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Oral Question 150-18(3)

Proposed Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Legislation

On February 22, 2018, in the Legislative Assembly, you requested that I provide information on the status of amendments to the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (ATIPP Act), and information relating to initiatives involving Access and Privacy by Design principles.

The Department of Justice (Department) is committed to ensuring that the work related to the comprehensive review of the ATIPP Act continues to advance within the life of the 18th Legislative Assembly. The Legislative Proposal was completed in June 2017, and introduction of a bill in the Legislative Assembly is expected in Fall 2018.

Regarding your question on the implementation of Access by Design principles, I can confirm that proposed amendments within the Act, and policies relating to Access by Design, have been identified and are moving forward. The Department is currently working on the creation of policies and guidelines that reflect Access by Design principles to assist public bodies in making decisions about the release of information during the development phase of new programs, services or systems. The policies are intended to require public bodies to take a proactive approach to releasing information, and making the disclosure of Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) information an automatic process where possible.

In regard to the work relating to Privacy by Design, the Department is working with other departments to develop and implement a GNWT privacy framework and management program. The purpose of this work is to establish a consistent approach to privacy management for the GNWT. The framework will take into account current practices, resources and policies and build on existing work. The Department anticipates finalizing the privacy framework in early 2018-19. The framework will be supported with the development and delivery of additional privacy training, and working with other GNWT departments to implement the framework across the GNWT.

Thank you.

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