

MANITOBA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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OF

THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMISSIONER

Dr. William Norrie, Q.C.

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MANITOBA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OFFICE OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMISSIONER 1035-405 BROADWAY WINNIPEG MB R3C 3L6

April 4, 2007

The Honourable George Hickes Speaker, Legislative Assembly Room 244, Legislative Building Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8

Dear Sir:

I have the privilege of submitting my annual report as required under section 19.5(2) of The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Conflict of Interest Act for the year ending March 31, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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Under the provisions of the Legislative Assembly and executive Council Conflict of Interest Act within 15 days after the beginning of each session of the legislature every member and minister is required to file with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly a statement disclosing assets and interests in accordance with Section 12 of the Act.

I am pleased to report that the filings of all statements of disclosure but one and all meetings required but one for the period covered by this report have been completed. I am continuing to pursue the prerequisites for the outstanding requirements.

On occasion I receive requests from members for special meetings seeking advice or clarification and I am happy to accommodate such requests.

I am very pleased to report that members and ministers take their obligations under the act very seriously and are very conscientious in their adherence to its provisions.

My responsibility under the legislation is to report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. This provision, I believe, is most appropriate in that the independence of the incumbent commissioner is maintained not only in perception but in reality.

There was an unusually large number of postponements and changes in appointment times this term. The members of the Assembly seemed to be very busy. I appreciate very much the cooperation and attention given by the members and the ministers to me as we mutually struggled to coordinate our agendas and commitments to meet as soon as possible.

And finally, a word of appreciation to Mr. Fred Bryans and Ms. Gilda de Sousa from the Office of the Administration and Finance Branch of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba who have both been most generous to me with their time and talents. The scheduling and rescheduling of meetings which Ms. de Sousa has been undertaking for the required interviews has been most helpful to all concerned.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

William Norrie Q.C.

