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**Oral Question 798-18(2): High Cost of Participation at Youth Development Camps**

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on May 31, 2017 related to the high cost of youth participating in sport development camps and other try-out locations in the Northwest Territories (NWT).

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs is currently working with NWT sport and recreation organizations on the development of a sector wide strategy in this area. One of the elements of this strategy will be the identification of gaps, overlaps and areas of need. As you have described, athletes living outside of Yellowknife and regional centres are often required to pay additional travel costs to travel to selection events for Canada Games, North American Indigenous Games and other events. Given this, I will make sure this is identified as one of the gaps and ask the Department to include plans on how this might be addressed in future years.

Thank you for raising this important topic.

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