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Oral Question 209-18(3):
Targets for Summer Student and Internship Employment Opportunities

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on March 06, 2018, regarding the Targets for Summer Student and Internship Employment Opportunities.

Each year between April 15 and August 30 the Department of Finance works with departments and agencies to hire summer students through the Summer Student Employment Program. We encourage departments to aim to hire more students every year. In 2017, the Summer Student Employment Program hired a total of 349 students, this year we hope to do the same or more.

As of May 23, 2018, the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) has hired 249 students with an additional 40 job offers out for signature. We are still working with departments and agencies to increase this number as we are still early in the season.

The Department of Finance provides funding for up to 40 intern placements each fiscal year, however, there is no restriction on the number of intern placements that departments can provide for without accessing funding.

During the initial round of intern advertisements for the 2018-2019 Program, 48 intern positions were advertised for interns to apply on. Of those 48 positions, 30 were successfully filled. We are currently in the second round of hiring where an additional 14 intern positions are currently in the hiring process. Many of the interns hired through the internship program have previously worked as summer students with the GNWT and go on to work as full time indeterminate employees.

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