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**Response to Oral Question 436-18(2): Inmate Transfer for Court Appearances**

On October 31, 2016, in the Legislative Assembly, you requested information on inmate transfers for court appearances in Yellowknife.

Since 2012, the RCMP and Corrections Service have been working collaboratively to provide prisoner transports between North Slave Correctional Centre (NSCC), the Yellowknife Detachment RCMP cells, courthouse cells, the RCMP Air Services Hangar and the Yellowknife airport. In order to alleviate pressure on the RCMP in Yellowknife, prisoner handling between the RCMP detachment, NSCC and the Yellowknife Courthouse has been a shared responsibility delivered by the Corrections Service and the RCMP.

The Department of Justice believes that having the Corrections Service maintain this shared duty in the delivery of prisoner transport between the Yellowknife Courthouse, NSCC and the RCMP cells is more appropriate than transferring these duties to the Sheriff's office.

Thank you.

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