

RESPONSE TO PETITION



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

05-12(7)

Petition tabled by The Honourable John Todd on April 6, 1995

Response by The Honourable Nellie J. Cournoyea
Minister of Health and Social Services

INADEQUATE NURSE STAFFING AT THE RANKIN INLET HEALTH CENTRE

The Department of Health and Social Services acknowledges receipt of the petition from the community of Rankin Inlet, presented by the Honourable John Todd, MLA, Keewatin Central in the Legislative Assembly on April 6, 1995, asking the Government of the Northwest Territories to deal with the problem of inadequate nurse staffing at the Rankin Inlet Health Centre.

In November 1994 the Keewatin Regional Health Board asked the Minister of Health and Social Services to review the staffing of all Keewatin Health Centres. This review was intended to update the 1990 Nursing/Non-Nursing Workload Study. The review was completed in April 1995, and it included a description of current level of resources and whether they were adequate, and an identification of alternative staffing models to address deficiencies.

The staffing of the Rankin Inlet Health Centre was included in this review.

The report outlining the findings will be complete by mid-June. The Department will work closely with the Keewatin Regional Health Board to resolve issues identified in the report.

