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Oral Question 766-18(3): Aboriginal Sports Circle Funding

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on June 04, 2019, regarding funding for the Aboriginal Sports Circle.

The Government of the Northwest Territories remains committed to ensuring there is adequate funding for multi-sport games for the 2019-20 fiscal year and beyond. The Department is currently reviewing funding options to ensure this support going forward, and anticipates finalizing these as soon as possible.

As committed in the House, I am pleased to confirm further support for Team NT at the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) as referenced during the recent sitting. In 2019-2020, financial support for these Games has increased by nearly \$86,000 through new Sport Canada bilateral funding and resources from the Department. This funding will support team selection and other elements required by Team NT. Additionally, the new Sport Canada bilateral also includes funding for other projects to be led by the Aboriginal Sport Circle, bringing the total new investment to this organization to approximately \$200,000.

The Multisport Games Committee was established in 2017 with a mandate of supporting and coordinating Team NT activities with the organizations who manage these teams on our behalf. The Committee is tasked with ensuring that important policies on safe sport, and selection and appeals are being applied fairly and consistently to the benefit of Northwest Territories (NWT) athletes. The Committee also reviews and approves procurement, mission staff and other activities as required to ensure our investment is being managed as efficiently and equitably as possible.

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In the future, the Department, through the Multisport Games Committee, will be reviewing opportunities to further enhance support for Team NT selection processes to increase the benefits that these Games and others have for all NWT residents.

Thank you for your interest on this important topic.

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