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Thank you to the Union of Northern Workers for the opportunity to meet with you and to provide my thoughts on the following questions:

**1. Will you oppose any cuts to the Public Service workforce resulting from austerity measures to fund infrastructure projects?**

Yes, I don't believe that we need to be cutting from the workforce to fund infrastructure. Whether cuts for other reasons need to be made, remains to be seen. But I believe the GNWT has enough in the budget for infrastructure without taking from payroll, and any shortfall for major projects such as the Slave Geologic Road or Talston should come from the Federal Government, not the GNWT.

**2. Will you oppose contracting out unionized work and fight to return services currently contracted out?**

Yes, if work is currently unionized it should stay unionized. I would need to look at the specifics of the work that the union feels should be returned to the union, as I don't have enough information to make that decision now.

**3. Will you oppose any further use of Public-Private Partnerships (P3s) that benefit out of territory businesses for GNWT projects? (for example: Stanton Territorial Hospital)**

No. Certain types of projects needs specific expertise that it is not realistic to expect are currently present within the GNWT. Hiring the skills needed on a project-specific basis is also not realistic as these would usually be senior level professional person that would not be interested in taking a temporary position (say three years in the case of Stanton) and likely would require a larger salary than the GNWT can afford. However, we should ensure P3 contracts contain clauses for a certain percentage of northern and indigenous workers on the job, including penalties for not meeting quotas.

**4. Will you oppose the misuse of precarious and casual positions of unionized workers?**

Yes, people need stability in order to feel secure. It isn't fair to employees to live in the limbo of a contract renewal year after year and there must be added costs incurred with the continuous re-hiring of staff. I think this is an area that could be investigated further.

**5. Will you ensure the Union of Northern Workers is a full participant in the modernization of the Public Service Act?**

Yes, all stakeholders affected by the Public Service Act should be allowed to provide input.

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