



RESPONSE TO PETITION

No.

5-18(2)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Petition tabled by Mr. Kieron Testart on February 21, 2017

Response by the Honourable Alfred Moses
Minister of Education, Culture and Employment

Funding to Aurora College

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) previously identified a reduction target for Aurora College during the 2016-2017 Business Planning process. The Department of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE) worked in close collaboration with Aurora College to provide options for reductions that would meet the required target. However, the GNWT has since deferred the \$669,000 reduction related to 2017-2018 programming.

Aurora College must continue to make evidence-based decisions that ensure it remains effective and efficient. The decisions to suspend the intake of students to the Social Work Diploma Program and Bachelor of Education Program will go forward as previously announced. These changes remain important to the continued sustainability of Aurora College.

ECE has recently initiated a foundational review of Aurora College. While the review is underway, the College will continue to make operational decisions, including decisions regarding programming. However, it is anticipated that recommendations from the review will help to strengthen the College moving forward as it works to ensure northern residents are first in line for jobs in the Northwest Territories.