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MLA, NUNAKPUT**Oral Question 812 - 19(2) and Oral Question 835 - 19(2) - Cost of Fuel in Nunakput Region & Marine Transportation Services to Nunakput**

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This letter is in follow-up to the question first raised on November 26, 2021, and again on November 30, 2021, where I committed to provide an answer on where Marine Transportation System (MTS) buys bulk fuel.

Petroleum products for the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR) are purchased through the Petroleum Products Program (PPP) by the Fuel Services Division (FSD) and transported by Marine Transportation Services (MTS). It is important to clarify that MTS does not buy fuel for public resale – this is the business of the FSD (via PPP). It is instead MTS's duty and responsibility to deliver this fuel to northern communities.

To respond to your question concerning the source of fuel that MTS delivers, the answer varies by year.

In 2020 (last year's fuel supply, and the current pricing), diesel, gasoline and jet fuel were all purchased from Imperial Oil in Strathcona, Alberta and sent by rail to Hay River, and then delivered by barge to Ulukhaktok, Sachs Harbour and Paulatuk.

In 2021 (this year's supply), diesel supply is a blend of product purchased in 2020 from Flight Fuels/Arctic Petroleum Services which originated in Cherry Point, Washington brought down the North slope of Alaska by tanker and stored in Tuktoyaktuk over the winter, and diesel purchased from Glencore this past summer, originating from the same source as in 2020 (and delivered in the same way). Jet fuel was purchased in 2021 from Glencore at the same source as the diesel. In both cases, the fuels were shipped by tanker to the Tuktoyaktuk area, and final delivery was by MTS barge to the three ISR communities. Gasoline was purchased from Imperial Oil in Strathcona, Alberta, shipped by rail to Hay River and then delivered to the communities by MTS barge.

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