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**Oral Question 284-18(2): Evolution of Land Use and Sustainability Framework**

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During question period on June 28, 2016, you made inquiries relating to the development of the implementation plan for the Land Use and Sustainability Framework ("Framework").

Approved in February 2014, the Framework is the Government of the Northwest Territories' (GNWT) overarching and guiding document for sustainable land management. It was developed to provide a clear, consistent, and unifying approach to the GNWT's land management decisions post-devolution.

While the Framework describes the vision and principles that guide decision making, as well as interests and priorities for land management decisions, it does not identify specific actions for GNWT departments to implement. To address this, the Department of Lands is developing a draft implementation approach for the Framework. This draft implementation approach will outline a method to meet the 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly's commitment to create a defined set of collective GNWT land use and sustainability objectives, while also identifying an approach to align and report on departmental actions undertaken in support of those collective objectives.

The Department will formally engage GNWT Departments with land and resource responsibilities this fall, with a goal of having an implementation approach by the spring of 2018.

Thank you for your question.

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