

Asked by:

Member for Range Lake

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Municipal Funding Gap

In the 19th Assembly, the Government of the Northwest Territories increased supports to communities and municipalities to reduce the municipal funding gap by \$5 million. However, the Government has not made the analysis of the municipal funding gap publicly available. With the rates of inflation and rising costs of goods and services, how do we know that \$5 million has addressed the funding deficit?

My questions are for the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs:

1. Can the Minister provide the current value of the overall municipal funding gap for the Northwest Territories;
2. Can the Minister indicate the portion of the total funding gap caused by inflation;
3. Can the Minister breakdown the total value of the municipal funding gap by community;
4. Can the Minister provide a further breakdown by community of the funding provided under all three Municipal and Community Affairs funding streams (Community Public Infrastructure, Water and Sewer, and Operations and Maintenance), compared to the analysis on community need; and
5. Can the Minister provide an analysis on the updated community funding policies and how that will address the funding gaps identified above?