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NEGOTIATIONS WITH HEALTH AND WELFARE CANADA  
FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR ALL HEALTH SERVICES TO THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

At the 58th Session of our Legislative Assembly, which prorogued on February 13, 1976, I was requested to take immediate steps to ensure an early transfer of all the responsibility for health services to the Government of the Northwest Territories.

I am pleased to be able to report the following progress:

1. Immediately following the 58th Session a letter was written to the Minister, Health and Welfare Canada concerning this matter.
2. On May 11, 1976 a meeting was held with a senior consultant from Health and Welfare Canada, Ottawa and the Regional Director of Health and Welfare Canada, Edmonton, to present our views on the transfer of responsibility for all health services to our Government.

Following this meeting, letters were written to the Minister, Health and Welfare Canada and the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, indicating the urgency of this matter and our willingness to proceed.

3. Our Health Care Plan staff have been working on a proposal in relation to the organization of a total Health Division for our Government.
4. A second meeting has been arranged with representatives of Health and Welfare Canada, their senior consultant and Regional Director, for November 8, 1976.

Please be assured that this is a top priority of my Department and I will keep you informed as to the progress being made.