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**Oral Question 661-18(3): Caring for Elders in Communities**

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on March 7, 2019 regarding Caring for Elders in Communities.

Supporting Elders to age in place in their communities is a priority of the Department of Health and Social Services (Department). In the MacKenzie Delta region there are a total of 4.5 full time equivalents (FTEs) positions for home support workers, and they are all filled. They are as follows:

- Aklavik - 2 FTEs
- Fort McPherson - 2 FTEs
- Tsiigehtchic - 0.5 FTE

The Department is also undertaking other initiatives such as the paid family caregiver pilot and the Northwest Territories (NWT) Home and Community Care Review, which will help inform decisions on future allocation of resources and investments.

I will ensure Members are kept informed of our continued work to improve Homecare Services in the NWT.

Thank you.

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