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Oral Question 572-18(3) Safety Issues on the Dempster Highway

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on February 14, 2019 regarding safety issues on the Dempster Highway. I committed to undertaking a safety audit of kilometre (km) 87 and providing you with the results, as well as providing a list of all future guard rail installation work that will be done on the Dempster Highway in general.

The Department will be conducting a safety audit at this location and will be reviewing all engineering options available to improve safety. The Transportation Association of Canada is currently undertaking a review of their policies on guard rail use for low volume highways. Once this has been completed, the Department of Infrastructure (INF) will determine if a guardrail is required at km 87 and will also be reviewing other locations based on the updated guidelines. INF will notify you once this work has been completed.

Thank you for raising the road safety concerns of your constituents in regards to km 87 and the Dempster Highway in general. INF takes all safety issues involving the transportation system seriously, and remains committed to working with you as we move forward in addressing this issue.

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