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MR. KIERON TESTART
MLA, KAM LAKE

Oral Question 186-18(3):
Perimeter Fence Repair at the North Slave Correctional Complex

On February 28, 2018, in the Legislative Assembly, you requested that I provide information on the fencing projects at the North Slave Correctional Complex (NSCC).

The perimeter fence project involved the installation of fencing along the property line of the NSCC to demarcate the facility boundary from the adjacent residential sub-division. This project was completed in October 2017, and extended the perimeter fencing by 220 meters. The Department had planned this work for several years; it was unrelated to the inmate's escape from the facility in August of 2016.

In response to the inmate's escape, the Department is currently finalizing the design of a security solution developed to enclose the 55m length of roof where the inmate was able to scale up and over the building. The Department has had two unsuccessful tenders for this project due to unrealized installation complexity and structural issues with the proposed designs which resulted in the construction estimates exceeding the Department's allocated funding for the project. The Department has been working diligently with a team of professionals on the revised security design and is confident that they have a solution that will be successful. The Department is anticipating the contract for the work will be finalized by the end of March with construction tentatively planned for May 2018.

I will continue to keep Members informed of progress on this project.

Thank you.

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Minister of Justice

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