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**Oral Question 395-18(3): Hay River Regional Health Centre**

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on October 16, 2018 regarding the Hay River Regional Health Centre.

As I indicated in the House, we are committed to work towards bringing the employees of the Hay River Health and Social Services Authority (HRHSSA) into the public service.

The Department of Health and Social Services, in partnership with the Department of Finance, has done significant work to determine the full cost of bringing HRHSSA into the public service, including the transfer of the pension plan. This work is ongoing. Further movement to bring the HRHSSA into the GNWT Public Service has not occurred as the cost cannot be accommodated in the current fiscal environment.

Delivery of health and social services is coordinated across all three Health and Social Services Authorities, working as one system, ensuring integration of services within the health and social services system.

I commit to keeping MLAs informed of the status of bringing the HRHSSA into the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority.

Thank you.

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Minister of Health and Social Services

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