

Government of Northwest Territories

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Oral Question 244-20(1): Transitional Housing Pilot Project

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on June 5, 2024, regarding the Transitional Housing Pilot Project. Specifically, you requested the average number of residents each year from the Yellowknife region who access addiction treatment out-of-territory.

In 2023-2024, the Department of Health and Social Services received **93 applications** from the Yellowknife region which includes the communities of Yellowknife, N'Dilo, Dettah, Fort Resolution, and Lutselk'e.

- Of these 93 applications, **16 were cancelled** before the individual attended treatment and **77 applications** resulted in the person attending a program.
- The 77 applications where the person attended treatment represented **71 unique individuals** from Yellowknife region.

It is important to note that the number of individuals who access treatment varies from year to year and not everyone who attends treatment will want or require transitional housing support as part of their aftercare plans. Aftercare plans are personalized to each individual and can include a variety of formal and informal supports or activities.

As this is a new program, we will monitor program activities as well as feedback from individuals to help better understand addiction recovery needs and lessons learned.

Thank you.

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