



House of Commons



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Re: Questions for CEO of Elections Canada

I appreciated the committee allowing me to ask questions for five minutes. As I said during the meeting, I still have some questions. I am hoping to receive consensus from the committee that Stéphane Perrault, Chief Electoral Officer, be afforded an opportunity to answer the following questions through PROC:

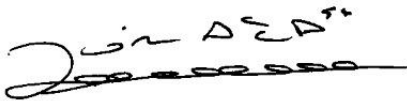
1. Nunavut has more than three time zones. On election day, there was miscommunication about voting hours in the Kitikmeot Region (this is the region in the mountain time zone). As a result, voters in the Kitikmeot were not properly informed and some lost their opportunity to vote. What will Elections Canada do to ensure these errors are avoided in future elections?
2. On election night, Iqaluit had a power outage, which meant that we did not get an indication of results until late the following day. I have a two-part question:
 - a. How are workers health protected during these stressful events?
 - b. Are there emergency plans to prepare for events that may be unforeseen to ensure election results can be shared in a timely manner?
3. After the election, it took almost three weeks to validate my re-election, I have a two-part question:

- a. What legislative restraints caused the delay? For example, is it the need to have the physical copies of the reports?
 - b. During validation, it became evident that the training that may have been offered may not have been effective, as there were many mistakes in the reporting of ballots. How will training be improved for those that do not speak one of the two official languages?
4. Finally, since the study, I have now heard from the community of Grise Fiord, the northernmost community in Canada. Just last week, they finally received the Elections Canada package for the election - a full 6 months since Elections Canada sent the packages. What are the legislative restraints that cause such delays? How can the Elections Canada ensure that these packages are received by communities in a timely manner?

To committee members, as you can see addressing these questions would encourage Elections Canada in ensuring timely responses to barriers experienced during elections. Allowing these responses will help to clarify what barriers each of our ridings may experience and help seek solutions to address them.

I appreciate very much, your serious consideration and timely response.

Taimakalauq,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori Idlout", with a stylized flourish underneath.

Lori Idlout, MP