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Oral Question 205-18(3): Promoting Traditional Hand Games

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Questions you raised on March 06, 2018 related to the promotion of traditional hand games, and more generally traditional games.

In 2017-2018, there were 16 Traditional Games events throughout the Northwest Territories. Of the 16 events, 10 were funded by the Department. Please see the attachment which provides a summary of these events.

The Department is committed to assisting territorial sport organizations with funding these important traditional events. However, please note that if there are cash prizes offered, the Department is unable to assist due to the associated gambling implications. The Department works closely with all organizations to ensure this consideration is followed where funding is provided.

Thank you for raising this important topic.

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Attachment

- c. Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
Legislative Coordinator
Deputy Minister, Municipal and Community Affairs

**Summary of 2017-2018
Traditional Games Events Supported by MACA**

SOUTH SLAVE (5 funded: \$60,150 and 6 non-funded)

- Youth Contribution – PWK High School – Drum Project – Jech' ani - \$5,000.00 (Fort Smith)
- Youth Corp – South Slave Traditional Games Society – Traditional Youth Leadership Development - \$35,000.00 (Fort Smith, Fort Resolution, Katlodeeche, and Dettah)
- Regional Youth Sports Event – Deninu School - School Hand Games Tournament - \$2,700.00 (Fort Resolution, Fort Smith, Fort Providence, Katlodeeche)
- Regional Youth Sports Event – Deninu School – South Slave Traditional Games Championships - \$6,200.00 (Fort Resolution, Fort Smith, Katlodeeche, Fort Providence, Hay River)
- Regional Youth Sports Event – Mackenzie Recreation Association – Mackenzie Youth Summer Games - \$11,250.00 (Fort Providence, Fort Resolution, Katlodeeche)

These are some of the non-financial Dene Games initiatives that we supported:

- AWG Host Society - PWK High School – AWG School Outreach – Dene Games Demonstrations – Fort Smith
- AWG Host Society - JBT School – AWG School Outreach – Dene Games Demonstrations – Fort Smith
- AWG Host Society – Harry Camsell School – AWG School Outreach – Dene Games Demonstrations – Hay River
- AWG Host Society – Princess Alexandra School – AWG School Outreach – Dene Games Demonstrations – Hay River
- Aurora College Thebacha Campus – Dene Games – Dene Games Demonstrations – Fort Smith
- AWG Host Society – 200 Day Countdown to AWG – Dene Games Demonstrations – Hay River