

**Additional Information  
for Return to Written Question 25-20(1):  
Senior Envoy**

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Additional information for Return to Written Question 25-20(1) regarding the Senior Envoy to the Government of Canada (Senior Envoy) position, the following information provides details regarding the work undertaken by the position:

- 1. Can the Premier provide a detailed accounting of the work undertaken by the Senior Envoy to the Government of Canada, including specific initiatives, projects, and policy areas the Envoy is leading or supporting since this position was created?***

The Senior Envoy is a senior position within the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT), established to support sustained, strategic, and senior-level political engagement with the federal government and interested Indigenous governments.

Some of the work undertaken by the position includes facilitating connections between Indigenous governments and federal decision-makers, providing a senior GNWT presence at key events and conferences in Ottawa and in the Northwest Territories (NWT), and offering senior level strategic advice to the Premier and Ministers.

Since assuming the role, the Senior Envoy has delivered sustained and focused federal engagement on the GNWT's key priorities. This work has included Budget 2025 advocacy and targeted outreach to federal ministers, as well as support for major territorial files such as:

- The Mackenzie Valley Highway.
- The Arctic Economic and Security Corridor, and,
- The Taltson Hydroelectric Expansion Project.

- 2. Can the Premier provide a detailed listing of who the Senior Envoy has met with in Ottawa and elsewhere since assuming the role, and what primary subjects or topics were discussed during these meetings?***

The Senior Envoy has engaged in formal discussions with seventeen (17) different NWT Indigenous Governments and Indigenous organizations. During these engagements, discussion topics have varied based on the Indigenous government, but common themes included discussion of their respective priorities and how they aligned with the GNWT, as well as offering support to grow their connections with the federal government. Other discussion topics have included housing and strategic infrastructure projects.

As part of advancing territorial priorities, and in support of NWT Ministers, Indigenous governments, and Members of the Legislative Assembly, the Senior Envoy has engaged with the following federal departments and agencies:

- Indigenous Services Canada
- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
- Health Canada
- Department of Finance (Canada)
- Department of National Defense (Canada)
- Canada Infrastructure Bank
- Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada
- Natural Resources Canada
- Privy Council Office
- Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat, and
- The Office of the Member of Parliament for the Northwest Territories

Topics of these engagements have varied and include GNWT priorities, major infrastructure projects, housing, Jordan's Principal Funding, and Non-insured Health Benefits for First Nations and Inuit.

The Senior Envoy has also engaged with a variety other partners, including:

- The U.S. Attaché (a diplomatic position responsible for advancing U.S. government interests)
- Alberta's Senior Representative to Ottawa
- Representatives from NWT Municipalities
- The West Kitikmeot Resources Corporation
- Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI)
- Representatives from the Government of Nunavut
- The Institute of Governance
- The Canada School of Public Service
- The Public Policy Forum
- Representatives from the Assembly of First Nations (AFN)
- Odawa Native Friendship Centre
- Academic institutions in and out of the NWT
- Various NWT-based Non-Governmental Organisations and businesses

**3. Can the Premier clarify how many days per month the Senior Envoy is working in Ottawa versus in the Northwest Territories?**

Between March 1, 2025 to October 31, 2025, the Senior Envoy spent a total of 67 working days in Yellowknife and 85 working days in Ottawa.