

# Role of Full Caucus and Regular Members' Caucus in Nunavut

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## Fact Sheet

### ***Role of Full Caucus and Regular Members' Caucus***

These bodies are formally defined in the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*.

- Full Caucus (FC) consists of all 19 MLAs.
- Regular Members' Caucus (RMC) consists of all Regular MLAs (MLAs other than the Speaker, Premier and Ministers).

Although the bodies do not have formal powers under the Act, they serve as important forums in which MLAs may deliberate in confidence on such matters as House planning, priority-setting and other business under the jurisdiction of the Legislative Assembly.

Both the Full Caucus (FC) and the Regular Members' Caucus (RMC) elect a Chair and Co-Chair. The Chairperson of the Full Caucus (FC) and the Chairperson of the Regular Members' Caucus (RMC) receive an additional annual indemnity for their duties.

The Regular Members' Caucus (RMC) meets during Sessions of the Legislative Assembly to plan Members' activities in the House. The Chair of the Regular Members' Caucus (RMC) may liaise with the Government House Leader (GHL) and the Office of the Clerk on scheduling matters and the planning of House business. Presentations on government-wide matters, such as fiscal updates, are often made to the Regular Members' Caucus (RMC).

The forum of Full Caucus (FC) serves as an important body in which all 19 MLAs can discuss, in confidence and as equals, matters of their choosing. Although Nunavut's proposed laws and budgets must be debated publicly on the floor of the Legislative Assembly, Full Caucus (FC) is often the forum in which differences are reconciled and compromises achieved.

Full Caucus (FC) also serves as a practical forum for the discussion of such matters as the scheduling of House business, the review of internal matters and the timing of elections.

It is important to note that neither the Full Caucus (FC) nor the Regular Members' Caucus (RMC) are considered to be Standing Committees of the Legislative Assembly. As such, Bills are not referred to either body for scrutiny following second reading in the House. Neither the Full Caucus (FC) nor the Regular Members' Caucus (RMC) have such powers as the ability to compel the attendance and evidence of witnesses and production of documents.