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Oral Question 195-18(3): Ground Ambulance and Highway Rescue Services

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on March 01, 2018 related to Ground Ambulance and Highway Rescue Services.

For several months, Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) has been conducting research to support the development of an action plan to guide the ground ambulance and highway rescue system. The focus of this work is to determine an acceptable standard of service and determine the necessary resources to maintain that standard.

Unfortunately, this work has been delayed due to considerable information gaps stemming from data collection and research. More specifically, the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) needs to better understand the cost of doing business and the operating standards which guide service delivery. MACA is now evaluating options and will likely seek additional expertise to finish the research. Unfortunately, the additional effort will cause a delay for the action plan, which now is expected in fall 2018. The project has included engagement with all communities who currently provide a service or who may be interested in providing a service in the future. Moving forward, the GNWT expects to continue to engage key partners and community governments to establish a common vision for service delivery, which will be used as a basis for action planning.

Thank you for your continued attention on this important topic. The GNWT remains committed to working with key stakeholders to develop an effective ground ambulance and highway rescue response capacity for the Northwest Territories. I look forward to providing Members an update as key milestones are reached.

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