



RESPONSE TO PETITION

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Petition tabled by Mr. Bob Bromley on November 6, 2012

Response by the Honourable Tom Beaulieu
Minister of Health and Social Services

Midwifery Services

The Minister of Health and Social Services response is that:

- The Department is committed to developing a sustainable plan that will improve the health of mothers and babies throughout pregnancy, delivery and the first months of life;
- Developing a territorial midwifery program is a key priority action in the Department's Strategic Plan. Allowing patients to access safe, quality services as close to home as possible remains a priority of the Department;
- The Department is working on identifying additional funds to continue a phased expansion of midwifery;
- During the 2013-2014 fiscal year, the Department will be undertaking community engagement activities in Hay River and other communities to discuss the proposed integration of midwifery care into the current delivery model; and,
- The Department will be working with the Advisory Committee for Midwifery to revise the Midwifery Practice Framework to ensure it reflects current scope of practice and standards.