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Oral Question 347-18(2): 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Services

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question raised on October 18, 2016, regarding 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Services. More specifically, I committed to providing members with an update should federal funding for 9-1-1 implementation come to fruition.

At this point in time, we have not yet had any clarity on what investments may be eligible for federal infrastructure funding under the next round of federal funding. However, much discussion has taken place concerning 9-1-1 implementation. On October 27, 2016, I provided the Standing Committee on Government Operations (SCOGO) with a briefing on 9-1-1 implementation options during which time, Committee members clearly indicated a desire for the Government of the Northwest Territories to advance this work. Subsequently, 9-1-1 has been added to Municipal and Community Affairs' (MACA) 2017-2018 draft Main Estimates.

Work began early 2017-2018 with a view to implementing a territorial 9-1-1 system by fall 2018. As committed to SCOGO, preliminary work is underway to develop a proposal for 9-1-1 legislation.

Thank you for raising this important topic.


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