

Response:

- a. The Nunavut Lands and Resources Devolution Agreement in Principle (AIP) sets out the framework for the final Devolution Agreement currently being negotiated between the Government of Canada, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. and the Government of Nunavut. While the AIP is not legally binding, it serves to inform and guide the negotiations as the final Devolution Agreement is drafted. While this 'road map' is used in support of negotiations, the implementation phase of the devolution process will follow the signing of the final agreement. Respecting the confidential nature of the negotiation process, it can be reported that as of March 17, 2021, all the chapters and schedules contained in the AIP are being considered in the Parties' work to negotiate the final agreement's chapters and schedules. This work is underway and progressing.
- b. While respecting the confidential nature of the negotiation process, it can be reported that as of March 17, 2021, negotiations between the Parties are underway and progressing. The Chief Negotiators have been meeting throughout the COVID 19 pandemic and officials have been carrying out support activities on working groups through teleconferences, email, and videoconferencing.
- c. As of March 17, 2021, the Government of Nunavut's Request for Proposals for an Implementation Service Provider for the Transitional Human Resources Development Strategy is in the final stages of the procurement process. The forthcoming outcome of this process will be made public upon its completion.