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**Oral Question 423-18(2): Programs to Support Traditional Economy**

This is a follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on October 28, 2016 regarding the funding available for Northwest Territories (NWT) hunters and trappers.

The traditional economy is extremely important to all communities across the NWT. The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) provides support to NWT community governments, Aboriginal organizations, hunters and trappers, and community schools.

Expenditures for traditional economy programs totaled nearly \$2.4 million in 2015/16. These programs are coordinated by Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) with funding contributions from the Departments of Municipal and Community Affairs and Health and Social Services. Other GNWT departments contribute funding because they see benefits from traditional economy activities that support their mandates.

Support for community hunts is provided through the Community Harvesters Assistance Program (CHAP) by contributing funds to community organizations or Aboriginal governments or by providing money directly to harvesters to offset harvesting related costs. CHAP funding is distributed to recipients based on the number of registered harvesters for each community. Refer to the attachment to this letter for the 2016/17 budget for CHAP programs across the NWT (Table 1).

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ENR understands how important traditional economy is to NWT residents and the department will continue to provide support to communities through the allocation of funds and program delivery.

Sincerely,



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Minister  
Environment and Natural Resources

c. Clerk of the Legislative Assembly  
Legislative Coordinator, Executive

Attachment

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**Table 1**  
**NWT CHAP/Local Wildlife Committee Funding 2016/17**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Total Funding</b>
Inuvik	CHAP/Local Wildlife Committee Funding	\$345,626.00
Sahtu	CHAP/Local Wildlife Committee Funding	\$197,250.00
Dehcho	CHAP/Local Wildlife Committee Funding	\$225,540.00
North Slave	CHAP/Local Wildlife Committee Funding	\$302,750.00
South Slave	CHAP/Local Wildlife Committee Funding	\$253,235.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,324,401.00</b>