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Position Cuts Information in Table

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MR. O'REILLY: Mr. Chair, the questions just asked by my colleague made the case for some information I'd asked for earlier in the week. I'd asked our Minister of Finance if we could get a table that shows the changes that are going to happen throughout the budget. If we can get that table that sort of shows where those reductions are the result of actual program reductions versus sunseting and whether those jobs are filled or not for each of the communities and regions in the Northwest Territories, that would be really helpful in understanding this.

I could probably start to put together a table, something like that, but it would take a heck of a lot of work. I'm sure you folks must have this information at your fingertips. Could the Minister undertake to work with his colleagues to get us that sort of a table so we can clearly see where the job losses are going to be and whether they're a result of sunseting or program reductions and whether those positions are filled or not. Thanks, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. McNeely): Thanks, Mr. O'Reilly. Mr. Minister.

MR. MINISTER: Yes. Definitely out of the department we can look at those--providing that information from a department, but working with my Cabinet colleagues to look at those as well, and as the Minister had mentioned, he can look into that and get back to the Member when it was a question in the House, but we definitely can.

MR. CHAIR: Mr. O'Reilly.

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. Yeah, I know we are all working flat out to try to get this done, but if that information could be provided sooner than later, it would be really helpful, I think, as we start to go through the other departmental budgets, so just a heads up that it would be really helpful to get that information sooner than later. Thanks, Mr. Chair.