

Asked by:

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Cost of Living

My question for the Premier is with respect to the cost of living impacting all northerners, and further, what action or actions are being taken by this government and the previous government covering the last two years prior to Cabinet assuming office in December 2023.

As we all know, the cost of living has impacted all residents either directly or indirectly, and the Government plays a role in helping its citizens in whatever form it can. Lowering taxes, reducing the cost of any program service or eliminating certain fees would make the difference to the bottom line of residents of the Northwest Territories.

Can the Premier lay out the following in detail, covering any and all departments and agencies:

1. What program cost of living reductions are currently being worked on, considered or actioned, which will be directly seen, and/or have an impact on the day-to-day lives of our residents;
2. What taxes are being reduced, eliminated or contemplated in a manner that will aid in the cost-of-living challenges northerners are facing;
3. What service fees are being reduced, eliminated or contemplated to aid in the cost-of-living challenges northerners are facing; and
4. What other direct cost-of-living initiatives are being considered or actioned that will directly support northerners with respect to reducing the cost of living?