



Supplementary To Question 238-13(5): Policy Re: Meeting with Ministers

MRS. GROENEWEGEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, that does not really answer my question. I am asking a question with respect to specific policy of this government on the use of senior functionaries of the Department of Justice, a lawyer, as a witness for the Ministers in a private meeting? Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A policy.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

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HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We do not have a policy that addresses this specific issue. In this case, for this meeting, I chose to have an ADM of Justice to sit in the meeting, and that is completely up to me to make that choice. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Supplementary, Mrs. Groenewegen.

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MRS. GROENEWEGEN: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For clarification then, there is no policy in this government which would determine Ministers' privilege when it comes to engaging the services of senior functionaries in the Department of Justice on a personal matter?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

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HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It was not a personal matter. I met with the Member as the Premier of the Northwest Territories. She is the MLA for Hay River, last time I checked. I sat down and met with her. We had a frank discussion, notes were kept. I never did talk to the ADM again to check on the notes, but notes were kept of the meeting. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Final supplementary, Mrs. Groenewegen.

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MRS. GROENEWEGEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Premier agree, I believe I understood the intent and the content of the meeting. Would the Premier, since notes were kept, be prepared to provide a copy of those notes to me? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

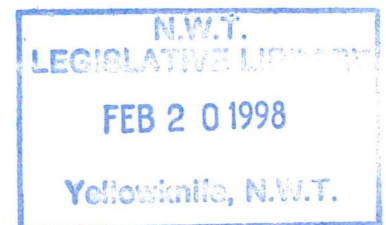
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HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No problem.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Henry.

Question 239-13(5): Shortage of NWT Tradespeople

MR. HENRY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister for Education, Culture and



MR. ERASMUS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last year I made a statement about the poor conditions of facilities for dressing and holding bodies in the communities. As well, there was an article in the papers on this subject matter. Has this government done anything in the last year to improve the holding facilities and areas they use for dressing bodies in the communities? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Arlooktoo.

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HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would have to check with the Department of Justice to see what the status is of that request. I do remember the Member raising the issue last year. I will put together the information and pass that on to the Member.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Final supplementary, Mr. Erasmus.

**Supplementary To Question 237-13(5): Update on Chief Coroner Position**

MR. ERASMUS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, could the Minister include what the department intends to do this year to improve those conditions as well? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Arlooktoo

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HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I will commit to becoming familiar with the issue over the next few days leading up to perhaps when the Justice Department's budget has been discussed in the House. Hopefully by that time, I will be able to discuss the issue more intelligently and talk about options with Members of the House.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Mrs. Groenewegen.

**Question 238-13(5): Policy Re: Meeting with Ministers**

MRS. GROENEWEGEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, yesterday in the House an issue came up regarding the lateness or tardiness in a response by the Department of Justice to a motion that was passed in this House. The Premier responded, I believe it was the Premier, that the Department of Justice was very busy. I am wondering, Mr. Speaker, I am not sure if this is to the Minister of Justice or the Premier, what the department's policy is, with respect to engaging the services of senior functionaries of the Department of Justice as witnesses for Ministers, when they have private meetings with our Members? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Premier.

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HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When Ministers meet with people, it is up to the Minister completely, if they choose to have a person in the room to take notes and in this case, when I met with Ms. Groenewegen, I choose to have someone in the room to take notes. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Supplementary, Mrs. Groenewegen.