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Cost of Living

Northerners across the territory continue to face growing and persistent pressures from the high cost of fuel, food, housing, and other essential goods and services, challenges that are especially acute in remote and small communities where supply chains are limited and affordability options are few.

My questions are for the Premier:

1. Can a list of programs and services be provided that support lowering the cost of living across departments?

2. What immediate, short-term affordability measures are the government prepared to implement now to help Northerners facing high fuel, food, and housing costs?

3. How is the Government measuring progress on its cost-of-living strategy across departments, and what specific performance indicators, targets, and timelines are being used to demonstrate measurable reductions in fuel, food, and housing costs for residents?

4. What mechanisms are in place to co-develop affordability measures with Indigenous governments, community governments, and local non-governmental organizations, and how will community input concretely shape program design, eligibility, and delivery in small and remote communities?

5. What steps is the Government taking to harmonize eligibility rules, application processes, and payment schedules across affordability programs such as energy rebates, housing supports, and income assistance, to reduce administrative burden on residents and prevent benefit overlaps?