

APPENDIX C

COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

(1) Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight

Purpose: The eleven Regular Members of the Legislative Assembly comprise the Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight. The Standing Committee shall:

1. Review issues which have government-wide implications, including all issues related to implementation of the devolution of federal powers, implementation of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and overview of the budget, taxation and fiscal framework;
2. Review Government of the Northwest Territories reports on financial and performance results and program and policy evaluations to ensure anticipated outcomes are being achieved and accountability is maximized;
3. Coordinate House affairs of members, including scheduling and planning in cooperation with the Honourable Speaker and appropriate Ministerial representatives;
4. Coordinate Committee public consultation efforts with respect to budget and fiscal matters;
5. Coordinate Committee strategic planning efforts;
6. Review legislative proposals, including those co-drafted by the government and Indigenous governments;
7. Monitor and evaluate Ministerial performance;
8. Consider issues related to land claims and self-government negotiations;
9. Consider issues related to public affairs and transparency by standing and special committees;
10. Consider issues related to Indigenous, national and international relations;
11. Consider the budgets and financial management of any boards and agencies that are outside the responsibility of any Standing Committee; and
12. Consider any other matter referred by the House.

(2) Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment

Purpose: The Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment shall consider the following matters with respect to the Departments of Environment and Climate Change; Industry, Tourism and Investment; and Infrastructure:

1. Review multi-year business plans and budgets, bills, boards and agencies, including Prosper Northwest Territories;
2. Review departmental performance, including that of boards and agencies;
3. Consider matters related to economic affairs;
4. Consider matters related to public infrastructure;
5. Consider matters related to energy policy;
6. Consider matters related to the environment and sustainable development; and

7. Consider any other matter referred by the House.

(3) Standing Committee on Social Development

Purpose: The Standing Committee on Social Development shall consider the following matters with respect to the Departments of Education, Culture and Employment; Health and Social Services; Justice (Solicitor General); and Housing Northwest Territories:

1. 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;
2. Review departmental performance, including that of boards and agencies;
3. Shall consider issues related to social, cultural and justice policy;
4. Shall consider issues related to mental health and addictions;
5. Shall consider issues related to sport and recreation;
6. Shall consider issues related to housing and homelessness; and
7. Shall consider any other matter referred by the House.

(4) Standing Committee on Government Operations

Purpose: The Standing Committee on Government Operations shall consider the following matters with respect to the Departments of Executive and Indigenous Affairs; Finance; Workers Safety and Compensation Commission; Northwest Territories Power Corporation; Municipal and Community Affairs, and Justice (Attorney General):

1. Review multi-year business plans and budgets, bills, boards and agencies; including the Public Utilities Board;
2. Review departmental performance including that of boards and agencies;
3. Review, as necessary or appropriate, the annual and other reports of the Statutory Officers of the Legislative Assembly, including the Languages Commissioner, the Information and Privacy Commissioner, the Equal Pay Commissioner, the Ombud, and the Human Rights Commission;
4. Shall consider issues related to Official Languages;
5. Shall consider issues related to emergency preparedness and disaster management;
6. Shall consider issues related to the Public Service;
7. Shall consider issues related to government service delivery; and
8. Shall consider any other matter referred by the House.

(5) Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges

Purpose: The Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges shall inquire into matters referred to it by the Legislative Assembly, the Honourable Speaker, or the Board of Management. The committee will also:

1. 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;

2. Review, as necessary or appropriate, the annual and other reports of the Integrity Commissioner;
3. 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;
4. Review and make recommendations relating to the Code of Conduct for Members of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly;
5. Review and make recommendations relating to rules and practices of the House and its committees; and
6. Review and make recommendations on matters of privilege.

The Standing Committee of Procedures and Privileges consists of four Regular Members and one member of the Executive Council. Further, the alternates for the Committee are one Regular Member and one member of the Executive Council. A member from the Executive Council in attendance is required for quorum.

(6) Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Purpose: The Standing Committee on Public Accounts reviews, examines and provides follow-up reporting on the Auditor General of Canada financial audits of the Public Accounts and performance audits of territorial entities and programs. These documents are provided to Committee by the Legislative Assembly, the Honourable Speaker, or the Board of Management. The committee will also:

1. Examine the reports of the annual financial statements and public accounts of the Government of the Northwest Territories;
2. Assess, reinforce, and/or endorse the Auditor General of Canada recommendations found through performance audits of entities and programs;
3. Work to increase the impact of the Auditor General recommendations by requesting additional actions or reporting from audited entities;
4. Work to review past audits from the Auditor General to ensure compliance and response from the Government of the Northwest Territories;
5. Engaging with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, the Canadian Audit & Accountability Foundation, alongside other audit partners to build capacity and best practices for audit review and follow-up; and
6. In the event that the Assembly is not in Session, work with the Honourable Speaker who may provide the Auditor General's Report and the Honourable Minister of Finance who may provide the Public Accounts to the Committee for review, which may include public hearings, in advance of tabling;

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts consists of four regular members and one member of the Executive Council. Further, the alternates for the Committee are one regular member and one member of the Executive Council. A member from the Executive

Council in attendance is required for quorum.