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**Oral Question: 17-18(2) Arctic Winter Games Application Process**

During the February 19, 2016 sitting of the Legislative Assembly, the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) committed to getting back to the Member on the process MACA uses to inform residents about the Team NWT Arctic Winter Games selection process.

Sport North is responsible for the team selection process. They work closely with the Territorial Sport Organizations to schedule events and set up each team's selection criteria. Historically, MACA would assist Sport North by making sure communities are aware of these processes. Typically this involves regular communication with schools, sport groups, community governments and other groups.

In anticipation of the 2018 Arctic Winter Games selection process beginning in fall 2017, the Department will commit to work with the Sport North Federation to develop a strategic communications plan focused on broad messaging about multi-sport games opportunities to help increase awareness amongst potential participants.

Thank you for raising this important issue.

  
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