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Oral Questions 138-18(3) & 144-18(3): Rental Office Wait Times in the NWT

On February 21, 2018, you asked questions in the Legislative Assembly regarding Rental Office wait times. The Rental Office has provided information on current wait times, and in respect of its ability to track this data going forward.

Between April 1, 2017, and January 31, 2018, there were 359 applications filed with the Rental Office. As of February 21, 2018, 182 of those had been heard and of those:

- 57% were heard within three months of the application filing date;
- 30% were heard within four months of the application filing date; and
- The 12% that were heard beyond four months after the application filing date (and some of the 30% within four months) represent files which were adjourned or postponed either because the service of documents was not successful or one of the parties had requested it.

In respect of your second question, I can confirm that the Rental Office has informed the Department that they can accommodate the creation of a metric for the length of time that elapses between hearings and the date the resulting written orders or decisions are filed in the Rental Office. This new metric will be included in the 2017-18 Annual Report, which will also include the metrics from the 2016-17 fiscal year.

Thank you.

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Minister of Justice

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Mr. Martin Goldney, Deputy Minister, Justice
Mr. David Hastings, Legislative Coordinator