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Translation to follow

March 19, 2026

Dear Mr. Pedersen,

I wish to provide further detail to a response I gave in the House during oral questions on March 11, 2026.

During oral questions, you asked about the new air ambulance contract and updated medevac information for Cambridge Bay.

Regarding the new air ambulance contract, negotiations remain ongoing and Health remains focused on finalizing the contract.

In 2025 Cambridge Bay received 106 medevacs, 97 were complete, and 9 were cancelled. The average response time was 8 hours and 25 minutes, however the most frequent response times were between 1-2 hours. While the vast majority of calls were responded to within 12 hours, there are several calls that have greatly increased the average wait times. The longest response time was between 49-50 hours, with 1 call. Response times over 12 hours are most often due to weather and crew at rest delays.

If there are any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Janet Pitsiulaaq Brewster
Minister of Health
Minister responsible for Suicide Prevention

cc: Megan Hunt, Deputy Minister of Health

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