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**Oral Question 849-19(2): Healthcare Wait Times**

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on December 1, 2021 regarding Healthcare Wait Times.

For a wait time or dashboard to be produced, data needs to be collected in a complete and accurate manner.

Electronic systems can help facilitate dashboards being created, but even with those, having dedicated human resources to collect and extract the data, as well as to analyse and report it is required. Currently our health and social services system is not resourced to do that.

As we advance electronic information system projects such as the interRAI (a seamless and comprehensive assessment system being introduced for seniors starting in January 2022) and EMR (electronic medical records) projects, we will look at opportunities to support public reporting such as dashboards. While those individual solutions may not collect all the data to produce wait times and dashboards on their own, they could enable data collection that would contribute to the reporting of wait times.

Thank you.

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