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Honourable Minister:

The Native Women's Association of the NWT is deeply disappointed to read in the Auditor General of Canada's 2018 report on child and family service delivery that not only are there continued and serious deficiencies in the delivery of child and family services in the Northwest Territories, but also that many of the services provided to children, youth, and families are in a worse state than when they were examined previously by the Auditor General of Canada in 2014.

As indicated in the Auditor General of Canada's report, until the Department of Health and Social Services authorities make the changes they said were critical, and that they previously committed to making, children, youth, and families in the Northwest Territories will remain at risk.

In light of this information the NWANWT strongly encourages the Minister of Health and Social Services, Glen Abernethy, to use the Auditor General of Canada's report to mark the beginning of a focussed process which will see the Department of Health and Social authorities develop an immediate action plan to address the deficiencies that have been identified.

The NWANWT request that the Minister update the NWANWT on the progress he has made by February 5th, 2019.

The NWANWT look forward to learning about the positive progress he has made to reduce the deficiencies in the near future.

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Liza Pieper-Charlo
President

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