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**Oral Question 406-19(2): Truth and Reconciliation Commission Call to Action
Regarding Treatment Centres**

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on October 27, 2020 regarding Truth and Reconciliation Commission Call to Action Regarding Treatment Centres.

It is my understanding that efforts to establish a Healing Centre in Nunavut began in 2017 and were, in large part, led by the Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI). While the specific agreements are still in process, it appears that the intention is for the project to move forward based on commitments from the Federal Government, the Government of Nunavut and the NTI.

This is a good example of partnership with and leadership by an Indigenous organization. As I have stated in some of our recent exchanges on this topic, these types of initiatives do not need to come from the Territorial Government alone. Involvement and leadership from Indigenous Governments and organizations will be essential to the realization of culturally based healing programs in this Territory.

Thank you.

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