

MLAs spar over Aurora College board

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Yellowknife Centre MLA Julie Green pressed the education minister this week to explain his decision in June to dismiss the Aurora College board of governors.

The move, she said, undermined the credibility of the territory's flagship post-secondary institution.

Alfred Moses fired the board in June and simultaneously appointed a single administrator, Denny Rogers.

In a statement at the time, Moses said the shakeup would ensure "stability and continuity" as the college heads into a foundational review. The review was announced in March, shortly after the government proposed cutting the college's social work and education programs as a way to rein in spending. It was originally supposed to wrap up this fall, but during question period Wednesday, Moses said the government "just signed the contract" and can't yet commit to an end date.

"They said it would be a six-to-eight month process," said Green in an interview Wednesday. "That means that it wouldn't be done until the end of the fiscal year."