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**Standing Committee on  
Accountability and Oversight**

***Report on Priorities and Objectives  
Workshop***

**Chair: Mr. Charles Dent**



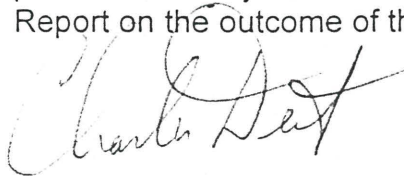
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THE HONOURABLE TONY WHITFORD, M.L.A.  
SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Dear Mr. Speaker:

**Report of the Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight**

Your Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight recently conducted a priorities and objectives setting workshop in Yellowknife. I am pleased to present this Report on the outcome of the workshop.



Charles Dent, M.L.A.  
Chair



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# Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight

## Report on Priorities and Objectives Workshop

### ***Introduction***

On March 15, 2000 the Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight participated in a priorities and objectives setting workshop. The workshop was a follow-up meeting to the Committee's Operational Planning Workshop held on February 18-19, 2000. The purpose of their workshop was to identify the short, medium and long-term goals that the Committee wishes to pursue during the life of the 14<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.

Members had many topics of consideration that they felt that should be addressed over the next four years. During the workshop, the Committee was cognizant of the mandates of the Standing Committee on Social Programs and the Standing Committee on Governance and Economic Development and refrained from encroaching on these mandates.

### ***Goals***

At the end of the workshop, the Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight had thirteen broad goals. These are only our initial goals and we know that they are not static. The Committee will continuously refine them to meet the changing needs of northerners. Our goals are:

- To achieve progress on constitutional and electoral reform;
  - To advocate for the rights of the public and those needing a voice in dealing with government;
  - A public service that is representative of the population it serves, and is treated fairly and managed effectively;
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- A more effective government organization, structure and operations;
- Survival of the Official Aboriginal languages;
- A cohesive and current Workers' Compensation system and the associated governing authorities to meet the changing environments;
- An energy strategy to address the shifting NWT environment and relevant outside influences;
- A strategy for sharing control of and responsibility for northern resources;
- To maximize the benefits of recreational activities and to foster the positive effect that recreation has on community health and well-being;

Ongoing goals of our Committee that are explicitly included in our mandate include:

- The comprehensive overview of the Government of the Northwest Territories' budget and fiscal framework;
- The consideration of budgets and the financial management of the NWT Workers' Compensation Board, the NWT Power Corporation and other similar government boards and agencies;
- Examination of the Auditor General reports; and
- Coordination of House Business scheduling and planning in cooperation with Cabinet.

***Conclusion***

There is a great deal of work to be done by the Committee in order to fulfil our goals. We have a full agenda before us and look forward to our future dealings with the Government in achieving these goals.

