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Oral Question #853-19(2) Immigration Strategy

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on December 02, 2021, regarding the pan-Territorial Immigration Coordinator position funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.

The new pan-Territorial Immigration Coordinator position works with federally funded immigration services providers to operationalize the Northern Immigration, Integration, and Citizenship Partnership (NIICP), a consortium comprised of the organizations providing settlement services in Yukon, Northwest Territories (NWT) and Nunavut. The goal of NIICP is to build capacity, identify gaps, and to research and analyze the trends in newcomer settlement and integration in northern Canada, providing a strong regional voice to the national settlement program. Its current partners in the NWT are Collège Nordique Francophone; Conseil de développement economies des Territoires du Nord-Ouest, Fédération Franco-Ténoise and NWT Literacy Council.

The position began in April 2020 and is hosted and supported by the Yukon Multicultural Centre. A summary of the NIICP and its Terms of Reference can be found on its website at <https://niicp.ca/eng/welcome>. While this is a relatively new partnership, the Department of Education, Culture and Employment (Department) looks forward to supporting its work as appropriate and sharing information through its networks of key stakeholders.

The Department also works closely with other jurisdictions, including its territorial neighbours, in supporting regional approaches to immigration through the Forum of Ministers Responsible for Immigration (FMRI), and plays an active role in supporting settlement and integration in the NWT through regular engagement with immigration settlement service providers in the Territory. This includes participating with the above noted immigration service providers in the Yellowknife Immigration Partnership, the Réseau en Immigration francophone des Territoires du Nord-Ouest and Immigration and Settlement Working Group.

Through these forums and the new NIICP, the Department looks forward to continued collaboration and partnerships to support enhanced immigration outcomes in the NWT and the North.

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Thank you for your questions and interests in this matter.

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