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**Oral Question 175-19(2): Home and Community Care Review**

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on March 10, 2020 regarding the Home and Community Care Review.

It had been our intent to table the Home and Community Care Review Report and the Department of Health and Social Services response before the end of the February/April sitting. Given the extended adjournment, we are proposing to table this Report following a briefing to the Standing Committee on Social Development.

I also want to clarify that the Home and Community Care Review does not provide recommendations related to out-of-territory placement. Rather, out-of-territory placements are part of the Supported Living program and are for individuals with disabilities who require supports to live independently, but who do not require significant nursing care. The Home and Community Care Review looks only at Home and Community Care services, which are for individuals who require nursing and personal care.

However, we are undertaking a Supported Living Review, which will look at the needs of individuals in the supported living program, including the work required to bring our residents back to the Northwest Territories (NWT). The Supported Living Review was targeted for completion by the end of March 2021. We had hoped planning for NWT support services and repatriation, based on the accepted recommendations from the Review, will begin in 2021/2022. These timelines may need to be reconsidered given the response to COVID-19.

The 2020/2021 total budget for Supported Living services provided out of territory is \$26,570,000.

Thank you.

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