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**ITI Staff Cuts**

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**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. There were some significant changes here, going from 184 full-time position last year to 167. I think the Minister may have made some remarks in his opening words here to introduce the department, but what are we actually losing in terms of staff here? And how is that going to affect the capacity of the department to deliver any programs and services? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Blake):** Thank you, Mr. O'Reilly. Minister McLeod.

**HON. BOB MCLEOD:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. The total effect in the reductions is that the department is reducing by 17 positions. Twelve of those 17 were filled; five were vacant. And, with the significant decrease in commodity markets and economic activity in those areas, we feel the impact will be minimal. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Blake):** Thank you, Minister McLeod. Any further questions, Mr. O'Reilly?

**MR. O'REILLY:** Thanks, Mr. Chair. So the 12 positions that have been filled, have any of those people found work elsewhere within the GNWT? And, presumably, we're tracking that? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

**CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Blake):** Thank you, Mr. O'Reilly. Minister McLeod.

**HON. BOB MCLEOD:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. My understanding of those 12 that were filled, three offers have been made. So far, one has accepted. So we're still looking to place nine of the filled positions. Thank you, Mr. Chair.