

Improving Transparency for Late-Term Direct Appointments

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories operates under a consensus system in which both Cabinet and Regular Members share responsibility for good governance, accountability, and public confidence;

AND WHEREAS direct appointments to positions within the Government of the Northwest Territories may be necessary in certain circumstances, yet can attract heightened public interest and scrutiny, particularly in proximity to the end of a Legislative Assembly's term;

AND WHEREAS ensuring public transparency regarding direct appointments made during the final months of a Legislative Assembly's term would enhance accountability and public trust;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Range Lake, that this Legislative Assembly calls upon the Government of the Northwest Territories to develop a policy for increased public transparency for any proposed direct appointment during the final six months of the term of a Legislative Assembly;

AND FURTHER, that the policy seeks to limit the use of direct appointments, with clear and exhaustive criteria established for appointments made during the final six months of the term of a Legislative Assembly;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories communicate any proposed direct appointments of Senior Management positions to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, in real time, during the final six months of the term of a Legislative Assembly;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories respond to this motion in 120 days.

Date of Notice: March 3, 2026
Date de l'avis : 3 mars 2026

Date of Introduction:
Date de présentation :

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Carried:
Adoptée :

Moved by: Mr. Hawkins
Proposée par : M. Hawkins

Seconded by: Mr. Testart
Appuyée par : M. Testart

Ruled Out of Order:
Déclarée irrecevable :

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories introduce legislation to license and regulate private security companies, including mandatory training, standards of conduct, and public-safety-focused oversight mechanisms to ensure the safety of both security personnel and the public;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories create a dedicated funding stream to support public safety and community policing initiatives at the municipal level to support municipal public-safety initiatives, including community patrols, by-law enforcement, crime-prevention programming, and other locally identified priorities;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories ensure the overall Crime Reduction Strategy be fully costed, time-bound, and measurable, including clear milestones, publicly reported metrics, and annual reporting to ensure accountability to the residents of the Northwest Territories;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories respond to this motion in 120 days.