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**Oral Question 18-18(2):
Response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report**

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on February 19, 2016 regarding the response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report.

In December 2015, the Prime Minister publically announced the federal government's plan to reset Canada's relationship with Indigenous people. Included in the plan was a pledge to fully implement the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Details of the federal government's implementation plan have not been released to date.

In the interim, I have had the opportunity to meet separately with both the Prime Minister and the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada where the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's report was discussed. I was encouraged by the importance that the federal government will be placing on working in partnership with Indigenous communities, as well as provinces and territories, to fully implement the recommendations.

On October 5, 2015 I had the pleasure of tabling "*Meeting the Challenge of Reconciliation: The Government of the Northwest Territories Response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action*" in the Legislative Assembly. This initial response highlights the many steps that the GNWT has already taken to strengthen relationships with Indigenous peoples, to help restore and heal Aboriginal communities, and to ensure that Aboriginal cultures and traditions are recognized and valued.

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The GNWT's response, however, acknowledges that more can be done and commits the GNWT to work with NWT residents and Aboriginal governments, along with its partners throughout Canada, to encourage positive and concrete steps forward along the path of reconciliation.

As you are aware, the commitment to implement the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission that fall within the jurisdiction of the territorial government is included in the mandate of the GNWT. I look forward to working with Members in advancing this work during the 18th Legislative Assembly.

Thank you.



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