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Oral Question 786-18(3): Nursing Services in Tsiigehtchic

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on August 12, 2019 regarding Nursing Services in Tsiigehtchic.

Outside of freeze up and break up, the regularly scheduled nursing services in Tsiigehtchic are once a week for approximately 5 hours, dependent on weather, road conditions and ferry operations. There are 10 thirty-minute appointments available on these days and the nurse will stay late if there is a need.

As discussed in the House, I have directed the Department of Health and Social Services to work with the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority – Beaufort Delta Region (NTHSSA) to endeavor to overcome the logistical obstacles that prevent the nurse from spending a full eight-hour shift in Tsiigehtchic, thus ensuring community members receive the care to which they are entitled.

Recognizing an increase in community needs, the NTHSSA will be implementing additional nursing hours each month in the Beaufort Delta Region. Communication to the communities will be forthcoming with the revised clinic schedule. It is expected this change will take place before the end of August 2019.

Thank you.

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Minister of Health and Social Services

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