



## IMPACT OF FEDERAL STAFF CUTS ON THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

The federal budget of February 27, 1995 announced reductions in the federal public service of 45,000 employees over three years, of which 20,000 will be eliminated by the summer of 1996. This reduction includes jobs which will be transferred to the private sector or other levels of government, including 6,000 positions in Transport Canada.

The federal government, including the military and Crown corporations, has about 2,000 employees in the Northwest Territories, with a payroll of approximately \$100 million. The extent to which the federal budget measures will affect Northwest Territories employees is not fully known. Government of the Northwest Territories departments have been in contact with federal officials in an attempt to obtain details. Some federal measures have been announced.

The Department of Indian and Northern Affairs has stated that there will be no Person Year reductions in the Northwest Territories in the Department as a result of the budget measures. However, term positions associated with the Economic Development Agreements and the Arctic Environmental Strategy will not be continued once these programs have expired.

The Yellowknife and Iqaluit weather offices will close. At this time Environment Canada officials do not know how many jobs will be lost.

The Geological Survey of Canada office in Yellowknife will be closed. Three Person Years will be eliminated. Staff at the Legal Surveys Office in Yellowknife will be reduced from 10 to 6 Person Years. The time period for this reduction has not yet been specified.

Discussions are well underway for the transfer of Arctic A Airports to the GNWT as part of Transport Canada's National Airports Policy. The personnel transfers are part of the federal government's staff reductions. About 80 positions will be transferred to the GNWT from Transport Canada. The PYs to be transferred as a result of the Airports Policy are included in the 45,000 PY target reduction in the federal civil service.

Other reductions have not been finalized and therefore additional measures may be announced in the future.

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