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## Aviation fuel spared carbon tax

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The federal government has announced its intentions to spare aviation fuel used in the territories from a future carbon tax.

Senator **Dennis Patterson** called the decision a "positive first step."

"Nunavut has 25 fly-in only communities and it is not fair to tax them with no alternatives available," Patterson stated. "However, I am disappointed in the lack of concrete promises with regard to home heating and electricity costs."

Nunavut relies on close to 44 million litres of jet fuel per year, according to Patterson's office.

The territory also imports 114 million litres of heating fuel, 33 million litres of diesel for electrical purposes and 17.8 million litres of gasoline.

The federal government further committed to holding a discussion on the impact of the carbon tax on mining operations in the North.

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