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Oral Question 494-19(2) Economic Recovery

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on February 4, 2021 regarding financial support that the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) has contributed to the business community in relation to pandemic aid. During our exchange, I committed to providing the specific dollar amount that has been supplied by the GNWT.

The GNWT is aware of the challenges that the business community has faced during the pandemic and of the importance of having a strong, diversified private sector in the Northwest Territories. This awareness has been considered in the context of our fiscal reality and commitment to responsible financial management. As a result, the GNWT's approach to providing pandemic aid has been to utilize the resources supplied by the federal government, identify gaps in those resources, and provide funding to address those gaps.

Please see the attached table detailing the funding programs and amounts that the GNWT has contributed to the business community as pandemic aid.

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Attachment

- c. A/Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
Legislative Coordinator, Executive

Attachment (Response to OQ494-19(2))

Funding Provided to Private Business Sector

Program/Support	Amount (000s)		
	2020-2021	2021-2022	Total
Fee Holiday – Airports (expired Dec 31, 2020)	\$ 4,424	\$ -	\$ 4,424
Fee Holiday - Highways and Bridges (Tolls) (expired Oct 31, 2020)	572	-	572
Fee Holiday - Surface Disposition Rent (expired Mar 31, 2021)	2,707	-	2,707
Fee Holiday - Tourism Operator/Guide Fees (expires Mar 31, 2022)		22	22
Aviation Sector Support			
Aviation Sector Support	31,937	14,774*	46,711
Childcare – Dayhomes and Daycare Support	1,696	-	1,696
Commercial Fisheries	13	-	13
Community Futures – Regional Relief and Recovery Fund	3,391	628*	4,019
Creative Industries Economic Recovery	342	-	342
Film and Arts Support	135	-	135
Growth & Recovery Investment in Tourism	3,000	-	3,000
Mining Incentive Program	100	-	100
SEED – COVID Relief	1,494	-	1,494
Tourism – Pandemic Relief Extension Program	-	2,500*	2,500
Tourism – Program Support	30	-	30
Tourism – Supplement for Tourism Accommodation Relief	-	3,200*	3,200
Wage Subsidy Program	3,562	1,178	4,740
Total	\$ 53,403	\$ 22,302	\$ 75,705

*pending approval of Supplementary Appropriation (Operations Expenditures) No 1, 2021-2022