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**NEWS RELEASE**

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For immediate release:

**YFL dismayed at Liberal statement by Don Inverarity!**

The Yukon Federation of Labour said today that the recent statement by Liberal MLA Don Inverarity clearly shows that he is out of touch with issues as it pertains to Workers Compensation and Workplace Safety.

Alex Furlong, President of YFL states “after reading the Liberal members press release dated March 26, 2007 it is clear that Mr. Inverarity needs a refresher on WCB issues”. Furlong further added “It would be a good time for him to take our level one courses on understanding Workers Compensation”.

Furlong points to many areas of concern with the statement released by this MLA on behalf of the Liberal party. Furlong states “The member indicated and states the chair is handpicked while in fact the stakeholders select a chair and recommend that person to government and Mr. Tuton has our full support along with the Minister who has responsibility for Workers Compensation. Further Furlong states “This member has his facts wrong, the Choices program has not even started and will not start until early 2008 and to suggest we are all on the wrong track on workplace safety again is a sign that this member does not understand his own critic portfolio duties”.

Furlong concludes by stating that “Again this member has it wrong, employers can move and have their headquarters where they want, they pay assessment rates based on their payroll in Yukon”. Furlong does suggest that the time is now to stop the rhetoric and grandstanding and work toward improved safety in the workplace, this should be the goal of all of us and workers deserve nothing less!

**The Yukon Federation of Labour, labour`s voice in the Yukon, represents 4,000 members and is a charter member of the Canadian Labour Congress which represents 3.2 million workers in Canada.**

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