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**Oral Question 722-18(3): Fort Providence Seniors' Facility**

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on May 27, 2019 regarding the Paid Family / Community Caregiver Pilot Project (pilot project).

The communities of Fort Resolution, Behchokò, Hay River (including the Kát'odeeche First Nation Reserve) and Yellowknife (including Dettah and Ndilò) have been selected to participate in the pilot project. These communities were selected by the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority, the Hay River Health and Social Services Authority, the Tłı̨chų Community Services Agency and the Department of Health and Social Services in order to pilot the project in small, medium, and large sized communities.

The intent of the pilot project is to support family caregivers when the care of their loved one's needs exceeds their capacity. This pilot project will look at addressing the barrier of finding suitable caregivers in small communities. It is not intended to replace family relationships and caregiving responsibilities. Exploring options like the pilot project allows us to support seniors and persons with disabilities so that they can remain living in the place where they are most comfortable.

The pilot project will take place between the 2019/20 and 2021/22 fiscal years, where the lessons learned will be used to inform a territory-wide roll out.

Thank you.

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