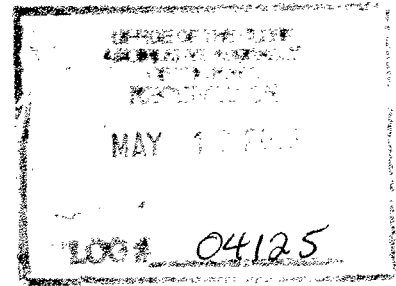




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Response of Petition 1-16(5)

Attached is the Response to Petition 1-16(5), tabled by Mr. Kevin Menicoche on March 3, 2010.


Sandy Lee

Attachment

- c. Mr. Kevin O'Keefe
Legislative Coordinator



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Response by the Honourable Sandy Lee
Minister of Health and Social Services

Dentistry Services in Nahendeh

The federal government, through the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB), covers dental services for Aboriginal people. The Department of Health and Social Services, through the Dehcho Health and Social Services Authority (DHSSA), administers the NIHB dental services on behalf of the federal government.

The federal government provides funding for 31 visits, totaling 195 service days, to the Dehcho Region. This is an increase from the 2007/08 contract which totaled 19 visits (135 service days). The breakdown of the visits/services days are as follows:

<u>Community</u>	<u># of visits</u>	<u># of service days</u>
Fort Liard	7	42
Jean Marie River	2	12
Nahanni Butte	3	15
Trout Lake	2	10
Wrigley	3	18
Fort Providence	7	55
Fort Simpson	7	43
Total:	31	195

The federal government bases this amount of funding on the number of NIHB-eligible residents in the Dehcho communities. The federal government does not provide funding for a full-time dentist. As I committed in the House, I will bring this up with the federal Minister of Health and Social Services, Leona Aglukkaq.