



Written Question

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Asked of: Hon. Patterk Netser

Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation

Number: 69-5(2)

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Subject: NHC Capital Carry Forward March 31, 2020

Purpose: In the response to my previous written question I was happy to see a slight reduction in the amount of unspent Capital funds, but the fact remains that the Nunavut Housing Corporation (NHC) is still carryover amounts in excess of \$100M.

Also in the response to my previous written question the NHC indicated that “The major expenditure of the construction projects approved under a fiscal year’s budget will not reflect on the NHC’s financial statement until 1-2 years after this approval. This is a result of the GN budget cycle: approval and operation procedures.”

This represents a flaw in the system that needs to be addressed. Every community in Nunavut is facing a housing shortage, and if NHC is unable to construct new units in a timely fashion because of the GN budget cycle: approval and operation procedures, I highly recommend the Corporation find a means to address it.

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I would like to remind the Minister that I will continue to ask these questions until NHC figures out a way to build units in a timely fashion and reduces delays which lead to \$100M carryovers.

For this reason, I would like to request updated information on the budget and expenditures on each capital project.

1. Provide the Capital budget appropriated April 1, 2019 for each of the following projects for the 2019-20 fiscal year;
 - a. NHC 01 - Fire Damage Replacement
 - b. NHC 02 - Homeownership programs – Nunavut
 - c. NHC 05 - Modernization and Improvement/Retrofit – GN Funds (public housing)
 - d. NHC 06 - Staff Housing Units
 - e. NHC 09 - Homeownership Programs – Heating Oil Tank Replacement Program
 - f. NHC 10 - Modernization and Improvement/Retrofit – Staff Housing
 - g. NHC 11 - Mobile Equipment
 - h. NHC 12 – Senior and Disabled Persons Preventative Maintenance Program
 - i. NHC 13 - Public Housing Units
 - j. NHC 14 - LHO Workshop, Warehouse & Administrative Offices
2. Provide the Capital expenditures incurred during April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 for each of the following projects;
 - a. NHC 01 - Fire Damage Replacement
 - b. NHC 02 - Homeownership programs – Nunavut
 - c. NHC 05 - Modernization and Improvement/Retrofit – GN Funds (public housing)

- d. NHC 06 - Staff Housing Units
 - e. NHC 09 - Homeownership Programs – Heating Oil Tank Replacement Program
 - f. NHC 10 - Modernization and Improvement/Retrofit – Staff Housing
 - g. NHC 11 - Mobile Equipment
 - h. NHC 12 – Senior and Disabled Persons Preventative Maintenance Program
 - i. NHC 13 - Public Housing Units
 - j. NHC 14 - LHO Workshop, Warehouse & Administrative Offices
3. Provide the amount carry forward from March 31, 2020 to April 1, 2020 for each of the following projects;
- a. NHC 01 - Fire Damage Replacement
 - b. NHC 02 - Homeownership programs – Nunavut
 - c. NHC 05 - Modernization and Improvement/Retrofit – GN Funds (public housing)
 - d. NHC 06 - Staff Housing Units
 - e. NHC 09 - Homeownership Programs – Heating Oil Tank Replacement Program
 - f. NHC 10 - Modernization and Improvement/Retrofit – Staff Housing
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Figure 1 – historical budget/expenditures and carryovers

NHC Capital Budget and Expenditures												
	2016-17				2017-18				2018-19			
	Carried Forward to April 1, 2016	Capital Budget 2016-17	Capital Expenditures 2016-17	Remaining Budget	Carried Forward to April 1, 2017	Capital Budget 2017-18	Capital Expenditures 2017-18	Remaining Budget	Carried Forward to April 1, 2018	Capital Budget 2018-19	Capital Expenditures 2018-19	Remaining Budget
NHC 01	6,873,000	3,382,000	1,776,000	8,479,000	8,479,000	2,558,000	552,000	10,485,000	9,885,000	3,900,000	872,000	12,913,000
NHC 02	4,324,000	4,000,000	4,800,000	3,524,000	3,524,000	4,000,000	4,150,000	3,374,000	4,623,000	4,000,000	4,126,000	4,497,000
NHC 05	12,791,000	14,208,000	10,364,000	16,635,000	16,635,000	11,403,000	18,969,000	9,069,000	14,329,000	10,632,000	17,152,000	7,809,000
NHC 06	28,250,000	5,000,000	14,034,000	19,216,000	19,216,000	5,000,000	9,741,000	14,475,000	14,475,000	5,000,000	10,850,000	8,625,000
NHC 09	284,000	500,000	243,000	541,000	541,000	500,000	264,000	777,000	241,000	500,000	258,000	483,000
NHC 10	1,026,000	500,000	169,000	1,357,000	1,357,000	500,000	32,000	1,825,000	1,825,000	500,000	268,000	2,057,000
NHC 11	33,000	1,020,000	1,173,000	120,000	120,000	1,049,000	1,051,000	122,000	122,000	1,064,000	1,110,000	168,000
NHC 12	529,000	116,000	9,000	636,000	636,000	116,000	13,000	739,000	26,000	116,000	12,000	130,000
NHC 13	19,712,000	45,549,000	18,106,000	47,155,000	47,155,000	65,137,000	32,234,000	80,058,000	75,398,000	42,955,000	49,991,000	68,362,000
NHC 14	225,000	4,700,000	698,000	4,227,000	4,227,000	4,900,000	3,581,000	5,546,000	5,546,000	1,380,000	4,815,000	2,111,000
	74,047,000	78,975,000	51,372,000	101,650,000	101,650,000	95,163,000	70,587,000	126,226,000	126,226,000	70,047,000	89,454,000	106,819,000

4. Figure 1 above identifies that NHC 01 – Fire Damage Replacement – has drastically lower expenditures than planned. NHC loses numerous public housing units due to fires, why are expenditures so low?
5. Figure 1 above identifies that NHC 02 – Homeownership programs – has budget remained stagnant while NHC continues to deny applicants due to insufficient funds.
 - a. When was the last time this project has seen an increase in the budget?
 - b. There is significant demand for this program, why has NHC not increased it?
6. Figure 1 above identifies that NHC 09 – Homeownership Programs – Heating Oil Tank Replacement Program - budget remained stagnant at \$500,000 a year, while lapsing roughly 50%. Why has this budget not been adjusted to meet demand, and reallocated to other priority areas?
7. Figure 1 above identifies that NHC 10 – Modernization and Improvement/Retrofit – Staff Housing - budget remained stagnant at \$500,000 a year, while lapsing a significant amount on average in excess of 50%. Why has this budget not been adjusted to meet demand, and reallocated to other priority areas?
8. Figure 1 above identifies that NHC 12 – Senior and Disabled Persons Preventative Maintenance Program - Staff Housing - budget remained stagnant at \$116,000 while lapsing nearly 90%. Why has this budget not been adjusted to meet demand, and reallocated to other priority areas?