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**Oral Question 89-19(2) Housing and Homelessness in Inuvik**

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Questions you raised on February 26, 2020 regarding Housing and Homelessness in Inuvik.

At present, the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation has plans to build 17 new market housing units in Inuvik over the next two years.

The Northwest Territories Housing Corporation (NWT HC) had also identified units in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and on the guidance of the Emergency Management Organization (EMO), the NWT HC reserved approximately 130 units in 27 communities to ensure that individuals needing to self-isolate had options to do so safely, while being supported through this difficult and challenging time.

In consultation with the EMO and the department of Health and Social Services, and through a collaborative approach with 3rd parties across the Northwest Territories, it has now been determined that these units will no longer be required for self-isolation purposes as other options to support self-isolation purposes have been identified.

Over the coming months, NWT HC will be allocating these units through their regular program allocation process within rental and homeownership programs. The re-introduction of approximately 130 units will help to reduce overcrowding and assist smaller communities to address homelessness by lowering public housing wait lists.

Thank you for your questions and interest in this matter.

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