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Oral Question 172-18(3) and Oral Question 178-18(3)
Arctic Winter Games Athlete Selection and Travel

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Questions you raised on February 27, 2018 related to the 2018 Arctic Winter Games athlete selection process, and the associated athlete travel arrangements.

The Sport North Federation, and member Territorial Sport Organizations, administer the selection of Team NWT for the Arctic Winter Games. For a number of events, the Aboriginal Sport Circle also manages the selection process in conjunction with the Territorial Trials event.

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) has worked with each of these organizations to develop and administer a selection and appeal process. The intent is to have the selection of all athletes and teams through a neutral and unbiased process that ensures fairness and equal opportunity. However, there are occasions where these processes may be unclear, or not followed as intended. When this occurs, MACA is committed to following up with the respective governing body, in order to support improvements and take corrective action.

In addition, there is a Travel Policy for the Arctic Winter Games that is administered by Sport North. Where issues with this policy arise, they consider the issue and make appropriate improvements to the policy or to the processes. Thank you for raising the issues experienced by some athletes. MACA is committed to following up with both Sport North, and the respective sport governing bodies to ensure that the necessary improvements are made for the benefit of future participants.

Thank you for raising this important topic.

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