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RESPONSE TO QUESTION RE: Radiation safety regulations

Mister Speaker, in response to a question taken as noted by the Member from Stratford-Kinlock yesterday, I wish to ^{Table} provide the following ^{INFORMATION} clarification. ^{IN} ^{response to}

- Similar to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, who have also repealed their radiation safety regulations, radiation is now addressed both as a health hazard under the Public Health Act (for the public) and as a worker safety issue under the Occupational Health and Safety Act.
- Officials from Worksafe New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Department of Labour and Advanced Learning were consulted regarding the repeal of their respective radiation safety legislation. Both provinces indicated that the regulation of radiation emitting devices is now approached primarily from a worker safety perspective.
- We also spoke with the Workers Compensation Board of PEI, who confirmed that as in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, PEI owners/operators of radiation emitting devices in private facilities would be required to treat the devices as any other piece of equipment in the workplace.
- Health PEI was consulted and, as part of their accreditation process, has a rigorous Quality Assurance and Quality Control Program with respect to all radiation emitting devices within its facilities. To meet the accreditation criteria, HPEI is required to maintain a medical physicist on staff.