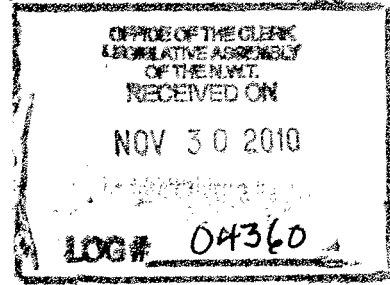




Northwest Territories Minister of Health and Social Services



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MR. TIM MERCER
CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Response to Petition 8-16(5) – Respite Services in the Northwest Territories

Attached is a Response to Petition 8-16(5) "Respite Services in the Northwest Territories" tabled by Mr. Glen Abernethy on November 03, 2010.

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Attached

- c. Mr. Kevin O'Keefe
Legislative Coordinator, Executive

① Noted per 8/10
② For tabling in Feb -
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Petition tabled by Mr. Glen Abernethy on November 03, 2010

Response by the Honorable Sandy Lee
Minister of Health and Social Services

Respite Services in the Northwest Territories

As announced in the House on November 03, 2010, the government is committed to having one territorial respite care program for families in need of a respite care program, which would include Yellowknife families. The Department of Health and Social Services (Department) has been instructed to develop a proposal and implementation plan for a territorial program that will ensure families continue to receive respite services while developing a territorial respite program.

The Department's work on a territorial respite program will be prepared for the next budget cycle. The government will also seek support from all Members for inclusion in the future business plans. The Minister of Health and Social Services will come before Standing Committee on Social Programs to discuss the continued support for respite services in the Northwest Territories.