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Senator Siewert asked:

As of April 23, 2012 only 1,667 workers in the NT remained on 'grandfathered' CDEP wages. Currently if a worker breaks their relationship with their employer for a certain number of weeks, they lose this grandfathered position. Will this provision also apply under the new RJCP? i.e. are a set number of waged jobs being retained, or will the waged positions disappear when the individual worker "breaks their relationship".

Answer:

Under the Remote Jobs and Communities Program, 'grandfathering' arrangements for long-term unemployed CDEP participants who receive CDEP wages instead of income support payments will be extended for the first five-year period of the program.