

Responding to the Priorities of the 17th Assembly Activity Tracker

Believing in People and Building on the Strengths of Northerners

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Strengthening our relationships with Aboriginal and other northern governments.	Develop a comprehensive Aboriginal Government Engagement Strategy with a view to building and maintaining mutually respectful relations and advancing territorial priorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Respect, Recognition, Responsibility: the GNWT’s Approach to Engaging with Aboriginal Governments”</i> completed and distributed in 2012-13 (DAAIR). • <i>“Respect, Recognition, Responsibility: a GNWT Employee Guide to Strengthening Relations with Aboriginal Government”</i> completed and distributed to all departments in 2012-13 (DAAIR).
Strengthening our relationships with Aboriginal and other northern governments.	Implement the Aboriginal Government Engagement Strategy to build maintain mutually respectful relations and advance territorial priorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bilateral intergovernmental cooperation agreement that formalizes the relationship between the GNWT and the Akaitcho Dene First Nations was signed in May 2013. With this signing, the GNWT has concluded intergovernmental agreements with four Aboriginal governments – Akaitcho Dene First Nations, Tłı̄ch̄ Government, Gwich’in Tribal Council and the Northwest Territory Métis Nation (DAAIR). • The GNWT participated in five Annual General Assemblies during the summer of 2013 to share information about the GNWT’s goals and priorities as well as listen to the concerns and priorities of Aboriginal governments (DAAIR). • <i>“Understanding Aboriginal and Treaty Rights in the NWT”</i>, an online public awareness campaign consisting of a series of brochures, was completed in June 2013. In September 2013, a printed version of these brochures was produced in publication format and made available to the public (DAAIR).
Strengthening our relationships with Aboriginal and other northern governments.	Make progress in finalizing land, resources and self-government agreements that are workable, affordable and respectful of Aboriginal rights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In August 2013, a draft of the Inuvialuit Self-government Agreement-in-Principle was concluded. This milestone lays the basis for the parties to seek approvals to initial and sign the draft Agreement-in-Principle before commencing Final Self-government negotiations (DAAIR). • The work to conclude a new ten-year Gwich’in implementation plan in 2013-14 is currently being undertaken in collaboration with the Gwich’in Tribal Council and the federal government. A draft plan was completed in May 2013 for review by the parties (DAAIR).

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Strengthening our relationships with Aboriginal and other northern governments.	Work with Canada and Aboriginal governments to address the issues of self-government financing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GNWT continues to promote an awareness of self-government financing as an issue that will be key in fully and successfully implementing self-government agreements. While Canada, through its <i>Fiscal Harmonization</i> initiative, is in the process of developing a transparent, formula-based approach to financing self-governments in Canada, a comprehensive presentation on the GNWT's approach to financing NWT self-governments was delivered at five self-government negotiating tables (DAAIR).
Strengthening our relationships with Aboriginal and other northern governments.	Partner with community and Aboriginal governments to strengthen program and service delivery where possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaged Aboriginal governments in the development of Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training which was launched in June 2013. The program has been recognized internationally as a "Top 10 International Innovation in Diversity" by the Profiles in Diversity Journal (HR). • The GNWT and the Tłı̨chǫ Government have agreed to work in collaboration to identify and assess options for program and service delivery following the initial ten-year term of the Intergovernmental Services Agreement, which will expire in August 2015. As of August 2013, the GNWT and the Tłı̨chǫ Government have finalized a terms of reference and an intergovernmental memorandum of understanding to guide this work (DAAIR). • In 2012-13, ECE, in partnership with the Fédération franco-ténoise (FFT), finalized the comprehensive Strategic Plan on French Language Communications and Services, to ensure French language services are available across the GNWT. Language coordinators were identified in all GNWT departments, and in August 2013, the <i>Standards for French Language Services</i> were completed (ECE). • A set of amendments to the <i>Tłı̨chǫ Community Government Act</i>, intended to help clarify rules surrounding elections received the Assent of the Commissioner on March 14, 2013 (MACA). • Partnered with 18 communities to sample 36 sites in 15 NWT rivers and lakes to complete the second NWT-wide community-based monitoring sampling season in summer 2013 (ENR). • The Conference of Management Authorities for species at risk met in February and June 2013 and consultation with Aboriginal Governments regarding the listing of species on the Species at Risk (NWT) Act began in July 2013 (ENR).

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<p>Strengthening our relationships with Aboriginal and other northern governments.</p>	<p>Partner with community and Aboriginal governments to strengthen program and service delivery where possible.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In May 2013, consultation began with Aboriginal governments on proposals to open up limited resident harvest of the Bluenose-East and Beverly/Ahiak/Qamanirjuaq caribou herds; resident harvesting on the Slave River Lowlands bison herd; and changing muskoxen harvest zones, quota and allocation in the North and South Slave Regions (ENR). • The NWT Water Strategy Aboriginal Steering Committee met in June 2013, for updates and to provide input on the NWT-Alberta transboundary water agreement negotiations (ENR). • Education Renewal and Innovation is a broad-based review of the NWT’s education system. Its main goal is to develop a comprehensive plan to improve educational outcomes for students. This initiative has had several major phases since its start in November 2012: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A comprehensive scan of national and international research, and the collection of relevant northern data. These were gathered into a Discussion Paper which has been widely distributed and has been the basis for engaging partners in discussions about educational change. ○ A widespread series of engagements with education partners was undertaken from February to July, 2013, including events with District Education Councils and Authorities, students, Superintendents, Aurora College, Non-Governmental partners, the Northwest Territories Teachers’ Association and GNWT Departments. ○ Engagements with Aboriginal governments took place during 2013, and an offer was extended to all Aboriginal Governments to approach the GNWT if they were interested in assuming a greater role in the delivery of education in their communities (ECE). • Entered into a service agreement with the Community Government of Gametì for the provision of local administrative and maintenance services for housing assets in the community during the spring/summer of 2013. A similar agreement is being entered into with the Community Government of Whatì (NWTHC). • In 2013, 13 community driven projects have applied for funded through the Small Community Homelessness Fund to assist in addressing the issue of homelessness in communities (NWTHC).

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<p>Strengthening our relationships with Aboriginal and other northern governments.</p>	<p>Partner with community and Aboriginal governments to strengthen program and service delivery where possible.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New community based wellness funding agreements will be in place 2013-14. These flexible, multi-year agreements will allow communities to establish priorities and to deliver programs that best meet community needs in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ training and capacity building; ○ healthy children, families and communities; ○ mental health and addictions; and ○ chronic disease and injury prevention. • The Minister’s Forum on Addictions and Community Wellness completed consultation in every region of the NWT (HSS). • In June 2013 the Aboriginal Health and Community Wellness Divison was created to work directly with community groups and Aboriginal governments in identifng community priorities for prevention and promotion , to help support community wellness plans, and to look at integrating traditional healing into primary care (HSS). • In May 2013, representatives of Aboriginal governments were invited to meet with Chairs and Public Administrators of Health and Social Services Authorities to discuss how to improve the delivery of care for all residents (HSS). • Health and Social Services partnered with Yamozha Kue Society, the Gwich’in Social and Cultural Institute and K’asho Got’ine Charter Community in March 2013 to develop medical terminology around cancer and cancer prevention in Chipewyan, Gwich’in, North Slavey and South Slavey. This new terminology will assist health workers to communicate effectively with patients in prevention and treatment of cancer (HSS).

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Strengthening our relationships with Aboriginal and other northern governments.	Partner with Aboriginal and community governments, Aurora College and other partners on training Northerners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In March 2013, work began to develop forest industry skills among northerners, using funding from the federal Strategic Investments in Northern Economic Development (SINED) program supporting the Forest Industry Biomass Initiative (ENR, ECE, ITI). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ten students went through four modules of forest harvesting simulator training at Diamond Jenness Secondary School. In the summer, forest technicians in Fort Resolution and Fort Providence received training (ENR, ECE). • In August 2013, the GNWT provided funding for training programs in both Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk for skills needed for work on the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway Project (ECE).
Strengthening our relationships with Aboriginal and other northern governments.	Delivery of community-based teacher education programming to achieve a representative workforce in the NWT education system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently Aurora College is delivering year three of the <i>community based</i> Teacher Education Program (TEP) in Inuvik, in partnership with the Beaufort Delta Divisional Education Council, the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, and the Gwich'in Tribal Council. This is the final year for students enrolled in the TEP Diploma program. Graduates with this diploma will have the option of transferring to Thebacha Campus to complete their final year and graduate with a Bachelor of Education degree (ECE).
Strengthening our relationships with Aboriginal and other northern governments.	Working in partnership with Aboriginal governments to improve territorial infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In spring and summer 2013, ongoing collaboration with the Tłı̨chǫ government to develop project description reports to realign the existing winter road to an overland route was expanded to consider an all weather road option in response to a request from the Tłı̨chǫ leadership (DOT). • Collaborating with the Tłı̨chǫ government and industry to construct a winter re-supply access route to Wekweèti and working toward establishing a permanent 'public winter road' to Wekweèti (DOT). • Collaborating with Mackenzie Valley Aboriginal land claim groups and community governments to develop a Terms of Reference for the Mackenzie Valley Highway environmental assessment initiated in February 2013 (DOT). • In 2012, DOT received a silver award from the Institute of Public Administration of Canada for collaborating with Aboriginal groups throughout the Mackenzie Valley to develop the Project Description Reports for the Mackenzie Valley all-weather highway (DOT).

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Strengthening our relationships with Aboriginal and other northern governments.	Provide support and direction to GNWT Departments in meeting their legal requirements related to Aboriginal consultation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Consultation Training Course is currently being revised. The target audience of the training is GNWT staff and senior management who carry out consultations with Aboriginal governments and organizations for departmental actions that trigger the duty to consult. The projected timeframe for the roll out of the training is the winter of 2013 (JUS).
Strengthening our relationships with Aboriginal and other northern governments.	Support the efforts of our government to advance the Federal Engagement Strategy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As directed by Premiers during the May 2013 Northern Premiers' Forum, work has commenced on the renewal of <i>A Northern Vision: A Stronger North and a Better Canada</i> (DAAIR). The Federal Engagement Strategy, <i>The NWT and Canada: the Power of Partnership</i>, outlining the 17th Assembly's and the GNWT's key federal priorities was completed in August 2012 and shared with the Prime Minister and key federal Ministers (DAAIR). NWT Days in Ottawa were held from January 30 to February 1, 2013. NWT Days in Ottawa consisted of a series of events aimed at advancing the GNWT's key priorities with the federal government and other stakeholders, and to introduce southern Canadians to the cultural diversity, traditions and tourism opportunities in the NWT (DAAIR). Collaborated with the departments of Municipal and Community Affairs and Public Works to influence development of a federal long-term infrastructure investment plan in the winter of 2013 (DOT). Published <i>Corridors for Canada III: Building for Prosperity</i>, a \$600 million strategic infrastructure investment proposal, in June 2013. Shared with federal ministers and the prime minister submitted for consideration under the new Building Canada Plan (DOT). \$500,000 in climate change adaptation funding from AANDC was secured as of April 2013, to enable participation in Pan-Territorial Permafrost Conferences, Mountain Pine Beetle Vulnerability Assessments, Waste Risk Assessments, and Mapping of Permafrost Hazard (ENR).

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Negotiating and implementing a devolution final agreement.	Ongoing preparation and participation in negotiation tables.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GNWT held more than 40 public and stakeholder meetings on the proposed Devolution Agreement in all regions of the NWT during the months of April and May 2013 (EXEC). • The GNWT held more than 40 public and stakeholder meetings on the proposed Devolution Agreement in all regions of the NWT during the months of April and May 2013 and in May 2013, the GNWT produced <i>Results of the Public Engagement in the Proposed Northwest Territories Lands and Resources Devolution Agreement</i> (EXEC). • The Legislative Assembly voted to approve the Final Devolution Agreement on June 5th, 2013. The GNWT, the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, NWT Métis Nation, Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated, Gwich'in Tribal Council, Tłı̨chq̓ Government and the Government of Canada signed the Devolution Agreement on June 26th in Inuvik (EXEC). • Net Fiscal Benefit and definition of resource revenues for final devolution agreement was completed in December 2012 (FIN).
Negotiating and implementing a devolution final agreement.	Support GNWT efforts to implement devolution of responsibilities for lands and resource management to ensure decisions on northern development reflect the aspirations of NWT residents, communities, and Aboriginal governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Devolution Implementation Committee, which includes the GNWT, Canada and participating Aboriginal Parties, has established 14 working groups with coresponding workplans to implement the Devolution Agreement (EXEC, ITI, ENR, FIN, HR, MACA, PWS). • Thorough review of excluded lands, operating sites, and waste sites found in Schedules 4 and 7 is on going and currently waiting on a response from Canada on the Schedules (ENR). • Mirror legislation and other legislative changes required to implement the <i>Devolution Final Agreement</i> have been drafted and are currently under review (JUS, EXEC, ITI, ENR). • Legal Division is working on all matters related to the transfer of land and assets to the GNWT, and advising all line departments on related issues (JUS). • The GNWT finalized a business process mapping project on AANDC devolution related functions in the summer of 2013 (EXEC, ITI, ENR, FIN, HR, MACA, PWS).

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Negotiating and implementing a devolution final agreement.	Collective bargaining - negotiation of three concurrent collective agreements/contracts in order to ensure stability and certainty for the GNWT and its employees over the next 4 years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four year Collective Agreements were successfully completed with the Union of Northern Workers and the NWT Teachers Association, and a four year contract was confirmed with the NWT Medical Association in 2012-13 (HR).
Achieving an increase to our borrowing limit.	Continue to work with Finance Canada on the adequacy of the borrowing limit, both to relieve short-term pressures and a longer term approach to provide the GNWT flexibility to invest in strategic infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successfully completed in 2011-12, borrowing limit raised from \$575 million to \$800 million (FIN).

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Working with our partners to ensure responsible stewardship through our land and resource management regime.	Coordinate GNWT interests in land use matters and finalize a Territorial Land Use and Sustainability Framework.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In May 2013, <i>What We Heard About Land Is Life</i> was tabled in the Legislative Assembly (EXEC). • In September 2013, a visioning and next steps report for a land management decision support tools was completed (EXEC, ENR, ITI).
Working with our partners to ensure responsible stewardship through our land and resource management regime.	GNWT input in Canada's Northern Regulatory Improvement Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed amendments to the MVRMA, the NWT Act, the NWT Waters Act and the Territorial Lands Act have been analyzed in light of both the requirements of the Devolution Final Agreement and the federal government's Regulatory Improvement Initiative, with work ongoing (EXEC, JUS, ENR, ITI).
Working with our partners to ensure responsible stewardship through our land and resource management regime.	Participate with partners in regional land use planning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The regional Sahtu Land Use Plan was completed and approved by the Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated, the GNWT and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada and became effective as of August 8, 2013 (ENR). • Participated in seven Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee meetings between February and September 2013 to work towards a final Dehcho Interim Land Use Plan (ENR, JUS). • Attended two Tłı̄ch̄ Government hosted workshops in February and April 2013, and in partnership with DAAIR conducted a GNWT review of the Tlı̄cho Land Use Plan. The Tlı̄cho Land Use Plan was approved on April 25, 2013 and came into effect on June 1, 2013 (ENR).

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<p>Working with our partners to ensure responsible stewardship through our land and resource management regime.</p>	<p>Participate with partners in the NWT Protected Areas Strategy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In May 2013, participated in one Protected Areas Strategy Steering Committee meeting (ENR). • In March 2013, participated in candidate National Wildlife Area Working Group meetings for Ka'aa'gee Tu (Kakisa), Kwets'ootl'aa (North Arm), and Sambaa K'e (Trout Lake) candidate NWAs (ENR, ITI). • The draft Phase 2 ecological assessment for the Łue Túé Sųłái (Jean Marie River) candidate Cultural Conservation Area was completed in May 2013 (ENR). • In May 2013, began drafting an Ecological Representation Network Plan to define the GNWT's plan for how to fill gaps in ecological representation (ENR). • In June 2013, participated in an information sharing session with the Dehcho First Nations, Environment Canada and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada on next steps towards the establishment of the Edehzhie candidate National Wildlife Area (ENR).
<p>Working with our partners to ensure responsible stewardship through our land and resource management regime.</p>	<p>Participate with partners in the NWT Water Stewardship Strategy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water quality monitoring equipment was deployed at 40 sites across the NWT during the 2013 season, in collaboration with 20 communities to test for basic water quality parameters, dissolved hydrocarbons and dissolved metals (ENR). • Partnered with the Canadian Water Network and the University of Saskatchewan, to develop a practical community-based cumulative effects monitoring framework for the Slave River, and the Slave River Delta Partnership is participating in this process. A knowledge-sharing and indicator priorities workshop was held in July 2013 and research began in August 2013 (ENR). • In April 2013, a public meeting was held in Fort Good Hope to address community concerns about drinking water quality and present water quality results from the 2012 community-based water monitoring (ENR, MACA, PWS, HSS). • Source water protection, climate change and permafrost workshops were held, in collaboration with Yellowknives Dene First Nation, to deliver a in September 2013, towards the goal of building a source water protection plan for the Yellowknife River (ENR). • Section 35 consultation on a transboundary bilateral water management agreement with Alberta was completed in March 2013 (ENR).

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Working with our partners to ensure responsible stewardship through our land and resource management regime.	Participate in the NEB's review of Arctic Safety and Environmental Offshore Drilling.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successfully Completed in 2012. The NEB's Arctic Review report accepted the emphasis the GNWT placed on ensuring that industry takes the initiative to consult with Northern stakeholders and identifying opportunities, burdens and risks associated with offshore drilling – this is the essential first step to strengthen the regulatory process (ITI). • Participated in the Beaufort Regional Environmental Assessment Steering Committee conference calls in February, March, April and June 2013 (ENR).
Working with our partners to ensure responsible stewardship through our land and resource management regime.	Lead the Science Agenda by developing and designing programs and services to meet the needs of NWT residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A literature review of remote sensing devices as they pertain to permafrost and transportation infrastructure was completed during the summer of 2013 as part of ongoing climate change research and development through the Permafrost Network of Expertise (DOT). • In August 2013, developed new working groups with Canada and other territories to examine the effectiveness of northern science capacity development programs, commercialization of technology in northern Canada and to develop science programs for the Canadian High Arctic Research Station (ENR). • Wilfred Laurier University led programs examining a number of climate change, forest and water questions in the NWT have expanded with 1 new principle researcher and 3 new scientific studies (ENR). • In June 2013, a multi-partner working group was established to develop a regional science planning framework for the Sahtu (ENR).

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Working with our partners to ensure responsible stewardship through our land and resource management regime.	Coordinate amendments to the NT/NU Spills Working Agreement to reflect the changes through Devolution to ensure environmental protection is maintained.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In July 2013, a review of the current MOU's between AANDC and Canadian Coast Guard and AANDC and NEB was completed, in preparation for Spill Working Agreement amendments to reflect the GNWT taking on those responsibilities (ENR).
Working with our partners to ensure responsible stewardship through our land and resource management regime.	Update Forest Management Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised draft <i>Forest Management Regulations</i> have been completed, addressing the Incidental Use of Forests, and will be out for consultation in the fall/winter of 2013-2014 (ENR). • In July 2013, an Request For Proposals was created for the valuation of northern forest resources to determine an equitable fee structure (ENR).
Working with our partners to ensure responsible stewardship through our land and resource management regime.	Develop and Implement a Waste Management Strategy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A policy framework for electronic waste (e-waste) recovery in the NWT was completed in February 2013 (ENR).

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Working with our partners to ensure responsible stewardship through our land and resource management regime.	Review and Improve the Beverage Container Program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality control equipment to audit beverage containers coming into the system was purchased in April 2013, with delivery to the Hay River Quality Assurance Centre in September 2013 (ENR). • An information management system (IMS) is being established to enable program staff to monitor and audit depots and processing centres. A six-month pilot project to test the IMS in six community beverage container depots started in September 2013 (ENR). • ENR took over ownership of material salvage value as of September 1, 2013, with revenue used to offset program costs and divided amongst processing centres (ENR).
Working with our partners to ensure responsible stewardship through our land and resource management regime.	Giant Mine - Participate in the completion of the Environmental Assessment, and implementation of the Remediation Plan with the issuance of a Type A Water License	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of Environmental Assessment was issued on June 20, 2013 (ENR). • Site Stabilization work to address areas of urgency on Site (Roaster Complex decontamination and deconstruction and Underground Stabilization) was initiated in June 2013 (ENR).
Working with our partners to ensure responsible stewardship through our land and resource management regime.	Giant Mine - Participate in Engagement Activities with the interested parties to carry out the completion of the Environmental Assessment and Water License regulatory approval.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Forums were held in Yellowknife and Ndilo on the Roaster Activities in May 2013 with monthly progress reports, weekly air quality reports, regular newsletters, and weekly website updates provided (ENR). • Environmental Management System Working Group meetings were held with the Parties to discuss environmental management plans, policy, closure objectives and criteria February 6-7, March 5, April 25, May 28-29, and June 20 (ENR). • Working Group meetings with the Parties to discuss site activities and specific technical aspects of the Project were co-chaired on May 8, June 28, July 23, August 15 and 23, and September 20, 2013 (ENR).

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Decentralizing more GNWT positions.	Development of overarching GNWT approach to decentralization.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GNWT has adopted a three phased approach to decentralizing headquarter functions (FIN): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Immediate opportunities identified 18 positions for inclusion in the 13-14 Business Plans; ○ Devolution implementation process to take advantage of opportunities to establish positions outside of Yellowknife (52 positions); ○ Develop a comprehensive approach to longer term decentralization opportunities that focuses on new functions that result from government investment in priorities, a transfer from the Federal Government, or where the Minister identifies an opportunity that would bring programs closer to those being served or result in a more equitable distribution of benefits (32 positions in 14/15).
Decentralizing more GNWT positions.	As part of planning for devolution implementation, consideration will be given to overall organizational design for the GNWT and in particular, location of new positions being established.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the Devolution organizational design process opportunities for establishing positions outside of Yellowknife were considered. In total, 25 new and incremental devolution positions are being created through decentralization (EXEC, ITI, ENR, MACA, HR, FIN).
Decentralizing more GNWT positions.	Relocation of existing positions and/or creation of new positions in regional centres or rural and remote communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work required to relocate the Business Incentive Policy Monitoring Office from Yellowknife to Hay River began in Spring 2013 by undertaking office renovations and hiring a local resident from Hay River has been hired as the new Manager (ITI). • New Assistant Regional Superintendent positions in all five regions were established over the spring and summer of 2013. The Sahtu position has been staffed and staffing is expected to be completed in all other regions in the Fall of 2013 (MACA). • Facilitated the development of seven individual aboriginal language plans in partnership with Aboriginal Governments. This was completed in February 2013 (ECE). • An Environmental Protection Officer position was established in the Sahtu Region in April 2013, and filled in September 2013 (ENR). • Phase 1 of decentralization resulted in a 18 positions being created in the regions. These were either moved from Headquarters or funded through an internal reallocation of resources by the end of 2013-14 (FIN).

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Decentralizing more GNWT positions.	Relocation of existing positions and/or creation of new positions in regional centres or rural and remote communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to devolution and ongoing decentralization, a number of other initiatives are successfully creating GNWT employment in the regions by the end of 2013-14 (FIN): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Financial Shared Services (FIN); ○ GNWT maintenance of RCMP assets (PWS); and ○ Contribution funding for seven new Regional Aboriginal Language Coordinator positions to be employed by regional Aboriginal governments (ECE). • Community wellness resources are being maximized by supporting and coordinating community wellness programming between the Departments, Authorities, community governments, and NGOs through the establishment of a decentralized team of departmental staff. A Director of Aboriginal Health and Community Wellness has been established in Hay River, using federal funding. In the Spring of 2013, two Regional Community Wellness Coordinator positions were established, located in Fort Simpson and Norman Wells (HSS).
Decentralizing more GNWT positions.	Addressing systemic barriers to employment in the communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GNWT Workforce Planning Strategy and Regional Recruitment Strategy were approved by the Financial Management Board in August 2013 (HR).
Reducing dependency on government by encouraging people who are able to enter or remain in the workforce.	Develop action plan in response to recommendations from Adult Literacy and Basic Education Review to better assist adults to acquire skills needed for self-reliance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Adult Literacy and Basic Education (ALBE) Review Action Plan was completed. • The Accountability Framework of the Education and Training of Adults in the Northwest Territories was developed. • Aurora College, in partnership with the NWT Literacy Council, has completed a short term, embedded literacy course; a second course is under development. • Math 110, 120 and 130 curriculum has been modularized to suit the needs of adult learners; this will allow a learner to leave the program to attend to life circumstances, and reenter the course where they left off. • The Adult Recognition Model (ARM) Steering Committee and the Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) Evaluation Committee have been established (ECE).

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Reducing dependency on government by encouraging people who are able to enter or remain in the workforce.	Development of an Accountability Framework for the Education and Training of Adults in the NWT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As committed in the response to the Office of the Auditor General's 2010 Review of Education in the NWT, the <i>Accountability Framework of the Education and Training of Adults in the Northwest Territories</i> was developed. The Framework allows for better evaluation, planning and evidenced-based decision making for adult postsecondary and training programs to ensure best use of public funds (ECE).
Reducing dependency on government by encouraging people who are able to enter or remain in the workforce.	Work with partners to implement NWT Labour Force Development Framework to address training needs in regions and communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The second Labour Force Symposium was held in February 2013. The Symposium focused on partnerships, best practices and ways that ECE can assist Regional Training Partnerships in preparing NWT residents to gain the skills needed to take advantage of available employment opportunities. The collected information from the Symposium helps guide Regional Training Partnerships, which bring together regional representatives from ECE and ITI, as well as education councils, Aurora College, Aboriginal and local governments, non government organizations and business stakeholders (ECE).
Reducing dependency on government by encouraging people who are able to enter or remain in the workforce.	Develop an NWT Anti-poverty strategy based on the priorities of the 17 th Assembly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Building on the Strengths of Northerners: A Strategic Framework towards the Elimination of Poverty in the NWT</i> was tabled in the Legislative Assembly in June 2013. The document is the result of collaborative work by the GNWT in partnership with the <i>No Place for Poverty Coalition</i>, non-government organizations, Aboriginal and community governments, and business. The completion of the Framework is only the first step in a long-term process which will include the development of action plans and social indicators. A stakeholder roundtable meeting will be held in November of 2013 to bring together organizations with an interest in collaborating on development and implementation of an Anti-Poverty Action Plan for the NWT (HSS, ITI, NWTHC, ECE, MACA, JUS, EXEC).
Reducing dependency on government by encouraging people who are able to enter or remain in the workforce.	Review Minimum Wage rate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Minimum Wage Adjustment Committee was established to review and consider pertinent information, including social and economic factors, to inform and recommend adjustments to the minimum wage rate in the NWT (ECE).

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<p>Reducing dependency on government by encouraging people who are able to enter or remain in the workforce.</p>	<p>Maximize northern employment, training, community wellness and business benefits through socio-economic agreements from industry.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gahcho Kué Mine Socio-Economic Agreement (SEA) signed in June 2013. The SEA recognizes the importance of hiring, training, and advancing members of Aboriginal organizations nearest the mine, Aboriginal residents of the NWT, and NWT residents. The SEA also recognizes the importance of procurement opportunities for Aboriginal-owned businesses nearest the mine and for all NWT businesses (ITI). • The Gahcho Kué SEA outlines important commitments by the developer to mitigate potential negative impacts the project could have on the wellness of NWT residents. De Beers committed to provide healthy food options at camp, support prevention and promotion programs onsite, and offer a more collaborative substance and alcohol abuse program to allow employees to potentially receive treatment closer to home. The agreement has built in monitoring tools to allow both parties to consistently monitor and adaptively manage unforeseen impacts. In addition to annual reports from De Beers and the GNWT, annual meetings will help identify areas of concern that could initiate the adaptive management process; helping to ensure residents of the NWT receive the of the benefits from the project, while the negative impacts are adaptively managed (HSS).
<p>Reducing dependency on government by encouraging people who are able to enter or remain in the workforce.</p>	<p>Implement changes to the Public Housing Rent Scales to reduce the disincentive to work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to the Public Housing Rent Scale were successfully implemented in 2012-13 (NWT HC).
<p>Reducing dependency on government by encouraging people who are able to enter or remain in the workforce</p>	<p>Support employment and training in small communities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Regional Recruitment Strategy, approved by FMB in August 2013, and rolling out this Fall/Winter, includes an on-the-job training component (HR). • To date in 2013, Nahanni Wilderness Adventures (river guide apprentice), Northern Frontier Visitor's Association (customer service/VIC) and Welcome NWT have conducted training through the Tourism Training Fund Program (ITI).

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Reducing dependency on government by encouraging people who are able to enter or remain in the workforce.	Support employment and training in small communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure that people earn an adequate wage and more employment opportunities are available in the regions, the Small Community Employment Supports provided wage subsidy contracts for 166 individuals in 27 communities in 2012-13. Through the Community Initiatives program, another 21 individuals gained work experience and 239 gained skills for a total of 260 individuals (ECE). • Ongoing financial support to small business owners provided through the <i>Apprenticeship Training On the Job</i> (ATOJ) fund is available to employers of apprentices in the skilled trades. In the 2012-13 fiscal year, 95 ATOJs were funded, and 71 ATOJs have been funded this fiscal year to date (ECE). • In the spring and summer of 2013, 235 northern citizens received employment as Extra Personnel supporting the Wildland Fire Management program and 200 northerners received basic and advanced training in wildland fire activities, including skills development transferable to other employment opportunities in the North (ENR).
Reducing dependency on government by encouraging people who are able to enter or remain in the workforce.	Increase GNWT employment opportunities for northerners and in smaller communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A GNWT Workforce Planning Strategy was approved by the FMB in August 2013. The strategy includes several supporting strategies including a Regional Recruitment Strategy (HR). • A GNWT Careers website was established in August 2013 to advertise employment opportunities, facilitate and provide assistance with application process, and promote careers in the GNWT (HR). • A “How to Apply for GNWT Jobs” presentation and brochure was developed and rolled out in April 2013; the presentation is now part of the Careers Website (HR).
Reducing dependency on government by encouraging people who are able to enter or remain in the workforce.	Respond to the Auditor General of Canada Review of Income Security Programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <i>Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly – 2013: Northwest Territories Income Security Programs</i> was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on March 7, 2013. The GNWT’s formal response includes a detailed Action Plan, and will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly during the Fall 2013 session. The Department has already responded to many of the recommendations by clarifying policies and completing compliance audits to ensure programs are delivered effectively (ECE).

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Reducing dependency on government by encouraging people who are able to enter or remain in the workforce.	Reduce barriers to entering the workforce.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To help people overcome barriers to becoming employed, the Income Assistance Program introduced a new benefit to pay for the Record Suspension Application (Pardon) fees in March 2013 (ECE).
Reducing dependency on government by encouraging people who are able to enter or remain in the workforce.	Provide financial assistance to NWT residents to attend accredited, postsecondary institutions and programs through the Student Financial Assistance Program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To help support an educated workforce, an action plan was developed in response to the recommendations from the Student Financial Assistance program review (2012), which includes increases to student assistance. These increases include an additional \$150 per month for the monthly living allowance, an increase to the NWT Disability Grant from \$8,000 to \$10,000, the reinstatement of the \$25,000 annual contribution to the Western College of Veterinary Medicine for NWT students enrolled in the Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine Program, and elimination of the income test portion of the part-time studies course Reimbursement Application (ECE).
Reducing dependency on government by encouraging people who are able to enter or remain in the workforce.	Enhancing Adult Literacy and Basic Education programming in the NWT to meet the needs of adult learners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through the Adult Literacy and Basic Education (ALBE) Review Action Plan, the ALBE curriculum is now divided into sections or modules that allow students to make progress through part of a course, and return at a later time to complete other parts of the course, increasing the success rates of adult learners who may have their learning interrupted by various life circumstances (ECE). A Financial literacy curriculum was launched in November 2012, designed to assist adults in learning the basics of personal money management. Plans are underway to deliver the curriculum at mine sites and in communities (ECE).
Reducing dependency on government by encouraging people who are able to enter or remain in the workforce.	Development and Implementation of the Adult Recognition Model.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) Portfolio Development Course, which assists adult learners to get credit for their learning and experience outside of school, ran in 2011-2012 and curriculum revisions are underway (ECE).

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Supporting childcare programs to help parents become or stay employed.	Provide early childhood development programs and services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <i>NWT Child Day Care Regulations</i> were revised to improve standards, inspections and licensing requirements. The revised regulations came into force on February 1, 2013 (ECE). • Following through with the recommendations from the Office of the Auditor General, ECE has worked with all licensed Early Childhood Development childcare centres and day homes to ensure they fully meet all regulations and are compliant with the NWT Child Day Care Regulations (ECE). • In June 2013, the GNWT released <i>Right from the Start: A Framework for Early Childhood Development in the NWT</i>. This Framework will guide the GNWT's actions in the areas associated with early childhood for the next ten years. An action plan to meet the goals and commitments of the Framework was also developed (ECE, HSS).
Supporting childcare programs to help parents become or stay employed.	Child Care Subsidies financially assist parents with the cost of childcare while parents are working, attending school or taking training.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In September 2012, the Child Care User Subsidy was rolled into the Income Assistance Program to reduce red tape and rates were increased to provide greater benefits for low income parents in need of childcare (ECE).
Reducing dependency on government by encouraging people who are able to enter or remain in the workforce.	Development of an Accountability Framework for the Education and Training of Adults in the NWT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As committed in the response to the Office of the Auditor General's 2010 Review of Education in the NWT, an Accountability Framework is being developed for the Education and Training of Adults in the NWT. The Framework will allow for better evaluation, planning and evidenced-based decision making regarding adult postsecondary and training programs to ensure and best use of public funds (ECE). • The Framework is completed and will be rolled out in stages through pilot programs beginning in fall 2013 (ECE).

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Making strategic infrastructure investments such as:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Inuvik – Tuktoyaktuk Highway 	Lead the GNWT’s participation in the environmental review of the Inuvik – Tuktoyaktuk Highway.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Inuvik-Tuktoyaktuk Highway project received federal approval in April 2013 (DOT). Gathering of additional field and technical information and developing key draft management plans to fulfill commitments made during the environmental review process began during the summer of 2013 (DOT). The Inuvik-Tuktoyaktuk Highway Corridor Working Group was initiated during the summer of 2013 to report on construction progress and review outcomes from the various environmental management and monitoring plans during the construction and initial operation of the highway (DOT). The process of developing regulatory applications for the NWT Water Board, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, Inuvialuit Land Administration and Department of Fisheries and Oceans began during the summer of 2013 (DOT).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Inuvik – Tuktoyaktuk Highway 	Secure land access for the Inuvik – Tuktoyaktuk Highway.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the summer of 2013, discussions continued with the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation to confirm gravel royalty rates and to secure the highway’s right of way through a land swap (DOT).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Inuvik – Tuktoyaktuk Highway 	Refine cost estimates and finalize project financing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the spring of 2013, the 17th Legislative Assembly approved the Inuvik-Tuktoyaktuk Highway construction project (DOT). As of June 2013, the GNWT has invested over \$17 million in studies, hydrological assessments, terrain assessments, engineering and baseline data collection essential for completing the environmental review and refining the cost of the project, now estimated at \$299 million (DOT). The GNWT successfully lobbied to increase federal investment in the Inuvik-Tuktoyaktuk Highway project to \$200 million, two thirds of the project cost in the spring of 2013 (DOT).

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mackenzie Valley Fibre-optic Link 	<p>Leading the Request for Qualification evaluation process and developing the Request for Proposal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for Qualifications closed on August 30, 2013 and the evaluation process is currently underway (FIN). Completed Project Description Report (PDR) on June 28, 2013. The PDR provides the information needed for a Preliminary Environmental Screening (FIN).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydro Initiatives 	<p>Make strategic infrastructure investments in hydroelectric initiatives to help provide energy solutions to NWT communities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Spring 2013, Work began to develop the Whati Hydro Transmission Line and the Fort Providence Hydro Transmission Line (ITI). In 2013, ITI and NT Energy expanded their work on hydro initiatives to include assessing the potential and feasibility of local and renewable sources of energy in the northern communities (ITI).
<p>Supporting the Mackenzie Gas Pipeline project.</p>	<p>While the priority remains the Mackenzie Gas Project (MGP), the resources of the Mackenzie Valley Petroleum Planning Office are also being directed to other projects where they can be of use, including the increased oil and gas activity in the Sahtu Region.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>'Resource Exploration in the Sahtu Area: Opportunities and Challenges Report'</i>, tabled in Legislative Assembly in May/June 2013 Session (ITI). A Sahtu Oil and Gas Partnership Workshop was held with CanNor in May 2013, to identify common actions in support of the ongoing petroleum exploration in the region. Stakeholders included the GNWT, AANDC, Renewable Resource Councils, the Sahtu Land and Water Board, the National Energy Board, the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board, and industry representatives (ITI).
<p>Supporting the Mackenzie Gas Pipeline project.</p>	<p>The Mackenzie Valley Highway will share a corridor with the MGP and the Fibre Optic link thus improving project feasibility and mitigating associated risks. It will also support the expansion of oil and gas activities, hydro and tourism opportunities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board initiated an environmental assessment of the Mackenzie Valley Highway project in the spring of 2013, which will require DOT to conduct geotechnical investigations, surveys, additional consultations, and studies estimated to cost \$8 million (DOT). During spring and summer 2013, cost-sharing opportunities with CanNor, private industry, and through Building Canada Plan were pursued to advance the Mackenzie Valley Highway project through the environmental assessment (DOT).

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Supporting the Mackenzie Gas Pipeline project.	The Mackenzie Valley Highway will share a corridor with the MGP and the Fibre Optic link thus improving project feasibility and mitigating associated risks. It will also support the expansion of oil and gas activities, hydro and tourism opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued the installation of permanent bridges and culverts and grade improvements on the Mackenzie Valley Winter road during the winter of 2013 (DOT). • Contribution agreements were established with resource companies to offset the cost of additional Mackenzie Valley Winter road maintenance in anticipation of an increase in commercial traffic due to resource development activities in the Mackenzie Valley. For the 2012/13 winter, Husky Oil, Conoco Phillips, and MGM collectively contributed \$1.2 million to enhance the winter road in the Mackenzie Valley Corridor (DOT). • In consultation with exploration companies, trucking industry, and the road maintenance contractors measures were developed to reduce the risk of vehicular incidents on the Mackenzie Valley winter road during the winter of 2013 (DOT).
Developing a socially responsible and environmentally sustainable economic development and mining strategy.	Develop and implement an Economic Opportunities Strategy for the NWT that targets all regions and all sectors of the NWT economy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NWT Economic Opportunities Strategy Advisory Panel <i>'What We Heard'</i> Report was tabled during the May/June 2013 sitting of the 17th Assembly (ITI). • During Summer 2013, a draft Economic Opportunities Strategy document was developed in collaboration with the Governance Committee and GNWT Interdepartmental Working Group (ITI, DOT, FIN, HSS, HR, JUS, NWTHC, EXEC).
Developing a socially responsible and environmentally sustainable economic development and mining strategy.	Develop and implement a Mineral Development Strategy for the NWT that will increase mineral exploration expenditures to ensure long-term sustainability of the minerals sector, maximize NWT resident employment and business opportunities, ensure achievement of Socio-economic Agreement commitments, and increase NWT value-added opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NWT Mineral Development Strategy Engagment Panel's Report <i>'Pathways to Mineral Development'</i> was tabled during the May/June 2013 sitting of the 17th Assembly (ITI). • A draft Mineral Development Strategy document was developed during Summer 2013 (ITI). • The GNWT, CanNor and business partners have contracted the Mining Industry Human Resources Council to conduct research and produce a custom labour market report on the NWT (and Nunavut) mining labour market and hiring requirements (ECE).

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Developing a socially responsible and environmentally sustainable economic development and mining strategy.	Develop and implement a Mineral Development Strategy for the NWT that will increase mineral exploration expenditures to ensure long-term sustainability of the minerals sector, maximize NWT resident employment and business opportunities, ensure achievement of Socio-economic Agreement commitments, and increase NWT value-added opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECE contributed \$727,000 of in-kind and specific funding to the Mine Training Society's <i>Mining the Future</i> initiative intended to ensure that the NWT's Aboriginal population, and the Inuit of the Kitikmeot Region of Nunavut, will share in the benefits of an expanding mining industry. Started in early 2013, 45 Aboriginal residents have graduated to date. This funding also supports walk-in clients who receive career development intervention. In total, 34 residents, 30 of whom are Aboriginal, have become permanently employed through the Mine Training Society (ECE).
Developing a socially responsible and environmentally sustainable economic development and mining strategy.	Review options to facilitate economic development opportunities by improving transportation infrastructure, including assessing the feasibility of constructing a seasonal overland road (SOR) to replace the southern portion of the ice road into the Slave Geologic Province.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the summer of 2013, provided input into the Mineral Development Strategy to complement and support investment in transportation infrastructure as a means of attracting investment that supports the creation of jobs and business opportunities in all sectors (DOT). An economic feasibility study of constructing a seasonal overland route into the Slave Geologic Province entitled <i>Seasonal Overland Road (SOR) Financing Options Study</i> was completed in December 2012 (DOT).
Developing a socially responsible and environmentally sustainable economic development and mining strategy.	Traditional Knowledge Implementation Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding provided for Traditional Knowledge projects including an Elder's Conference at the Hay River Reserve in August 2013 (ENR). The Traditional Knowledge Coordinator position has been filled and the incumbent is building relationships with communities, providing funding for TK projects, and attended assemblies in July – August 2013 (ENR).

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Supporting the traditional economy.	Aboriginal Language and Culture-Based Education Programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <i>Elders in Schools Handbook</i> was tabled in the Legislative Assembly in June 2013, and subsequently sent to all NWT schools and education authorities. This program is being assessed in the 2013-14 school year (ECE). • In recognition of the need for increased awareness of the history and legacy of residential schools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Residential school history and legacy awareness workshops have been delivered in Yellowknife Education District No. 1, Beaufort Delta Education Council, South Slave Divisional Education Council, Yellowknife Catholic School Education Council, and the Sahtu Divisional Education Council. Plans for a Tłjchq workshop are scheduled for late fall 2013. ○ Research on the impact of the teaching materials currently being used in NWT high schools Northern Studies courses has been completed, and confirms attitude changes and understanding of these issues for students and teachers. • The second edition of the teaching and learning resource has been distributed to NWT high schools (September 2013) (ECE).
Supporting the traditional economy.	Support traditional economy traditions and lifestyle through traditional economy programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <i>2011/2012 Take a Kid Trapping and Harvesting Report</i> was tabled during the May/June 2013 sitting of the 17th Assembly. Report details 25 Projects involving hundreds of students from across the NWT (ITI). • The <i>2012/2013 NWT Arts Strategy Progress Report</i> was tabled during the May/June 2013 sitting of the 17th Assembly. In 2012/2013 a total of 192 NWT recipients received funding for arts activities that contribute to the traditional economy and cultural make-up of the NWT (ITI). • Over \$1 million were administered for specific culture-based contribution programs that support traditional art, culture and heritage activities under the Cultural Contributions Policy in 2012-13 (ECE).

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Improving our regulatory processes.	Coordinate GNWT participation and input in Canada's Northern Regulatory Improvement Initiative to provide a strong policy base for negotiation of a Final Devolution Agreement. This includes amendments to the <i>Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act</i> and development of <i>NWT Surface Rights Board Act</i> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The federal <i>NWT Surface Rights Board Act</i> received Royal Assent on June 18, 2013. The Act fulfills outstanding legislative obligations under the Gwich'in and Sahtu Land Claim Agreements, and respond to calls for measures to streamline and improve regulatory processes in the North (EXEC). In Summer and Fall 2013, proposed amendments to the MVRMA, the NWT Act, the NWT Waters Act and the Territorial Lands Act have been analyzed in light of both the requirements of the Devolution Final Agreement and the federal government's Regulatory Improvement Initiative, with work ongoing (EXEC, JUS, ENR, ITI).
Improving our regulatory processes.	Participate in NWT Environmental Assessment processes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In August 2013, draft Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Protection Plan and Wildlife Effects Monitoring Program Guidelines that were developed to assist proponents in managing impacts to wildlife were sent out for review to industry, co-management partners and Aboriginal governments (ENR).
Improving our regulatory processes.	Develop regulations to manage the impacts of incidental timber harvest associated with industrial development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised Forest Management Regulations were drafted; an agreement with AANDC to amend the Forest Resources Transfer Agreement has been reached. Consultation with stakeholders will proceed over the winter (2013-14) on the revised regulations (ENR).

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Completing and implementing the Shelter Policy Review including fair and sustainable public housing rent scales.	Implementing new public housing rent scales.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successfully completed in 2012-13: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New public housing rent scale was implemented (NWTHC); ○ Income Security policies and procedures were implemented in 2012-13 to support new public housing rent scales (ECE).
Completing and implementing the Shelter Policy Review including fair and sustainable public housing rent scales.	Examining eligibility of homeownership repair programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successfully completed in 2012 with introduction of SAFE, a new emergency repair program and implementation of changes to CARE Preventative Maintenance program to increase maximum support and make more accessible (NWTHC).
Completing and implementing the Shelter Policy Review including fair and sustainable public housing rent scales.	Improving support to existing homeownership and public housing clients.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided revised mortgage balances and repayment options to all clients with mortgages held by the NWT Housing Corporation (Winter 2012) (NWTHC). • Developed approaches for a pilot project to provide opportunities for residents to reduce arrears while supporting community or other shelter needs (Fall 2013) (NWTHC).
Completing and implementing the Shelter Policy Review including fair and sustainable public housing rent scales.	Improving supports to encourage homeownership.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implemented changes to the subsidy approach in PATH to improve affordability of homeownership and expand the potential client pool (Summer 2013) (NWTHC). • Implemented a continuous intake process for homeownership programs to improve accessibility (Summer 2013) (NWTHC). • Undertook a research project approach to homeownership designs and the role of clients in the home they purchase (Spring 2013) (NWTHC).

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Completing and implementing the Shelter Policy Review including fair and sustainable public housing rent scales.	Providing an arms-length and independent structure for resolving the concerns of NWT HC clients.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully completed in fall 2012 with launch of Housing Appeal Committee, allowing homeownership clients and public housing residents to identify issues with the NWT HC's application and approval process (NWT HC).
Completing and implementing the Shelter Policy Review including fair and sustainable public housing rent scales.	Addressing housing supply and adequacy in non-market communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approach developed to improve housing service delivery at a community level to be implemented during 2014-15 (Summer 2013) (NWT HC).
Completing and implementing the Shelter Policy Review including fair and sustainable public housing rent scales.	Addressing rental affordability issues with market rentals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully completed in fall 2012 with introduction of new Transitional Rent Supplement program to help address affordability problems for those that reside in market rentals (NWT HC).
Completing and implementing the Shelter Policy Review including fair and sustainable public housing rent scales.	Strengthening the approach to addressing homelessness and other gaps in the housing continuum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Homelessness Coordinator was hired to support overall GNWT coordination (Summer 2013) (NWT HC). Began designing and building four new senior independent housing residences in the communities of Whati, Fort Good Hope, Fort Liard and Fort McPherson to ensure social and home care supports can be provided to seniors living in independent housing. Joe Greenland Centre in Aklavik will be replaced (Spring/Summer 2013) (NWT HC, HSS). As of September 1, 2013, the Seniors Home Heating Subsidy household income test includes only the applicant and his/her spouse. Other changes include clarification of the documentation required for proof of homeownership and a new streamlined appeals process. These changes will provide clearer and more easily understood guidelines and ensure more seniors receive benefits (ECE).

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Completing and implementing the Shelter Policy Review including fair and sustainable public housing rent scales.	Addressing the declining CMHC funding for operating social housing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed overall strategic approach related to the declining federal funding (Fall 2012) (NWT HC). • Increased GNWT contribution to offset declines in federal funding to operate public housing (2012-13 & 2013-14) (NWT HC). • Continued disposal of single detached housing units in favour of building more energy efficient multi-dwelling public housing units (NWT HC).
Selling our public housing stock where this makes sense.	Continue to support homeownership and modernize the public housing stock by providing public housing tenants the opportunity and support to purchase their unit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant changes to homeownership programs, as noted above (Summer 2013) (NWT HC). • Began developing a public housing purchase process to support successful public housing clients to purchase their unit (Spring/Summer 2013) (NWT HC).
Selling our public housing stock where this makes sense.	Continue to work with communities and other partners to ensure land availability for housing development and continue to address the issue of the transfer Commissioner's Land to the NWT HC in fee simple title to facilitate the sale of public housing stock.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In spring/summer 2013, began identifying lands that could potentially be transferred to ensure land availability for housing development (NWT HC).
Putting higher density housing units in small communities.	Replacing older single detached units with the construction of multi-family units in the public housing portfolio wherever possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiated development of multi-family construction in spring/summer 2013 with goal of 98% of new public housing units being multi-family configuration during the 17th Assembly (NWT HC).

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<p>Investing in prevention, education and awareness and early childhood.</p>	<p>Carry out health promotion and prevention activities including interventions and public messaging on physical activity, healthy eating, mental health and addictions, tobacco reduction and cessation, injury prevention and high-risk sexual activity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GNWT continues to support the communities in furthering their understanding of cancer and in identifying ways to improve access to cancer screening and support services for people affected by cancer. A Cancer Awareness and Response Strategy is in the final stages of development (HSS). • Plain language terminology workshops were piloted in March, 2013, to assist in developing new information material around cancer, and to assist a broad range of health workers to communicate more effectively and accurately with patients dealing with cancer and other health issues. Workshops were piloted in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fort Good Hope in North Slavey; ○ Hay River Reserve in Chipewyan and South Slavey; and ○ Inuvik in Gwich'in (HSS). • On May 3, 2013, the NWT Breast Health/Breast Cancer Action Group launched their documentary on northern women sharing their cancer journey on DVD. This DVD was made available to all health centres across the NWT and is also available on the HSS website (HSS). • Other Promotion and Prevention activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mental Health First Aid for Northern Peoples was piloted in Tuktoyaktuk in February 2013. This is a pan-territorial (Northwest Territories, Yukon, Nunavut) project developed in partnership with the Mental Health Commission of Canada. It is a northern adaption of the Mental Health First Aid workshop (HSS). ○ Talking About Mental Illness (TAMI) is a school based program that aims to reduce stigma around mental illness and combat myths, but the most effective aspect of the program is the use of speakers who are living with mental illness as a means of putting a face to the issue. In May 2013, TAMI was offered to grade 8 students in Yellowknife. HSS is working on expanding the TAMI program to communities outside Yellowknife (HSS).

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Investing in prevention, education and awareness and early childhood.	Carry out health promotion and prevention activities including interventions and public messaging on physical activity, healthy eating, mental health and addictions, tobacco reduction and cessation, injury prevention and high-risk sexual activity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Promotion and Prevention activities cont.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Don't Be a Butthead Campaign was re-launched during National Non-Smoking Week in January 2013. The campaign's goal is to prevent youth from starting to smoke. Key new elements include: a renewed Butthead website; five online interactive tobacco education modules designed for three grade levels, and a facilitator's manual to assist either teachers or HSS Authority staff to implement the campaign (HSS). ○ A total of 275 teachers, nurses and community health representatives received sexual health education orientation/demonstrations in the Beaufort Delta, Sahtu, Dehcho, and Tlicho Regions. Over the past eleven months, 41 sessions were held in 24 communities across the four health regions (HSS). ○ Support is available for every community in the NWT to create a community-based campaign to combat and deter the illegal use and sale of drugs and alcohol. The number of communities that accessed <i>Not Us!</i> funding for 2012/13 was 15. To date, seven communities have accessed <i>Not Us!</i> funding in 2013/14 (JUS).
Investing in prevention, education and awareness and early childhood.	Encourage residents to be more active and gain health related benefits through development and implementation of a Physical Activity Strategy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get Active NWT program provided funding to 81 projects in in 33 communities in 2012-2013 (MACA). • In 2012-2013, 43 school received funding to develop and deliver Active After School Programs (MACA). • The Regional Youth Sport Events Program provided funding sport and recreation organizations and school authorities for for 35 regional youth sports events in 2012-2013 (MACA). • A total of 50 youth were selected to participate in the 2012-2013 Youth Ambassador Program, 28 of whom attended the 2013 Summer Games in Sherbrooke, Quebec, and 14 attended NWT Days at Winterlude (MACA).
Investing in prevention, education and awareness and early childhood.	Develop a Traditional Games Strategy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Aboriginal Sport Circle of the NWT, in partnership with MACA, coordinated the first Traditional Games Championship hosted in early March 2013 (MACA).

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Investing in prevention, education and awareness and early childhood.	Partner with communities to develop culturally appropriate child development and prenatal programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Family Programs which are intensive, early intervention programs designed to improve the lives of children (0-5 years) currently exist in Yellowknife, Fort Smith, Hay River and the Tlicho. The programs were expanded to Inuvik, Fort McPherson, Fort Simpson, Fort Providence, and Fort Liard in 2011/12, and to the Sahtu in 2013 (HSS). • Health and Social Services provided pre/postnatal nutrition education, screening and support for mothers and babies up to one year, as well as culturally appropriate healthy child and youth programming that promote healthy eating and life skills to support early childhood development (HSS).
Investing in prevention, education and awareness and early childhood.	Strengthen integrated case management to provide better assessment, treatment and aftercare services for at-risk youth and adults. Examine multi-disciplinary, multi-agency approaches to identifying and implementing longer-term social supports for some offenders to prevent re-offending and to address underlying health or social issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A feasibility study for the implementation of a NWT Wellness Court was completed in March 2013 (JUS). • In addition to this work, the department is exploring collaborative approaches to integrated case management, working with stakeholders to support increased diversions, and focusing on prevention (JUS).
Investing in prevention, education and awareness and early childhood.	Raise awareness and reduce occurrence of family violence and elder abuse.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since February 2013, the Healing Drum has been contracted to run a 24-week pilot program for men who use violence in their intimate or family relationships called “Wek’èahkaa: A New Day Healing Program”. To date, this program has 14 clients. This initiative is in addition to the 8-week program for low-risk offenders participating in the Domestic Violence Treatment Options Court (DVTO Court) which finished its 5th session on August 15, 2013. To date, 27 individuals have completed the program (JUS). • The GNWT funds the YWCA of Yellowknife, the Family Support Centre in Hay River, and Sutherland House in Fort Smith to continue to offer programs for children who have witnessed and/or have been victimized by family violence (HSS). • The GNWT provides funding annually to the NWT Seniors Society to support programming that includes priorities to address elder abuse (HSS).

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Investing in prevention, education and awareness and early childhood.	Develop early childhood development programs and services that meet the needs of children, families and communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Child and Family Resource Centres (CFRCs) were piloted in Tulita and Ndilo beginning in 2012-13. The two CFRC pilot sites focused on providing culturally appropriate parenting sessions, early childhood development training and capacity building for community members. They also established appropriate early childhood networking groups such as prenatal, preschool and parent groups, supplied useful parenting and early learning resources, and helped facilitate connections between community members and parents for awareness and support of the importance of early learning and healthy family supports. Both pilots have been extended until the end of the 2013/14 fiscal year (ECE). • In June 2013, the GNWT released <i>Right from the Start: A Framework for Early Childhood Development in the NWT</i>. This Framework will guide the GNWT's actions in the areas associated with early childhood for the next ten years. An action plan to meet the goals and commitments of the Framework was also developed (ECE, HSS). • In 2012, the Early Development Instrument (EDI) which measures children's ability to meet age appropriate developmental expectations in Kindergarten was implemented for the first time. Information gathered provides information through five indicators, including physical health and well-being, social competence, emotional maturity, language and cognitive development, communication skills and general knowledge. The NWT has introduced a sixth indicator which measures a sense of identity in the Northern context (ECE).
Enhancing addictions treatment programs using existing infrastructure.	Integrate mental health addictions programs into primary community care.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A pilot project took place from July 2012 to March 2013 to improve communication and information sharing between health and social services providers in the care of psychiatric clients. The final evaluation of the pilot project was released in the spring 2013. Results will be used to inform larger scale system changes to better support client care and integration (HSS).
Enhancing addictions treatment programs using existing infrastructure.	Improving access to treatment in a correctional setting using traditional approaches respecting individual needs of each offender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The South Mackenzie Correctional Centre is developing addictions programming for inmates which have significant traditional and cultural components and elements. The first program will be delivered before the end of the 2013/14 fiscal year (JUS).

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Enhancing addictions treatment programs using existing infrastructure.	Improving access to services and increasing accountability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important steps have been taken to improve access to services in Mental Health and Addictions. Some of these steps include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A partnership between Stanton Territorial Health Authority, Yellowknife Health and Social Services, and the Department of Psychiatry at Dalhousie University began in August 2012 (HSS); ○ An evaluation framework was completed for the Mental Health and Addictions Action Plan (HSS). ○ The Department has worked with Health and Social Services Authorities to develop evaluation indicators and data collection strategies for mental health and addictions services (HSS).
Enhancing addictions treatment programs using existing infrastructure.	Improve access to treatment using a variety of community-based approaches including day treatment programs, on-the-land healing programs, and school-based community access programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Matrix Intensive Outpatient Treatment Program is an addictions treatment program which allows clients to receive counselling and treatment without leaving their families and communities. The program is available to anyone living with an addiction – no matter what stage they are at, what type of addiction they have or what their background is. The program can be used as a maintenance program after receiving treatment from a southern facility or as a standalone program for individuals wanting to use it as the sole method for addictions treatment (HSS). • The GNWT has supported Aboriginal and community governments to develop Community Wellness Plans that build on existing community assets and resources to provide services that best meet the needs of communities and support communities in offering on-the-land and traditional healing options for mental health and addictions programming (HSS).
Enhancing addictions treatment programs using existing infrastructure.	Establish a forum on addictions that travels to all regions of the NWT to hear from resident about community needs and concerns and report back to the Minister of Health and Social Services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minister of Health and Social Services established the Minister’s Forum on Additions and Community Wellness to ask for recommendations on how we can address addictions issues in our communities. Forum members traveled to communities in every region to meet with community leaders, caregivers, non-government organizations, and community members to hear ideas about community-based solutions for addictions programming and supports. Resulting from the community consultations, the Forum presented the Minister with a report which included 67 insightful recommendations, which will influence the development of an updated Mental Health and Addictions Action Plan (HSS).

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Addressing health facilities deficit.	Make strategic investments into critical and acute care facilities to meet standards related to infection control and allow for ongoing delivery of effective and safe patient care. Continue to replace/renovate aging health infrastructure through capital planning process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction is ongoing on the Long Term Care Facility in Behchoko. Phase I is scheduled for completion in 2013/14 fiscal year (HSS). • Design and Construction is underway for the Hay River Health Centre (HSS). • Design and Construction is underway for the Fort Providence Health Centre (HSS). • The new Hay River Reserve Health Centre opened in September 2013 (HSS). • Design is underway for the Norman Wells Health and Long Term Care Centre (HSS). • Phase II Renovations are complete for the Fort Smith Health Centre with Phase III underway (HSS). • Planning Studies are complete for the Fort Resolution and Lutselk'e Health Centers (HSS). • Medical Equipment Evergreening program is ongoing (HSS). • Other on-going business supporting this activity includes continued strategic investments into critical and acute care facilities to meet standards related to infection control and allow for ongoing delivery of effective and safe patient care (HSS).
Addressing health facilities deficit.	Improve the Ground Ambulance and Highway Rescue program to build highway and remote emergency rescue capacity in communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the summer of 2013 eligibility for funding available through the Ground Ambulance and Highway Rescue Services Funding Program was expanded to all community governments (MACA).

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Strengthen the Ottawa office.	Develop and coordinate the implementation of a Federal Engagement Strategy that will include recommendations on how to strengthen the GNWT's presence in Ottawa, both at the bureaucratic and political levels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>"The NWT and Canada: the Power of Partnership"</i>, outlining the 17th Assembly's and the GNWT's key federal priorities, was completed in August 2012 (DAAIR). • <i>NWT Days in Ottawa</i>, a series of events aimed at advancing the GNWT's key priorities with the federal government and other stakeholders, and to introduce southern Canadians to the cultural diversity, traditions and tourism opportunities in the NWT, were held from January 30 to February 1, 2013 (DAAIR).
Find efficiencies government-wide, possibly conducting zero-based reviews of one or more Departments.	HR business process improvements transactional pay and benefits and establishing service partnership agreements for HR Services with departments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly results of the Service Partnership Agreement Pilot performance measures were completed in March and June 2013 (HR, HSS). • The Financial Management Board approved an Occupational Health and Safety Policy in February 2013 to promote safety in GNWT workplaces and minimize accidents and incidents (HR).
Find efficiencies government-wide, possibly conducting zero-based reviews of one or more Departments.	Procurement Shared Services and Financial Shared Services to bring similar activities together, reduce duplication, and streamline processes to enable departments to focus on cores business activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1 of a Procurement Shared Services was implemented in June 2013 and included the Departments of PWS, MACA, EC&E, Finance, DAAIR, HR, Executive, ITI, ENR and Justice (PWS). • Phase 2 Procurement Shared Services planning was completed in September 2013 and included the remaining departments (DOT and HSS) and the NWTHC, regional operations and centralized tender desk functions. PWS will seek FMB approval in October to coincide with development of 2014-15 Main Estimates with full implementation planned for April 1, 2014 (PWS). • The Beaufort-Delta Financial Shared Services (FSS) implemented in Inuvik in September 2012. The Sahtu office implemented in Norman Wells in April 2013 (FIN). • All remaining Financial Shared Services Centres will be implemented in 2013-14 (FIN).

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<p>Find efficiencies government-wide, possibly conducting zero-based reviews of one or more Departments.</p>	<p>The GNWT covers 70% of the operations and maintenance costs for RCMP infrastructure across the north. There is opportunity to improve the level of services and the overall efficiency of service delivery in communities where the GNWT provides these services for its own asset base.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Began working collaboratively with the RCMP in May 2013, to develop a MOU for the delivery of maintenance services, management of utilities and the delivery of minor projects (deferred maintenance) for detachments and accommodation units across the north. Service delivery will be integrated with regular GNWT programs (utilities, maintenance and project management). In addition to improved service delivery and efficiency, the majority of the work will be delivered by northern firms with associated regional economic benefits. There is also an opening to explore opportunities to improve energy efficiency for RCMP infrastructure and to consider alternative energy solutions such as biomass. The target date to commence service delivery is April 1, 2014 (PWS).
<p>Find efficiencies government-wide, possibly conducting zero-based reviews of one or more Departments.</p>	<p>In collaboration with Health and Social Services Authorities, explore the potential to achieve efficiencies and improve services through a “back office” approach to shared services such as procurement, health systems support and risk management.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In April 2013, HR transferred specialized Health Human Resources functions to HSS to ensure program delivery is consistent with overall health system and GNWT mandates and objectives (HR).
<p>Revisit the recommendations of the program review office from the 16th Assembly.</p>	<p>Program Review Office will work with Departments to review reports and resubmit to Cabinet for further direction.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the Spring of 2013, relevant recommendations from previous reviews were incorporated into the PROs 3-year workplan after consideration by the Refocussing Government Committees and SCOPP (FIN).
<p>Find new revenue sources.</p>	<p>Continue to increase tobacco, liquor and property taxes to match inflation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective April 1, 2013, property tax rates were increased to match inflation (FIN). • Tax on loose tobacco was increased effective July 1, 2013 but all other tobacco tax rates and liquor mark-ups remained the same due to the concern about increased smuggling since prices for tobacco and liquor remain the highest of all Canadian Jurisdictions (FIN).
<p>Find new revenue sources.</p>	<p>Seek innovative financing solutions, including Public Private Partnerships and other partnership to maximize infrastructure investment within the current fiscal framework.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalized a 10-year, \$600 million strategic investment proposal for NWT transportation infrastructure, which has been shared with federal departments and the prime minister (DOT).

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Find new revenue sources.	Review current user fees across all departmental activities to increase revenue streams.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Departments will continue to increase revenue stream from fees as per the the November 2010 FMB direction, unless there are extenuating circumstances (FIN).
Find new revenue sources.	Implementation of a toll collection system for commercial traffic on the Deh Cho Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed with toll collection system being implemented in 2012 (DOT). • Monitoring the performance of the toll collection billing (DOT).
Find new revenue sources.	Seek ongoing and increased funding through agreements with federal government for the provision of training and employment development and support for French and Aboriginal languages.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Canada-NWT Cooperation Agreement for French and Aboriginal Languages in the NWT expired on March 31, 2013. A one-year extension to March 2014 was successfully negotiated. The Agreement provides funding support for French and Aboriginal languages (ECE).
Find new revenue sources.	Negotiate Memorandum of Agreement with the government of Nunavut to reflect real costs of housing artifacts and collections at PWNHC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A four year Memorandum of Understanding (2012-2016) was negotiated and signed by the GNWT (November 2012) and the Government of Nunavut (January 2013) for the professional care and storage of Nunavut's museum and archives collection (ECE).
Implement carbon-neutral GNWT operations by the end of this Assembly.	Implementation of the NWT Greenhouse Gas Strategy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The successful solar array in Fort Simpson was expanded from 60kW to 100kW in February 2013, making it the largest of its kind in Northern Canada (ENR).
Implement carbon-neutral GNWT operations by the end of this Assembly.	Improve energy efficiency and availability of alternative energy programs within the housing sector.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertaking a number of energy efficiency initiatives aimed at reducing consumption within the public housing stock (2012-13 & 2013-14) (NWTHC). • Provided support to more than 300 homeownership clients annually to support repair projects that often improve energy efficiency (2012-13) (NWTHC). • Began process to install high energy efficient bio-mass (wood pellet) boilers in multi-unit public housing complexes, targeting seven communities (Spring 2013) (NWTHC). • Began exploring the potential of photovoltaic solar through the installation of systems in selected NWTHC assets. The sustainability of these projects is being explored in collaboration with Arctic Energy Alliance (NWTHC).

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<p>Implement carbon-neutral GNWT operations by the end of this Assembly.</p>	<p>Implementation of the NWT Biomass Strategy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of April 1, 2013, \$1.4 million in federal funding was secured to advance the Forest Industry Biomass Initiative in the NWT. Forest management agreements are being developed to use forest industry biomass opportunities as an anchor support to sustainable forest-based community economies including ten meetings, including with Fort Resolution and Fort Providence, a business development meeting on the Hay River Reserve, and two meetings each with JMR and KFN (ENR). • In March 2013, Woodland Operations Learning Federation contract to assess community capacity and development requirements (training and business opportunity assessments) was completed to support an economic sustainable forest industry at the community level (ENR). • A forest resource inventory of the Behchoko area of the North Slave Region began in summer 2013 (ENR). • The first partnership meeting for the NWT Forest Industry and Biomass Initiative took place in May with the second meeting occurring in August 2013 (ENR).
<p>Implement carbon-neutral GNWT operations by the end of this Assembly.</p>	<p>Implementation of initiatives through the Capital Asset and Retrofit Program.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In September 2013, the RFP for design-build services for biomass boiler systems in three facilities located in Norman Wells (Mackenzie Mountain School , Air Terminal Building and Combined Services Building) closed and the contract has been awarded. Combined, these systems are expected to displace 143,000 litres of fuel oil annually (PWS). • The designs of the new office building in Yellowknife, Health Centre in Hay River, Health Centre and the Long Term Care Facility in Norman Wells all include a biomass boiler system, and the Health Centre planned for Ft Providence includes a biomass boiler as a requirement of the design (PWS). • Through PWS energy investments, by the end of 2013/14 the GNWT's total cumulative reduction in fossil fuel consumption for space heating buildings is expected to exceed 13.5 million litres with a corresponding cumulative decrease in greenhouse gas emissions of over 36,000 tonnes.

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Implement carbon-neutral GNWT operations by the end of this Assembly.	Application of the Good Building Practices for Northern Facilities Guidelines.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Good Building Practices for Northern Facilities Guidelines was amended in March 2013 to incorporate recent developments in building technology and construction practices, along with climate change considerations and energy-efficiency items. A commissioned study has shown a typical building designed to meet the GBP compared to one designed to meet the National Energy Code for Buildings exceed the requirements of the NECB by 10% (PWS). • Continued code reviews, complete energy audits, benchmarking, and modeling along with infrared thermal scanning in conjunction with the application of the Good Building Practices for Northern Facilities guideline in facility design and construction. Over the spring and summer two energy audits were finalized and modeling for three new government buildings under construction completed (PWS).
Foster more inter-departmental communication between staff.	Committees-of-Cabinet and Deputy Minister Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In March 2012, seven Committees-of-Cabinet were established as well as their respective DM Committees to increase and improve interdepartmental planning, coordination and communications in support of cross-departmental goals and priorities (EXEC). • In November 2012 the Sustainability of Rural and Remote Communities was established by Cabinet which includes Ministers and MLAs (EXEC).
Foster more inter-departmental communication between staff.	Focused discussions to support the Department of Human Resources in development of strategies and programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department of Human Resources is emphasizing engagement with client representatives such as the Client Advisory Group, Aboriginal Employee Advisory Committee, Government Advisory Committee on Employability and Directors of Finance for advice on human resource strategies and activities (HR).