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Oral Question 516-18(2) Small Business Supports

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This letter is further to my commitment made in the 18th Legislative Assembly on February 6, 2017, regarding Oral Question 516-18(2) Small Business Supports. During our discussion, I committed to provide to you information of upcoming conferences and initiatives available to the public that are scheduled to be held in the Sahtu Region for the next 12 months.

Planning for small business support courses, workshops and seminars to be offered in the Sahtu Region during any given fiscal year is typically done in April. The planning process takes place at the start of each new fiscal year once the new regional annual budget is known. Planning with full knowledge of the annual budget allows the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI) to provide greater certainty to course facilitators, as well as course participants. Therefore, planning for the upcoming 2017/2018 fiscal year will commence shortly, after which, ITI will be in a better position to provide scheduling information from April 1 to December 31, 2017. For now, the Sahtu Regional office can offer information on the current fiscal year's small business support courses, workshops and seminars to be offered until March 31, 2017.

In Norman Wells, from February 7 to 9, 2017, ITI hosted a "Funding Proposal Writing Workshop". The workshop was facilitated by the Northwest Territories (NWT) Literacy Society. Also in Norman Wells, each evening from March 6 to 9, 2017, ITI and Crowe MacKay LLP are co-hosting a small business seminar. The four seminar topics include: "The Money Side of Business," "Maximizing Your Business," "Five Common Mistakes Start-Ups Make," and "Financial Survival for Entrepreneurs."

In Tulita, from February 6 to March 31, 2017, ITI is assisting Aurora College in providing an "Introduction to Small Business" course. The course is being delivered on weekday evenings.

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In Fort Good Hope, from March 21 to 23, 2017, ITI is hosting a "Funding Proposal Writing Workshop". The workshop, as in Norman Wells, will be facilitated by the NWT Literacy Society. Also in Fort Good Hope, ITI is assisting Aurora College with providing an "Introduction to Retail and Hospitality Service" course. This course is expected to run from February 14 to April 13, 2017.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wally Schumann', written in a cursive style.

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