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Oral Question 632-18(3) Community Government Funding Gaps

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on February 27, 2019, regarding Community Government Funding Gaps.

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) remains committed to releasing the revised municipal funding calculations during the 18th Legislative Assembly. The revised calculations and corresponding document will outline how the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) will continue to take action on the results of the 2014 Municipal Funding Policy Review. Originally scheduled to be released during the May-June sitting of the House, the document has been delayed for a few final revisions.

The Department had previously delayed the production of this document to ensure that the most current data possible was available. A key source of the infrastructure data used was provided through a third party source, the Northern Communities Insurance Program (NORCIX) cycle, which renewed on April 1, 2019.

In addition to providing updated funding calculations for community governments, this document is intended to include details on the multi-faceted approach that the Department will undertake to address the municipal funding gap. The Department will continue to advance these efforts in partnership with community governments and stakeholders such as the NWT Association of Communities (NWTAC). This will help to ensure that infrastructure data and associated operating costs are documented to keep the model current, in order to position the Department for future requests through the government's forced growth and budget cycles, as well as in the allocation of federal funding programs.

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The 2014 Municipal Funding Review highlighted the importance for communities to improve strategic priority setting, to ensure that available funds are expended to their maximum in order to meet community infrastructure needs. To support this need, MACA has increased training for community governments in the areas of strategic planning, budgeting, and capital planning. The Department will continue to prioritize initiatives such as the Asset Management Strategy in order to support communities in maintaining and extending the useful life of their infrastructure assets.



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