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Oral Question 835-18(2): Regional Wellness Council Meeting

This letter is in response to the Oral Question you raised on September 20, 2017 regarding H.Pylori and the Regional Wellness Council (Council) Meeting.

The *Helicobacter pylori* (CANHelp) research project in the Northwest Territories (NWT) is led by the University of Alberta. The CANHelp Working Group has been working in the NWT for many years, and is interested in sharing the information they have gathered during their *H. pylori* research in the North. Department of Health and Social Services (Department) staff have recently connected with Mireille Gionet, the Chief Operating Officer of the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority (NTHSSA) – Sahtu Region and Ali Assi, the Community Engagement Lead, CANHelp Working Group from the University of Alberta. The Department, NTHSSA and CANHelp will work together to bring a knowledge sharing session on *H. pylori* to the Sahtu Region, potentially at an upcoming Council meeting.

In response to your supplementary question, the Norman Wells Health and Social Services Centre and Long Term Care Facility is expected to achieve substantial completion in November 2017, with expectations to transition into operations in early 2018. I will share the details of the opening of the facility once that information becomes available, and hopefully coordinate any event with the Council.

Thank you.

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