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Response to Oral Question 297-18(2):
Support for Peace Officers in the Northwest Territories

On Wednesday, June 29, 2016 you requested information on the complaint process and the number of complaints from Peace Officers who are not RCMP Officers. The following provides information on matters pertaining to Peace Officers within the Department of Justice, specifically Sheriff's Officers, Corrections Officers and Probation Officers, and the Manager and Case Managers within Specialized Courts.

In the past year, one formal complaint was raised by a Sheriff's Officer.

Complaints from within any of these units are handled in a similar manner. When a formal written complaint is received by the employee's supervisor it is reviewed and acted upon, either by the supervisor directly, or after it is escalated to an appropriate level of authority for resolution (eg: Manager, Director, etc.). Depending on the nature of the complaint, it may be investigated internally or externally as appropriate, and may be reviewed in conjunction with Human Resources staff, Occupational Health and Safety representatives or other specialists as required.

Following a review, decisions would be communicated to the employee who issued the complaint and to other relevant staff. Possible outcomes could include the provision of additional training, changes to procedures, policies and regulations, or the provision of appropriate equipment.

Thank you.

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