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MLA, HAY RIVER SOUTH

**Oral Question 128-19(2): Mental Health and Wellness of Seniors in Long-Term Care**

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This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on March 2, 2020 regarding Mental Health and Wellness of Seniors in Long-Term Care.

In particular, I want to address the suggestion for something resembling an ambulance bay to be incorporated into the design of the Long Term Care (LTC) facility in Hay River. At this stage of the project, the initial planning and engagement with consultants and stakeholders regarding the 48-bed LTC facility has begun, and the site survey, geotechnical, hazardous material assessment and building site analysis have been completed. A request for proposal for the building's schematic design has been awarded and the design is in progress, based on the earlier building site analysis.

We would need to look into the feasibility of adding an ambulance bay-type entry to the Hay River Long Term Care facility. I will inform the Member should this suggestion be deemed feasible.

Thank you.

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