



Northwest Territories Minister Responsible for Northwest Territories Housing Corporation

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**Oral Question 829-17(5): Public Housing Waiting Lists**

I am writing in response to your Oral Question on May 28, 2015, regarding the breakdown of individuals on the Public Housing waiting list for Yellowknife and the Northwest Territories. You had specifically requested details on people with disabilities and single parent families.

1. *Can the Minister tell me how many clients on the housing waiting list in Yellowknife and the NWT are people with disabilities?*

As of September 4, 2015 there were 9 clients with disabilities on the waiting list for Public Housing in Yellowknife. There are a total of 38 clients with disabilities on waiting lists for Public Housing in the Northwest Territories.

2. *How many of the families on the current waiting list are parents with very young children?*

There are 55 clients who are single parents on the waiting list for Public Housing in Yellowknife, with a total of 180 on waiting lists across the Northwest Territories.

A full breakdown of the waiting list by community of the clients that are single parents or have disabilities has been provided below.

| Community                      | Single parents | Persons with disabilities |
|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Aklavik                        | 3              | -                         |
| Fort McPherson                 | 1              | -                         |
| Inuvik                         | 22             | 2                         |
| Paulatuk                       | 4              | 2                         |
| Sachs Harbour                  | -              | -                         |
| Tsiigetchic                    | 1              | -                         |
| Tuktoyaktuk                    | 6              | -                         |
| Ulukhaktok                     | 3              | -                         |
| <b>Beaufort Delta District</b> | <b>40</b>      | <b>4</b>                  |



| <b>Community</b>             | <b>Single parents</b> | <b>Persons with disabilities</b> |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Fort Liard                   | -                     | -                                |
| Fort Simpson                 | 5                     | 2                                |
| Nahanni Butte                | 1                     | -                                |
| Wrigley                      | -                     | -                                |
| Jean Marie River             | -                     | -                                |
| Trout Lake                   | -                     | -                                |
| <b>Nahendeh District</b>     | <b>6</b>              | <b>2</b>                         |
| Behchoko                     | 26                    | 6                                |
| Gameti                       | 2                     | 1                                |
| Lutsel K'e                   | -                     | -                                |
| Wha Ti                       | 7                     | 1                                |
| Wekweeti                     | -                     | -                                |
| Dettah/N'dilo                | 1                     | -                                |
| Yellowknife                  | 55                    | 9                                |
| <b>North Slave District</b>  | <b>91</b>             | <b>17</b>                        |
| Deline                       | 5                     | -                                |
| Fort Good Hope               | 3                     | -                                |
| Norman Wells                 | 4                     | -                                |
| Tulita                       | 1                     | 1                                |
| Colville Lake                | -                     | -                                |
| <b>Sahtu District</b>        | <b>13</b>             | <b>1</b>                         |
| Fort Providence              | 3                     | -                                |
| Fort Resolution              | -                     | -                                |
| Fort Smith                   | 10                    | -                                |
| Hay River                    | 17                    | 14                               |
| Hay River Reserve            | -                     | -                                |
| <b>South Slave District</b>  | <b>30</b>             | <b>14</b>                        |
| Beaufort Delta District      | 40                    | 4                                |
| Nahendeh District            | 6                     | 2                                |
| North Slave District         | 91                    | 17                               |
| Sahtu District               | 13                    | 1                                |
| South Slave District         | 30                    | 14                               |
| <b>Northwest Territories</b> | <b>180</b>            | <b>38</b>                        |

In reference to the NWT wide Public Housing wait list, I can advise that there has been a decrease in the overall waiting list by 60 applicants since May, 2015. This reduction is primarily a result of the approved transfer of funding from Education, Culture and Employment to fund an increase of 55 public housing units in Yellowknife, 10 units in Inuvik and 10 units in Hay River.

Furthermore, a review of the public housing applications for Yellowknife indicates that approximately 83% of applicants were already accommodated through accommodation assistance from the Government of the Northwest Territories either through Income Assistance or shelter supports.

As you may appreciate, the primary challenge that we face as a government before addressing potential demand for new investment in public housing units is to first ensure the sustainability of our existing public housing stock, especially faced with the reality of ongoing declining investment in housing from the Federal government. Unless the Federal government reconsiders its approach to assisting the NWT in meeting the housing needs of our residents, this matter may need to be addressed through internal capacities and priorities before we may consider any new long term investment in public housing infrastructure.

I trust that the responses provided to your questions are satisfactory.



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