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Oral Question 413-20(1): Economic Viability of Northwest Territories

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on November 01, 2024, regarding the provision of updates to Members on the progress of initiatives outlined in the Burgundy letter.

During Question Period, I acknowledged that a briefing to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment (SCEDE) on what the Government of the Northwest Territories is doing on this file would be beneficial. The proposed SCEDE briefing on the Burgundy letter is scheduled for February 10, 2025, by the Ministers of Environment and Climate Change and Industry, Tourism and Investment. I also note that both Ministers have previously briefed Committee on some of the actions and activities underway to support increased investment and certainty in the NWT, some of which overlap with items in the Burgundy letter.

I trust the information already provided to you and presented during the upcoming briefing provides insight into our work to support sustainable economic development, while ensuring appropriate oversight and collaboration with all stakeholders and partners.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R.J. Simpson'.

R.J. Simpson
Premier

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