

**Mid-term Review Committee of the 18th Legislative Assembly  
Yellowknife South MLA Julie Green to Minister Alfred Moses  
October 4, 2017**

**MS. GREEN:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, my question is for the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment. In his mandate letter to the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment, the Premier said, "meaningful dialogue and engagement with residents of the NWT must be an ongoing priority." In fact, whether it's the expansion of junior kindergarten, the introduction of reduced instructional hours, cuts at the college or the introduction of a new ministerial directive for French language education, there has in fact been a real absence of meaningful dialogue and engagement.

The public uproar around each of these initiatives is unprecedented in the 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly. My question to the Minister is: why should he retain his portfolio? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Masi. Minister Moses.

**HON. ALFRED MOSES:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. As I mentioned over the past few years, we have done a lot of work, have made a lot of achievements and accomplishments within the Department of Education, Culture and Employment. An earlier question was what would I do differently around implementation of junior kindergarten? I did mention communication was what we heard, and we are committed to communicating with all our partners. We've built some strong relationships with our education authorities: with our NWT Superintendents Association, NWT Teachers' Association, as well with our Indigenous governments over the years. We're going to continue building those partnerships, and continue to work on improvement or communications and making communications better so that we can make more smoother transitions for future initiatives in education. Thank you, Mr. Chair.