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**Oral Question 340-19(2) Domestic Violence**

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on June 12, 2020 regarding Domestic Violence. During our exchange, I committed to creating an aggressive prevention awareness campaign to highlight domestic violence, as well as to do investigative work to bring forward a proposal for 'Missing Persons' legislation during the life of the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.

In response to the commitment to create an aggressive campaign to prevent domestic and inter-partner violence, a Government of the Northwest Territories' (GNWT) Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) Action Plan (Action Plan) will be developed to address issues such as domestic violence, and appropriate communications activities will be developed as the Action Plan progresses. Missing Persons legislation will also be explored throughout the development of the Action Plan, and may be a proposed outcome of the Action Plan itself.

The Department of Health and Social Services (HSS) will also be re-releasing a "What Will it Take" video campaign to bring awareness to family violence, and is aimed to empower Northwest Territories' (NWT) residents to help reduce family violence and make their communities safer.

Additionally, interdepartmental Working Groups are already underway regarding MMIWG and family violence. As these issues are complex in nature, various departments are represented in these working groups, including the Departments of Executive and Indigenous Affairs, Finance, Justice, Education, Culture and Employment, as well as Health and Social Services, and the NWT Housing Corporation.

Thank you.

  
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