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Response by the Honourable Richard Nerysoo
 Minister of Education, Culture and Employment

NWT Training Centre in Inuvik

The Department of Education, Culture and Employment is aware of the funding needs for the NWT Training Centre in Inuvik. The department is currently working to help the centre identify funding sources and to provide advice on their financial and programming needs.

The department contributed approximately \$61,000 to the centre in 1994/95 to deliver literacy programs, and programs for social assistance recipients. This year the centre will receive \$88,000 for an adult educator and life skills coach under the Investing in People initiative and \$23,000 for literacy initiatives.

Further funding this year is subject to negotiations with the federal government. The department and Aurora College staff have participated with Human Resources Development Canada and Pathways in regional planning discussions on the funding of training and education activities, including the NWT Training Centre, for the Inuvik Region.

As regions and communities take more responsibility for training needs, and as federal financing levels for education and training decrease, the NWT Training Centre in Inuvik will need to consider restructuring its programming plans and to increase its fund raising activities to support its desired level of programming.

