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Mackenzie Valley Fiber Optic Line

There are concerns that the Mackenzie Valley Fiber Link (MVFL) is not building capacity and growing the economy as required.

My questions are for the Minister responsible for Strategic Energy, Infrastructure and Supply Chains:

1. How much is Northern Lights Consortium and Northwester being paid by the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) to manage the MVFL through "partnership" arrangements broken down by project phases and the lifespan of the assets, and, furthermore, please provide a copy of the management agreement between all parties and the GNWT.
2. To confirm the status of the MVFL and a non-revenue generating asset, how many business and personal customers are currently accessing the MVFL, along with a breakdown of the financial costs of that access?
3. The MVFL was installed with Inuvik as the anchor tenant and the communities along the route to be hooked up to the fiber line. When will the communities be connected to fiber optic line, providing the planned schedule of implementation by community, including all associated costs?
4. The MVFL is one of the most important economic assets in the Northwest Territories. What is the total amount of revenue leakage of the MVFL to other provinces and territories to date, and projected for the remaining term of the "partnership" arrangement?
4. What is the costed analysis of the economic impact of similar major digital infrastructure in other provinces and territories to their economies?