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Oral Question 847-18(2): Medical Travel

This letter is in response to the Oral Question you raised on September 21, 2017 regarding Medical Travel.

As discussed in the House on September 21, 2017, the Department of Health and Social Services is currently undertaking an internal review of the Government of the Northwest Territories Medical Travel policy. This internal policy assessment will clarify processes and provide better information to medical travel staff, providers and patients.

In addition, with the establishment of the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority (NTHSSA), the Authority is reviewing the structure, delivery and management of the Medical Travel Program across the Northwest Territories, including in Hay River.

The results of our internal analysis and proposed changes will be shared with regular members of the Legislative Assembly through the Standing Committee on Social Development for discussion and comment.

Thank you.

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