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**Oral Question 410-18(2): Auditor General's Report on Municipal Services**

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question raised on October 27, 2016 regarding the recommendations in the Office of the Auditor General's (OAG) Report on the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs' (MACA) Performance Audit tabled in the Legislative Assembly on October 26, 2016.

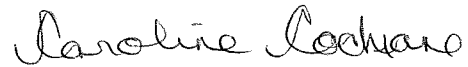
MACA welcomed the Auditor General's report and believes their oversight will support the department to improve its services and support of community governments.

The Deputy Minister of MACA appeared before the Standing Committee on Government Operations (SCOGO) on January 17, 2017 to present and defend the Department's Action Plan. SCOGO will prepare a response for the Department which may include additional recommendations. The Action Plan may be amended as appropriate after receiving the Committee's response.

MACA has a strong relationship with community governments, as well as with NWT Association of Communities and the Local Government Administrators of the Northwest Territories. Additionally, MACA is working cooperatively with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada where there is mutual interests to support aboriginal governments. These well-established and cooperative relationships will be vital as MACA proceeds with the implementation of its Action Plan to address the OAG Report.

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Thank you for raising this important topic.



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