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**Oral Question 114-18(3): Medical Travel Coverage**

This letter is in reference to the Oral Question raised on February 15, 2018 regarding Fort Liard residents accessing health services in Fort Nelson.

As stated in the House, I have directed Health and Social Services staff to work with the Government of British Columbia to explore options for an agreement that would allow the referral of Fort Liard residents to Fort Nelson, British Columbia.

There are many factors to consider when taking into account a cross border agreement, including:

- the impacts on the cost of medical travel;
- the continuity of clinical care for the patient;
- Integration of services and follow-up; and
- The inability to share medical records with BC.

As committed in the House, I look forward to sharing further information with the Member at the end of March 2018.

Thank you.

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Minister of Health and Social Services

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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