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Oral Question 262-18(3): <u>Summer Employment Opportunities for Post-Secondary Students</u>

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on March 14, 2018, regarding the Summer Employment Opportunities for Post-Secondary Students.

The Department of Finance works with departments and agencies to exceed the number of hires each year for the summer student program. We started accepting student applications on December 1, 2017 and as of May 23, 2018 a total of 582 students have registered to the program. The Department of Finance reaches out to students through email, community posters and on-line advertising on how to apply to the program and the summer student hiring process.

In 2017, the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) hired 349 students, in addition, organizations funded by the GNWT reported hiring 19 students. The GNWT has hired 249 students with an additional 40 job offers out for signature so far this summer. In addition, organizations funded by the GNWT have reported hiring 23 students.

This year we have been working closely with the Federal Government on sharing information pertaining to student hiring in efforts to increase the number of northern student hires across the Northwest Territories.

We are on track to have another successful year of summer hiring; however, there is still work to be done to increase those numbers.

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