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**Oral Question 92-19(2): Fort Providence Dental Care Services**

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on February 26, 2020 regarding the Fort Providence Dental Care Services.

Currently, the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority – Deh Cho Region has an arrangement with Northwest Dental Services, a private Dental Provider, to travel to the Deh Cho communities to make dental services available to residents eligible for dental services through Non-Insured Health Benefits.

This company has been coming to Fort Providence to provide dental services since March 2019. Prior to that, since 2009, the Hay River Dental Clinic travelled to the community to make dental services available. The Dental team visited the community of Fort Providence from March 22 -31, 2019 and from September 27 to October 6, 2019. During this time they had 62 appointments with clients.

The Dental team has already traveled to Fort Providence in 2020. They provided services from January 6-15, 2020 and are expected to return on March 23, 2020. The Dental team will spend 5 days in the community on each visit, with travel days on either side. The expectation for the Dental team to provide 5 visits per year.

Thank you.

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