

Asked by:

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Mining Programs and Subsidies

My questions are for the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment. The Department offers an extensive range of programs and subsidies for the mining industry including:

- The Mining Incentive Program;
- Work requirement and lease payment waivers;
- A prospecting support program;
- A work credit program that gives mineral claim holders 150% credit for exploration work to keep mining claims in good standing; and
- Other programs.
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Meanwhile, the Department is developing new regulations to implement the new *Mineral Resources Act*, including royalties, fees and other government revenues and charges. Can the Minister provide a brief explanation for each of the programs and subsidies for mining provided by the Government of the Northwest Territories, and:

1. What are the calculated costs to the Government of the Northwest Territories for each of the above programs, including administrative costs since devolution;
2. What are the lost value of exploration expenditures and work as result of the waivers, work credit program and other subsidies since devolution;
3. What is the direct and indirect economic impact of the Government of the Northwest Territories' programs and subsidies for mining; and
4. Provide an explanation of how the costs and economic impacts of the mining programs and subsidies will be considered during the development of regulations under the *Mineral Resources Act*.