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Oral Question 933-18(2): Boarding Home Patient Services

This letter is in response to the Oral Question you raised on October 4, 2017, regarding boarding home patient services.

The contract with Vital Abel Boarding home runs from January 1, 2015 – December, 31, 2019. Vital Abel Boarding home was the only bidder on the Request for Proposal. The Medical Travel office has the sole option to extend the contract on an annual basis starting January 2020 for a further period not exceeding five (5) years in total.

The Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority (NTHSSA) did a walkthrough of the facility on September 1, 2017 and met with the contractor to discuss some issues that have been recently raised, including those issues raised during the exchange in the Legislative Assembly on October 4, 2017.

The NTHSSA will follow-up with a full compliance audit on the boarding facility to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract, and to provide specific responses to issues raised on October 4, 2017.

I will provide a report to Members of the Legislative Assembly by December 2018. This report will need to respect the formal contracting relationship with the Vital Abel Boarding Home, but will provide a response to the issues raised.

Thank you.

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