



Government of
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Oral Question 213-20(1): Government of The Northwest Territories' Asset Security Package

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question raised on May 29, 2024, regarding the Government of the Northwest Territories' (GNWT) asset security package. Questions raised were if the Department has any policies built around the security of GNWT office buildings that have staff and serve clients and if I am aware of any GNWT office buildings that use video cameras for security purposes. I said I would get back to the member with information on both questions.

The GNWT does not have a GNWT-wide security policy for office buildings the GNWT owns and operates. However, due to the escalating security issues in the Arthur Laing, Stuart M. Hodgson and Tatsaotłne Buildings in Yellowknife over the past year, we have had security in place at these buildings during working hours since January 15, 2024. Security operates out of the Tatsaotłne Building and staff make regular patrols to the other two buildings. We currently have security checks on these buildings after hours in the mornings and evenings. The GNWT does not have security personnel in place for any of its office buildings outside of Yellowknife.

The GNWT also does not currently have a video surveillance policy. We do conduct Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs), which are systematic processes used to assess and manage privacy risks associated with new initiatives, projects, or programs. PIAs help identify potential privacy concerns, evaluate impacts, and implement necessary safeguards. PIAs are typically conducted during the planning phase of a project – before its implementation. They ensure privacy considerations are integrated into decision-making and personal information is handled appropriately. The GNWT uses PIAs to ensure compliance with privacy laws and protect citizens' privacy rights.

The GNWT has security cameras at the following locations in the NWT:

- North Slave region: Tatsaotłne and Stuart M. Hodgson buildings, the Enterprise Weigh Scale and the Yellowknife Airport Terminal Building.
- Beaufort Delta: Kigiak, the Inuvik Weigh Scale and the Inuvik Air Terminal buildings
- South Slave region: Hay River Airport Terminal and Fort Smith Record Centre buildings.
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The Dehcho Region does not have security cameras in place at GNWT owned and operated office buildings.

Thank you.



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