

**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.

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Date of Introduction:  
Date de présentation :

Disposition:  
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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 :