

#### PEI Self-Employment, Out-of-Province Income, Tax Credit

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# Why? Improve PEI Economy

- Narrow trade deficit
- Create entrepreneurs
- Increase Working Population
  - Re-patriate Islanders
  - Keep people on PEI
  - Attract new Islanders (from Canada and abroad)
- Target new sectors

#### Must be PEI Residents

- To qualify, a person must:
  - Be a permanent PEI resident;
  - File personal taxes (i.e. T-1) using PEI address
  - Earn income while residing in PEI

# Must be Self-Employed

- Applies only to Self-employment income reported on T-1 General form issued by Canada Revenue Agency:
  - "business income" Line 135
  - "professional income" Line 137
  - ▶ "commision income" Line 139

### Must be Off-Island Income

- Applies only income from off-Island work
  - Income earned from the sales of goods and services outside of PEI

### Tax Credit

- Sole proprietor must be paying taxes in order to get tax credit
- Not a grant
- Eliminates trying to "pick winners"
- No loss of gov't revenue on new exports
- Applied to income after deductions

## Re-Patriation / Immigration

- Declining off-Island economy
- Relatively low cost of PEI real estate
- Desire for Island lifestyle
- "Eastsizing" (<u>CBC article</u>)
- Cape Breton free land (<u>CBC article</u>)
- Attractive for Families
- New/returning people employ themselves

#### Good for All Islanders

- Self-employed Islanders buy services
  - Housing
  - Food
  - Transportation
- Spin-off job creation

## Impact on Tax Revenue

- Existing self-employed Islanders
- Current off-Island revenue
- Revenue Cap
- Limit on how long can claim?
  - # years? (returns)
  - total lifetime amount?
- Loopholes?

#### 2013 PEI Tax Return Statistics

- Canada Revenue Agency Statistics
- ▶ No way to identify "Off-Island" income
- ► Total Returns = 8340
- ► Total Income = \$108 million
- ► Total Est. Tax Revenue = \$12 million
- % Off-island Income = ???