or paid on their behalf for constituency expenses incurred upon submission of original invoices.

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ACCOUNTABILITY

**EXPENSES RELATED TO CONSTITUENCY WORK, UNDER SECTION 29
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Member	Constituency	Travel & Transportation	Materials & Supplies	Purchased Services	Contract Services	Fees & Payments	Computer Hardware/Software	Constituency Assistant	Total Expenditure	Total Budget
MCLEOD, Michael	DEH CHO	-	212	4,450	-	-	180	29,968	34,810	35,565
BISARO, Wendy	FRAME LAKE	-	1,956	2,889	-	-	-	18,940	23,785	32,529
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	-	1,627	4,004	-	-	-	13,386	19,017	32,529
DELOREY, Paul	HAY RIVER NORTH	-	919	3,486	-	-	-	21,916	26,321	34,264
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	2,173	2,929	3,027	-	-	-	25,660	33,789	34,264
ROLAND, Floyd	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	4,050	70	2,794	-	-	-	25,630	32,544	35,565
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUVIK TWIN LAKES	-	1,732	2,646	-	-	-	25,000	29,378	35,567
RAMSAY, David	KAM LAKE	-	37	6,386	-	-	609	22,513	29,545	32,529
KRUTKO, David	MACKENZIE DELTA	11,651	98	3,206	-	-	300	21,742	36,997	37,300
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	6,597	1,357	7,791	-	-	2,495	13,589	31,829	35,565
IMENICOHE, Kevin	NAHENDEH	3,715	1,299	4,042	-	-	461	25,433	34,950	36,866
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	699	258	6,664	-	-	750	25,180	33,551	38,601
VACANT	RANGE LAKE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32,529
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	2,520	1,436	4,683	-	-	300	25,886	34,825	38,167
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	1,350	300	3,606	-	-	-	19,840	25,096	34,698
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	-	2,290	3,630	-	-	-	28,934	34,854	35,565
BROMLEY, Bob	WELEDEH	-	605	3,872	-	-	-	24,973	29,450	32,529
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	-	273	9,560	-	-	3,385	17,979	31,197	32,529
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	-	108	7,350	-	-	-	20,000	27,458	32,529

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ACCOUNTABILITY

**CONSTITUENCY TRAVEL EXPENSES UNDER SECTION 29
REIMBURSED TO OR INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2012
17TH ASSEMBLY - OCTOBER 3, 2011 TO MARCH 31, 2012**

Member	Constituency		# of Trips	Airfare	Carbon Offset	Change/ Cancellation Fee	Air Charter	Ground Transportation	Accommodation	Meals & Incidentals	Total
NADLI, Michael	DEH CHO	Within NWT Outside NWT	3	917					250	630	1,797 0
BOUCHARD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	Within NWT Outside NWT	3	828							828 0
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	Within NWT Outside NWT	2	785							785 0
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	Within NWT Outside NWT	4				1,891		1,698	1,134	4,723 0
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONIFWI	Within NWT Outside NWT	38				5,225			85	5,310 0
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	Within NWT Outside NWT	4				1,344		667		2,011 0
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	Within NWT Outside NWT	1	1,230							1,230 0
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	Within NWT Outside NWT	1						110		110 0

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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2012
16TH ASSEMBLY - APRIL 1 TO SEPTEMBER 4, 2011**

Member	Constituency		# of Trips	Airfare	Carbon Offset	Change/ Cancellation Fee	Air Charter	Ground Transportation	Accommodation	Meals & Incidentals	Total
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	Within NWT	5	1,811						362	2,173
		Outside NWT									0
ROLAND, Floyd	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	Within NWT	7					650		3,400	4,050
		Outside NWT									0
KRUTKO, David	MACKENZIE DELTA	Within NWT	9	2,147				5,470	696	1,609	9,922
		Outside NWT	2	689				655	181	204	1,729
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFBI	Within NWT	34	387				4,084		113	4,584
		Outside NWT	1	329				502	735	447	2,013
MENICOCHÉ, Kevin	NAHENDEH	Within NWT	5	1,706				591	350	1,068	3,715
		Outside NWT									0
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	Within NWT	1	398				25			423
		Outside NWT	1						276		276
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	Within NWT	2	2,120				400			2,520
		Outside NWT									0
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	Within NWT	1	843				507			1,350
		Outside NWT									0

Tabled pursuant to Section 35(c) of the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act.

ACCOUNTABILITY

**MATERIALS & SUPPLIES DETAIL UNDER SECTION 29
REIMBURSED TO OR INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2012
17TH ASSEMBLY - OCTOBER 3, 2011 TO MARCH 31, 2012**

Member	Constituency	Promotional Items	Special Occasion Items	Presentation Items	Other Materials & Supplies	Total Materials & Supplies
NADLI, Michael	DEH CHO	1,245	-	-	6,802	8,047
BISARO, Wendy	FRAME LAKE	5,355	-	-	1,236	6,591
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	5,608	-	-	531	6,139
BOUCHARD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	3,580	-	70	1,530	5,180
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	96	-	70	4,090	4,256
MOSES, Alfred	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	1,138	117	-	1,038	2,293
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUVIK TWIN LAKES	3,022	-	-	1,015	4,037
RAMSAY, David	KAM LAKE	909	-	-	-	909
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	1,180	-	-	5,023	6,203
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	5,635	-	-	797	6,432
MENICOCHÉ, Kevin	NAHENDEH	1,396	280	65	3,204	4,945
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	1,239	-	-	3,044	4,283
DOLYNNY, Daryl	RANGE LAKE	3,876	-	-	2,679	6,555
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	1,840	227	-	3,177	5,244
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	1,552	480	65	674	2,771
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	1,098	-	-	630	1,728
BROMLEY, Bob	WELEDEH	1,588	-	-	1,588	3,176
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	5,306	-	-	3,681	8,987
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	4,388	-	-	6,058	10,446

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**MATERIALS & SUPPLIES DETAIL UNDER SECTION 29
REIMBURSED TO OR INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2012
16TH ASSEMBLY - APRIL 1 TO SEPTEMBER 4, 2011**

Member	Constituency	Promotional Items	Special Occasion Items	Presentation Items	Other Materials & Supplies	Total Materials & Supplies
MCLEOD, Michael	DEH CHO	-	95	-	117	212
BISARO, Wendy	FRAME LAKE	-	-	-	1,956	1,956
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	-	-	-	1,627	1,627
DELOREY, Paul	HAY RIVER NORTH	-	837	-	82	919
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	-	164	-	2,765	2,929
ROLAND, Floyd	INUUVIK BOOT LAKE	-	-	-	70	70
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUUVIK TWIN LAKES	-	-	-	1,732	1,732
RAMSAY, David	KAM LAKE	-	-	-	37	37
KRUTKO, David	MACKENZIE DELTA	-	-	-	98	98
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFBI	-	-	-	1,357	1,357
MENICOCHE, Kevin	NAHENDEH	-	733	197	369	1,299
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	-	-	-	258	258
VACANT	RANGE LAKE	-	-	-	-	-
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	-	1,337	-	99	1,436
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	-	300	-	-	300
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	-	150	-	2,140	2,290
BROMLEY, Bob	WELEDEH	-	-	-	605	605
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	-	-	-	273	273
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	-	-	-	108	108

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**PURCHASED SERVICES DETAIL UNDER SECTION 29
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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2012
17TH ASSEMBLY - OCTOBER 3, 2011 TO MARCH 31, 2012**

Member	Constituency	Contributions to Community Feasts	Other Purchased Services	Total Purchased Services
NADLI, Michael	DEH CHO	500	2,121	2,621
BISARO, Wendy	FRAME LAKE	200	4,287	4,487
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	200	5,936	6,136
BOUCHARD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	-	5,292	5,292
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	-	2,991	2,991
MOSES, Alfred	INUUVIK BOOT LAKE	-	7,110	7,110
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUUVIK TWIN LAKES	-	5,394	5,394
RAMSAY, David	KAM LAKE	-	1,447	1,447
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	1,491	5,781	7,272
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFBI	846	5,447	6,293
MENICOCHÉ, Kevin	NAHENDEH	-	3,151	3,151
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	498	6,032	6,530
DOLYNNY, Daryl	RANGE LAKE	200	5,523	5,723
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	-	10,076	10,076
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	1,000	3,629	4,629
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	-	7,462	7,462
BROMLEY, Bob	WELEDEH	200	4,530	4,730
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	1,950	7,906	9,856
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	200	5,449	5,649

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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2012
16TH ASSEMBLY - APRIL 1 TO SEPTEMBER 4, 2011**

Member	Constituency	Contributions to Community Feasts	Other Purchased Services	Total Purchased Services
MCLEOD, Michael	DEH CHO	500	3,950	4,450
BISARO, Wendy	FRAME LAKE	-	2,889	2,889
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	167	3,837	4,004
DELOREY, Paul	HAY RIVER NORTH	-	3,486	3,486
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	-	3,027	3,027
ROLAND, Floyd	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	-	2,794	2,794
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUVIK TWIN LAKES	-	2,646	2,646
RAMSAY, David	KAM LAKE	167	6,219	6,386
KRUTKO, David	MACKENZIE DELTA	-	3,206	3,206
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	1,527	6,264	7,791
MENICOCHÉ, Kevin	NAHENDEH	300	3,742	4,042
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	-	6,664	6,664
VACANT	RANGE LAKE	-	-	-
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	-	4,683	4,683
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	1,266	2,340	3,606
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	-	3,630	3,630
BROMLEY, Bob	WELEDEH	167	3,705	3,872
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	1,667	7,893	9,560
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	167	7,183	7,350

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Ministers' Benefits

Capital Accommodation - Section 12.2 of the *Indemnities, Allowances and Expense Regulations* provides that a Member of the Executive Council who:

"...owns or leases a primary residence in his or her home community outside of the capital may claim reimbursement for the following expenses:

- (a) Relocation costs from his or her home community to the capital;*
- (b) Real estate fees;*
- (c) The cost of leasing temporary accommodation, including hotel accommodation, in the capital;*
- (d) With respect to the leasing of temporary accommodation in the capital,*
 - (i) Utilities, including monthly telephone connection charges,*
 - (ii) Cable television,*
 - (iii) Internet service,*
 - (iv) Parking that is used in conjunction with the accommodation,*
 - (v) The costs of furniture rented for use in the accommodation,*
 - (vi) Tenant's all -risk insurance."*

The following benefits were provided under this Regulation to the Executive Council of the 17th Assembly, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012:

Ministers	Total Benefits Paid
Hon. Glen Abernethy	\$0*
Hon. Tom Beaulieu	\$0*
Hon. Jackson Lafferty	\$0*
Hon. Robert C. McLeod	\$9,840.25
Hon. Robert R. McLeod	\$0*
Hon. Michael Miltenberger	\$10,250.00
Hon. David Ramsay	\$0*

*Not eligible under the Regulation

Home Travel - Section 12.3 of the *Indemnities, Allowances and Expense Regulations* provides that a Member of the Executive Council who:

"...owns or leases a primary residence in his or her home community outside of the capital may claim reimbursement for the cost of return transportation for the member and his or her family members between that home community and the capital."

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The following benefits were provided under this Regulation to the Executive Council of the 17th Assembly, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012:

Ministers	Total Benefits Paid
Hon. Glen Abernethy	\$0*
Hon. Tom Beaulieu	\$0*
Hon. Jackson Lafferty	\$0*
Hon. Robert C. McLeod	\$15,116.60
Hon. Robert R. McLeod	\$0*
Hon. Michael Miltenberger	\$10,122.50
Hon. David Ramsay	\$0*

*Not eligible under the Regulation

Blind Trust - Section 12.4 of the *Indemnities, Allowances and Expense Regulations* provides that:

“...where the Conflict of Interest Commissioner advises a Minister to establish a trust during his or her term in office, as referred to in section 82 of the Act, the Minister shall be reimbursed for the expenses set out in subsection (2).”

No payments were made under this Regulation to the Executive Council of the 17th Assembly, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012.

Dental, Health, Medical travel and Life Insurance Benefits - Section 12.5 of the *Indemnities, Allowances and Expense Regulations* provides that a Member of the Executive Council:

“...is entitled to receive the same dental, health, medical travel and life insurance benefits provided to senior manager in the public service.”

- a) Medical Travel - during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012, the following medical travel benefits were provided to the Executive Council of the 17th Assembly:
- b) Employer’s share of Public Service Health Care Plan, Long-Term Disability and Public Service Management Insurance Plan – during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012, the following benefits were provided to the Executive Council of the 17th Assembly:

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Ministers	Total of Premiums Paid by the GNWT
Hon. Glen Abernethy	\$1,599.55
Hon. Tom Beaulieu	\$1,599.55
Hon. Jackson Lafferty	\$1,599.55
Hon. Robert C. McLeod	\$1,599.55
Hon. Robert R. McLeod	\$1,751.80
Hon. Michael Miltenberger	\$1,599.55
Hon. David Ramsay	\$1,599.55

Entertainment Allowance – Section 12.6 of the *Indemnities, Allowances and Expense Regulations* provides that a Member of the Executive Council:

“...may receive, to a yearly maximum of \$1,500, an entertainment allowance for duty related entertainment expenses.”

The following benefits were provided under this Regulation to the Executive Council of the 17th Assembly, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012:

Ministers	Total Benefits Paid
Hon. Glen Abernethy	\$645.16
Hon. Tom Beaulieu	\$645.16
Hon. Jackson Lafferty	\$645.16
Hon. Robert C. McLeod	\$645.16
Hon. Robert R. McLeod	\$645.16
Hon. Michael Miltenberger	\$645.16
Hon. David Ramsay	\$645.16

ACCOUNTABILITY

Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories 2011-2012 Financial Summary for Operations

(thousands of dollars)			
By Activity	2011-2012 Revised Estimates	2011-2012 Actuals	2012-2013 Main Estimates
OFFICE OF THE CLERK			
Compensation and Benefits	3,128	3,395	3,403
Other Expenses	<u>4,017</u>	<u>4,145</u>	<u>3,630</u>
	7,145	7,540	7,033
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER			
Compensation and Benefits	139	143	139
Other Expenses	<u>186</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>186</u>
	325	278	325
EXPENDITURES ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS			
Compensation and Benefits	6,416	6,613	6,211
Other Expenses	<u>1,413</u>	<u>1,240</u>	<u>1,597</u>
	7,829	7,853	7,808
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER			
Compensation and Benefits	1,050	835	525
Other Expenses	<u>545</u>	<u>585</u>	<u>313</u>
	1,595	1,420	838
STATUTORY OFFICERS			
Language Commissioner	322	299	291
Conflict of Interest Commissioner	60	53	60
Information and Privacy Commissioner	62	90	62
Equal Pay Commissioner	40	0	40
Human Rights Commission	982	1,010	1,022
Human Rights Adjudication Panel	<u>160</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>160</u>
	1,626	1,610	1,635
TOTAL	18,520	18,701	17,639
* Summary does not include annual amortization			

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Board of Management

Policies Respecting Members Indemnities, Allowances and Expenses

Section 42.(2) of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* states that:

The Speaker shall, as soon as is reasonably practical in each fiscal year, cause a report to be laid before the Legislative Assembly containing any policies in respect of the indemnities or allowances payable to members or expenses for which members may be reimbursed that were made under subsection (1) during the previous fiscal year.

Record of Decision – BOM 497-16-2011 - Retraining Assistance Program for Non-Returning Members

On August 24, 2011, the Board of Management adopted the policy entitled “Retraining Assistance Program for Non-Returning Members” and directed that the policy be included in the Legislative Assembly’s Members’ Handbook.

This program provides one-time assistance to Members in their move from public to private life.

Record of Decision – BOM 498-16-2011 - Ministers Benefits Policies

On August 24th, 2011, the Board of Management adopted the Ministers Benefits policies as they were presented and directed that the policies be included in the Legislative Assembly’s Members’ Handbook.

These policies address benefits Ministers are eligible for with respect to capital accommodations, home travel, blind trusts, health, dental and life insurance, medical travel, and entertainment allowances.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conferences Attended by Members

- Feb. 2-5, 2012 **29th Canadian Presiding Officers Conference**, Edmonton, AB
MLAs Jackie Jacobson, Daryl Dolynny & Jane Groenewegen
- Sept. 6-9, 2011 **11th General Assembly of COPA** (Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas), Quebec City, QC
Hon. Paul Delorey
- July 21-28, 2011 **57th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference and the Small Branches Conference**, London, UK
Hon. Paul Delorey
- July 13-19, 2011 **49th Canadian Regional Conference**, Charlottetown, PEI
MLAs Wendy Bisaro, Robert Hawkins & David Krutko

Visiting Dignitaries

- July 5, 2011 Speaker and Premier welcome Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge at their arrival to the Legislative Assembly
- August 17, 2011 Courtesy meeting with the Consul General of the Netherlands, Mr. Johannes T. M. Vervloed
- October 27, 2011 Courtesy meeting with Consul General of Japan, Mu. Susumu Fukuda, Mrs. Fukuda and Ms. Atsuko Sugiyama, Consul of the Economic Section (Speaker-Elect)
- December 8, 2011 Courtesy meeting with The Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, and Mrs. Johnston. Premier McLeod was also in attendance as well as their spouses.
- June 14, 2012 Courtesy meeting with the Consul General of Germany, Mr. Hermann Sitz and Mrs. Niina Sitz

OUR TEAM



The staff of the Legislative Assembly on a break during a staff meeting in September.

The Clerk reports directly to the Speaker and is responsible for the efficient administration of the Assembly and its support service, annual budgeting for the Assembly, planning, policy and staff development, and ensuring adequate financial and human resources are available to all committees. The Clerk's Office provides administrative services to the Board of Management and other committees of the Legislative Assembly.

The Office of the Clerk also co-ordinates all official parliamentary ceremonies and other formal events involving the Legislative Assembly, such as the official opening of the Legislative Assembly, election of the Speaker, swearing-in of Members, and visiting parliamentarians.

The Office of the Clerk is comprised of the following: Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Deputy Clerk, Clerk of Operations, Clerk of Committees, Executive Administrative Assistant, Law Clerk, Sergeant-at-Arms, and the Public Affairs and Communications Advisor. Other divisions within the Office of the Clerk include Research, Library and Information Services and Corporate Services.

OUR TEAM



Left to right: Phoebe Esau: Travel Coordinator, Darrin Ouellette: Director, Cheryl Menard: Manager of Finance, Derek Trembley: Security Supervisor, Sharon Wettrade: Receptionist/Administrative Assistant, Brian Thagard: Sergeant-at-Arms, Donna Friesen: Procurement and Asset Coordinator, Derek Edjericon: Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms, Roxanna Zoe: Finance Officer.

Corporate Services

Corporate Services is a division within the Office of the Clerk. Working behind the scenes, this division is often described as “the blood, sweat, and tears” of the organization.

It is responsible for administering Members’ services relating to their indemnities, expenses, allowances and pensions. In addition, the division provides finance and administrative services, facilities management, human resources support, and information technology services to the Legislative Assembly.

The Director of Corporate Services oversees a compliment of two managers and eight full-time staff. The Finance Manager, with a staff of four, is responsible for accounting systems, procurement and inventory, reception services and travel coordination for Members and staff. The Sergeant-at-Arms supervises four staff and is responsible for the management of facility operations, security, and administration of the page program.

CLERK'S CLOSING REMARKS



Recent events in Canada and the Commonwealth have put the spotlight on the financial administration of Parliaments and Legislative Assemblies.

Whereas the role of the Office of the Clerk has predominately been that of procedural advisor, these events have demonstrated that equal or greater attention is needed for modern management principles, sound policies, and dedication to the rule of law.

As Clerk I take great pride in the work of the staff of the Legislative Assembly. Each and every one of them has an important role to play in ensuring the integrity of this most important Territorial institution. Our legislature may be amongst the smallest in the Commonwealth, but the scope of challenges we must deal with are equal to or greater than most.

It is a testament to the dedication and professionalism of the staff of the Legislative Assembly that we have been able to avoid the nature of spending irregularities that have occurred elsewhere. It is my hope that the annual presentation of this report will further enhance the confidence that Members and the public can have in the responsible and effective administration of the legislature.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Tim Mercer". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Tim Mercer, Clerk
Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories



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