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**Oral Question 309-18(3): Tsiigehtchic Health Centre**

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on May 28, 2018 regarding the Tsiigehtchic Health Centre.

The Department of Infrastructure (Department) has confirmed the Health Centre was assessed by a professional engineer who found the building to be level and safe to occupy. Repairs may now proceed. With the ferries starting operation on June 1, the materials were shipped to the site on June 4, 2018, as soon as it was possible. Crews will be sent in to repair the stairs, replace the flooring and paint over the coming weeks. The building is anticipated to be operational in approximately four to six weeks.

Apart from the immediate issues that are being addressed, the building is overall in good condition and does not pose any life safety issues. The Department monitors the age and condition of all facilities on an ongoing basis, and when required brings forward projects for consideration through the Government of the Northwest Territories capital planning process

I will continue to work with the Minister of Infrastructure to ensure the repairs are completed as soon as possible.

Thank you.

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