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Oral Question 14-19(1): Home and Community Care

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on December 11, 2019 regarding Home and Community Care.

We have completed the Home and Community Care Review, which includes feedback from elders and caregivers who receive Home Care services. The Review Report has 22 recommendations which will inform decisions on future investments and the optimal allocations of resources. The Department is reviewing each recommendation and developing a response and work plan. We are planning to release the Report by the end of January 2020, along with the Department's response and work plan.

However, the Home and Community Care Review did not look at Supported Living Services. We have committed to a Supported Living Review as a priority in our Disability Action Plan. Supported Living Services both within and outside of the Northwest Territories will be included, and a person and family-centered Supported Living Model will be established. We have targeted this work for completion by the end of the 2021 fiscal year.

Thank you.

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