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Oral Question 775-18(2): Auditor General's Report on Correction Services

On May 29, 2017 you had questions in the Legislative Assembly about the progress of the work being done by the Department of Justice on the 14 recommendations from the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) of Canada.

As you are aware, the OAG completed an audit of the NWT Corrections Service that focused on the North Slave Correctional Centre and the Fort Smith Correctional Complex Male Unit. The Department developed its Corrections Action Plan (the Plan) in April 2015, which details the steps required to respond to all of the OAG's recommendations and timelines for completion

I am pleased to inform you that as of May 29, 2017, 95% of actions committed to in the Plan have been completed. Excellent work has been done, including:

- development of a framework for Performance Assurance and Accountability;
- improved Mental Health Screening;
- updates to approximately 190 Corrections Directives and associated standing orders in facilities; and
- implementation of updated Electronic Shift Scheduling software.

The remaining 5% of actions are at varying levels of completion. These actions are complex and require a longer time to develop and implement properly. These items focus on a review and replacement of the Northwest Territories *Corrections Act*, implementation of the Performance Assurance and Accountability Framework and the development of a new delivery model and staff training for offender programs suitable for Territorial offenders.

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The Department is committed to addressing all of the OAG recommendations in a timely manner without compromising the quality of the work being done. Corrections is a dynamic environment with changing and competing priorities, therefore some of this work, particularly adjustments and training in offender programming, will be ongoing.

As I mentioned in the House, I would be pleased to meet with you personally to discuss any questions you may have regarding the report of the OAG.

Thank you.



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