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Letter to the Editor

The Liberal government would like Islanders to believe that moving the Department of Transportation's body and paint shop from Milton to Tignish will create good paying jobs. But simply *moving* jobs from one location to another is not job creation. There are three government facilities in the community of Tignish. The majority of the employees in these facilities are casual employees. They all live in fear of losing their jobs from year to year, especially when governments change. Instead of providing these Tignish casual employees with job security and benefits, government would sooner have them rely upon Employment Insurance and Social Assistance. They would also rather have them retire without a pension. Wouldn't an effective Rural Development strategy include creating permanent employment for the existing casual employees in Tignish? For now, the government seems content trying to convince Islanders that the Rural Development Strategy is working. However, with an \$85 million deficit, we see the Liberal government once again wasting tax dollars on an unnecessary shift of government employees under the guise of job creation.

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