

Asked by:

Member for Nunakput

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**Carbon Tax and the Cost of Living**

My questions are for the Minister of Finance regarding proposed increases to the carbon tax, impacts on residents in small communities, and efforts to mitigate those impacts. Can the Minister provide cost estimates on how much home heating bills are anticipated to go up for the average households in the Nunakput riding?

1. Can the Minister provide further cost estimates on the anticipated average increase per household for all NWT communities;
2. Can the Minister provide information on how the government's proposed carbon tax rates will affect households in each community, for each year between 2023 and 2030;
3. In providing the above information, can the Minister breakdown the cost impacts on higher home heating costs and higher prices for goods and services;
4. The Minister stated in the house on November 1, 2022, "unfortunately the communities in the riding of Nunakput are likely to be facing some of the highest impacts from the change to the federal carbon tax rate". Can the Minister provide detail on how the GNWT carbon tax will recognize and alleviate the extra financial pressure facing Nunakput residents from carbon tax, please include any GNWT analysis to establish tiered cost of living offset payment systems.