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Oral Question 880-18(2): Centralization of Long-Term Care Facilities

This letter is in response to the Oral Question you raised on September 26, 2017 regarding centralization of Long-Term Care Facilities.

Long-term care residents have complex care needs, and require access to a range of clinical services that are not present in communities outside of regional centres. There are times that clients are placed outside their home region, when a client's need for care is urgent and a bed is not available in their home community/region.

A review of current long-term care occupancy data confirms that there are a total of 169 residents occupying full-time Long Term Care beds. 66 of those residents (39%) are placed outside their home community; and of those, 42 residents (24.8%) are placed outside their home region.

The Department of Health and Social Services recognizes that clients and families want placements as close to home as possible. This is a key principle guiding placement decisions.

Thank you.

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