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MLA, FRAME LAKE

**ORAL QUESTION 51-18(2): Care Aids at Stanton Territorial Hospital**

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on February 24, 2016 regarding care aids at Stanton Territorial Hospital.

There are two Nursing Aid positions in the Medicine Unit at Stanton Territorial Hospital that were established as part of a pilot program in 2013/14. The purpose of the pilot was to evaluate whether this level of trained staff could be used for patient watches instead of security personnel. The pilot was to be in place for one year, beginning in June 2014 and ending in June 2015.

The two incumbents are on term contracts which were initially set to expire in June 2015. In October 2015, the incumbents were advised that their terms would be extended to the end of March 2016, at which time they would expire and not be renewed. The decision was made not to renew these two contracts in part because objectives of the original pilot project were not achieved, and security personnel continued to be used as patient watches.

There are currently a total of 16 Nursing Aid positions at Stanton, including these two unfunded positions. If there are any vacancies when the term contracts expire, the incumbents will be able to pursue those positions through the competition process.

Thank you.

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