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Oral Question 873-18(2): Safe Houses for Victims of Family Violence

This letter is in response to the Oral Question you raised on September 25, 2017, regarding Safe Houses for Victims of Family Violence.

The Northwest Territories Housing Corporation received federal funding in the amount of \$473,157 for 2016 to 2018 in order to conduct capital upgrades to existing territorial family violence shelters. That funding has been allocated, and work is underway on the four shelters in the Northwest Territories that require renovations.

The Department of Health and Social Services (Department) will work with the Department of Infrastructure to determine whether the building of safe houses would be eligible under federal program areas. In the meantime, the Department will continue to provide travel for women and children in communities without shelters.

Thank you.

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Minister of Health and Social Services

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