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Oral Question 814-18(2) Yellowknife Airport Hours of Operation

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on June 2, 2017 about whether the Department of Infrastructure (INF) would be extending the Yellowknife Airport's hours of operation as part of the Yellowknife Airport Evolution.

The Yellowknife Airport's hours of operation are driven by the arrivals and departures schedule established by air carriers, and contingent upon security coverage. INF seeks to operate the airport as efficiently as possible and, therefore, contract security staff is only deployed to cover the hours in which the airport is open to accommodate incoming and outgoing flights. Currently, the standard hours of operation are from 04:00 each morning to 00:30 each night. This schedule may vary on a day to day basis to accommodate late arriving flights.

As part of the ongoing Yellowknife Airport Evolution, INF aims to develop marketing efforts to promote additional flights to Yellowknife, including nonstop access to Vancouver and one-stop access to the Asia-Pacific. When these and other related efforts are successful, it is possible that the hours of operation of the airport will also increase.

Thank you.

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