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**Oral Question 293-18(2) Support for the Northwest Territories Film Industry**

This letter is further to my commitment made in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday, June 28, 2016, regarding Oral Question 293-18(2) Support for the Northwest Territories (NWT) Film Industry. During our discussion, I committed to provide detail on how many organizations have applied for film funding under the Support for Entrepreneurs and Economic Development (SEED) Policy in the current fiscal year.

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) is committed to building a diversified, sustainable territorial economy by providing support for business and economic development throughout the NWT. Under its SEED Policy, the GNWT can provide financial support to qualified applicants to start businesses, improve their capacity or skills and help communities expand their economy. Self-employed film producers in the NWT are eligible to apply for funding as entrepreneurs under the GNWT SEED Policy.

For the 2016-17 fiscal year, a total of eight applications have been made to date for film funding under the SEED Policy. Of these applications, three have been made by film associations and societies for community economic development funding under SEED, and five applications have been made by film production companies for the NWT Film Industry Contributions under SEED. At this time, the funding for film under SEED is not over-subscribed and more applications are expected.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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