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REPORT HIGHLIGHTS 'MICKEY MOUSE' JOBS AND TRAINING WITH SIHIP

GERRY WOOD, CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL OF TERRITORY CO-OPERATION (CTC) TODAY RELEASED THE CTC'S LATEST REPORT, *RECENT COMMUNITY TRIPS*, WHICH DETAILS FINDINGS ON TRIPS TO TOP END ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES.

MR WOOD SAID "GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO TELL THE FULL STORY ON HOW MANY INDIGENOUS PEOPLE ARE GETTING REAL, LONG TERM JOBS ON THE STRATEGIC INDIGENOUS HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (SIHIP)."

"GOVERNMENT LIKES TO SAY IT IS EXCEEDING ITS TARGET FOR INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ON SIHIP BUT WE HEARD THAT PEOPLE ARE GETTING 'MICKEY MOUSE' TRAINING AND JOBS" SAID MR WOOD.

THE REPORT DISCUSSES THE COMMITTEE'S ONGOING CONCERNS ABOUT THE COST, STANDARD AND TYPE OF WORK UNDERTAKEN AS PART OF REFURBISHMENTS UNDER SIHIP.

"THE MOST CONSISTENT THEME COMING FROM COMMUNITIES WAS THAT CONSULATION BETWEEN SIHIP AND COMMUNITIES NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED," SAID MR WOOD.

THE REPORT MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS ON SIHIP, TENANCY MANAGEMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AFTER TRIPS TO FIVE TOP END ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND APRIL.

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