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Oral Question 365-18(3) Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on October 11, 2018, regarding the Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund (LCELf). I committed to providing you with details on the \$8 million proposal that the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) submitted to Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), and what additional information the federal government had requested.

The GNWT allocation under LCELf is \$31.2 million over four years. As part of the GNWT's \$31.2 million submission, the GNWT requested \$8 million to fund a proposed Building and Industrial Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Grant Program. This program is intended to be application-based and competitive. The program will be administered by the GNWT, and its primary objective is to optimize GHG reduction per grant dollar awarded. The program is targeted at larger buildings that are currently not supported by the Arctic Energy Alliance, and industry, such as mining, oil and gas sectors. The program would fund such things as energy efficiency improvements, waste heat recovery, fuel substitution, renewable energy and process improvements. Specific projects might include, for example, LED lighting retrofits and the installation of solar panels.

ECCC had additional questions regarding how the proposed program would be administered, which delayed the approval. The Department of Infrastructure has since repackaged and resubmitted its application. The remaining \$8 million LCELf allocation is still earmarked for the Northwest Territories and a response from ECCC is expected within the next few months.

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Applicants to this fund will be eligible for up to 25% of eligible costs towards GHG reduction projects. Therefore, \$8 million will leverage an additional \$24 million in investments in GHG reduction projects for a total of \$32 million.

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Wally Schumann
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