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**Oral Question 82-18(3):
Economic Opportunities Arising from Legalization of Cannabis**

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on February 12, 2018, regarding the economic opportunities arising from the Legalization of Cannabis.

Concerning the commitment to reach out to the Government of Nunavut to determine their approach to the legalization of cannabis, we have done so, and note that Nunavut's approach is similar to that of the Northwest Territories, in that the minimum age for legal possession will be 19 and the Nunavut Liquor Commission will control the types of cannabis sold, product prices, reporting, sales location, and public education messages. Nunavut will have stronger restrictions on where individuals will be legally able to smoke cannabis and for the time being, there will be no cannabis retail outlets.

The Government of Nunavut is proposing to appoint Agents to sell cannabis on behalf of the Nunavut Liquor Commission (the 'Commission') as this will allow the Government of Nunavut to "outsource" some of the Commission's specific operations (including cannabis sales) to a third party, such as a private firm.

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