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Oral Question 482-18(3): Municipal Funding Gap

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on October 31, 2018 regarding the Municipal Funding Gap.

During the past sitting of the Legislative Assembly, I committed to tabling the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA's) strategy to fulfill our government's mandate commitment in closing the gap on funding levels to meet municipal core needs. I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with a brief update on the progress made by the Department to address the shortfalls in municipal funding.

MACA continues to work closely with the Northwest Territories Association of Communities on the development of the municipal funding gap strategy. In 2018-19, MACA plans to update information in the funding models to ensure that data reflects current infrastructure and associated operating costs.

As committed in the House, MACA will be in a position to table the Municipal Funding Strategy by the end of the February - March 2019 sitting of the 18th Legislative Assembly. MACA will continue to work within the Government of the Northwest Territories fiscal framework to apply for annual increases to work towards closing the funding gap for NWT community governments.

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