



Government of
Northwest Territories

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MLA, INUVIK TWIN LAKES

Oral Question 1557-19(2) Land Leases

This is in response to your June 1, 2023 Oral Question regarding pausing outstanding land lease accounts from going to collections.

Land leases fall under the responsibility of the Department of Environment and Climate Change (ECC) and the Department of Finance (FIN) acts as the financial agent for these matters. The Collections Process is formulated by policy, legislation and regulations and requires an agreement or a mechanism to relegate the amounts as no longer outstanding debts. I understand the ECC is currently working on such parameters which they will then convey to the Department of Finance.

I will work with the Minister of ECC to ensure our departments work together. The Department of Finance is happy to assist ECC staff to work on how to ensure transmittal of accounts to collections and identify methods by which collections can be paused.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caroline Wawzonek'.

Caroline Wawzonek
Minister of Finance

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Legislative Coordinator, Executive and Indigenous Affairs