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Oral Question 716-18(3): Coerced and Forced Sterilization

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on May 24, 2019 regarding Coerced and Forced Sterilization.

The Department of Health and Social Services (Department) acknowledges and condemns the abhorrent practice of performing sterilization under coerced or forced circumstances that impacted residents of the Northwest Territories and take seriously accounts being shared by residents.

The Department has contacted the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) Archives to gather documents related to the 1998 GNWT program referred to in your Member's Statement. As gathering these historical records will likely take some time, I hope to share this relevant information with you and the other Members later this summer. We are also working with the Legislative Assembly Library to identify any additional records available.

I will continue to keep Members informed as more information becomes available.

Thank you.

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