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**Oral Question 575-19(2): Northwest Territories-Yukon Border Restrictions**

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on February 23, 2021 regarding the Northwest Territories-Yukon Border Restrictions.

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) recognizes the strong ties between the Northwest Territories (NWT) and Yukon. As of May 25, 2021, fully vaccinated travellers may enter the Yukon without the requirement to self-isolate. Travellers are fully vaccinated if they have had a full dose and 14 days have passed since the last dose was received. The GNWT is working with our counterparts in the Yukon to determine how vaccination status will be verified.

The Chief Public Health Officer is working to establish an exemption-based process for travel between the NWT and Yukon, similar to what has been established with Nunavut. Through the Self-Isolation Plan application filed with ProtectNWT, NWT residents who travel to the Yukon can ask for an exemption from the NWT self-isolation requirements upon their return to the NWT. Currently, fully vaccinated travellers coming from the Yukon to the NWT can shorten their isolation period by testing negative for COVID on day 8 and continuing to self-monitor for the remainder of the 14-day period.

Thank you.

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