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**Oral Question 403-18(2): Seniors Sport and Recreation Program Funding**

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question raised on October 27, 2016 regarding Seniors Sport and Recreation Program funding.

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) met with the Northwest Territories' (NWT) Seniors Society on several occasions during the winter to discuss improved support for sport and recreation for seniors. As a result of these discussions, MACA has agreed to support the implementation of a three-year pilot project beginning later in 2017. The NWT Seniors Society is currently working on the development of a pilot project proposal.

I also met with the five major sport and recreation organizations on April 13, 2017 to discuss development of a sector wide strategy to cover all population demographics including seniors, girls and women, persons with a disability and others. One of the first steps we will be undertaking in the development of this framework is an environmental scan, in cooperation with the organizations, to identify gaps, overlaps and opportunities for cooperation. I expect to be able to report progress on this initiative during the Fall session.

Thank you for raising this important topic.

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