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MLA, MONFWI**Oral Question 790-19(2): Land Issues in Tłı̨chǫ Communities**

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Questions you raised on November 23, 2021, regarding the availability of legal supports for residents in your constituency who require assistance with the transfer of property ownership after a family member has passed away.

As I mentioned in the House, the Department of Justice offers several programs that are available to all residents of the Northwest Territories and which can provide assistance with matters related to wills and estates. This includes the Office of the Public Trustee, which manages the estates of deceased persons and is available to provide information to the public. There is also the Legal Aid Outreach Clinic which is a free service that provides legal information or advice, court related assistance, and referrals to appropriate follow-up services. The Legal Aid Outreach Clinic may be reached toll-free at 1-844-497-1319.

To find a private lawyer who may be able to assist on estate-related issues, the Law Society of the Northwest Territories is able to assist through their lawyer referral program.

I would be pleased to meet with you to discuss your questions and concerns further.

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Minister, Justice

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