



## Return to Written Question

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MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES HOUSING CORPORATION

### **Heating Issues Related to the Joe Greenland Centre**

Mr. Speaker, I have a Return to Written Question asked by Mr. Blake on June 24, 2016 regarding heating issues related to the Joe Greenland Centre.

The Joe Greenland Centre is heated by an oil fired hydronic boiler heating system.

The total incremental cost of electricity due to the use of space heaters by elders in the Joe Greenland Centre from September 1, 2015 to June 1, 2016 was \$1,440. This was due to four units in service during this timeframe with an incremental cost of \$40 a month per unit.

Regarding the cost to install additional radiators in the facility, a contract has been awarded for \$77,000 to complete the repairs. This work is scheduled to be completed by the end of October 2016.

As the Joe Greenland Centre had an energy efficient heating system installed, the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation did not undertake a feasibility study for biomass heating. With an energy efficient heating system in place, the payback from a biomass heating system investment is expected to be much longer.

The Northwest Territories Housing Corporation is open to considering a wood pellet heating system for this facility in the future, based on a sound business case and available funding.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.