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**Oral Question OQ 239-18(2) - Environmental Remediation Sites Along
Great Bear Lake**

During oral question period on June 16, 2016, you made inquiries relating to Environmental Remediation sites along Great Bear Lake and whether funding is available to Sahtu groups to assist with remediation activities.

I can confirm that the sites on Great Bear Lake that you referenced are the responsibility of the Government of Canada. These lands were excluded from transfer under the Devolution Final Agreement as they are waste sites undergoing cleanup led by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada.

Given that these sites are federal lands, the GNWT has not budgeted funding to assist with their remediation, nor has Canada shared cost estimates with the Waste Site Management Committee.

Thank you for your question.

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