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**Re: Request for Review  
Department of Health and Social Services  
Your File: 07-273-5 / Our File: 1029-20-HSS0517**

Dear Ms. Keenan Bengts:

This letter is in response to your correspondence of August 8, 2008, which was received by my office on August 12, 2008. Your correspondence included your Review Recommendation 07-273-5 with respect to a Request for Review filed by [REDACTED] in November 2007.

I appreciate your positive comments regarding my department's efforts in processing such a substantial request.

Review Recommendation 07-273-5 contains two specific recommendations:

1. *"That the Public Bodies involved ...follow up with the Legal Services Board to determine whether the lawyer engaged to deal with this matter was an in-house lawyer or a private sector lawyer. If he was a private sector lawyer, I recommend that steps be taken within 30 days to provide the Applicant with copies of any invoices submitted to the Legal Services Board by that lawyer for the provision of services in connection with the Applicant's case(s), subject to any appropriate severing which might be necessary in accordance with the Act."*
2. *".....that the Department of Health and Social Services.....use their best efforts to determine the specific amounts paid out*
  - a. *to medical and rehabilitation services providers for provision of services to the Applicant and his family from 1997 to June of 2007, including the costs of training and purchasing necessary equipment;*

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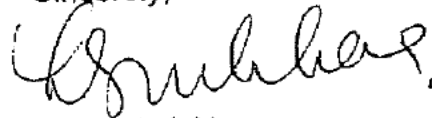
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- b. *to or for the Applicant and/or his family, other than legal costs, in relation to the issues at hand during that period, including the cost of travel and other costs incurred for or by the Applicant and his family; and, within 60 days, to provide the Applicant with a list of those amounts, the specific service providers paid, the dates of payment and any other information which might be relevant to the Request for Information."*

The Department of Health and Social Services has considered your recommendations and will make every reasonable effort to comply with the prescribed deadline. I must highlight, however, that with respect to your second Review Recommendation, my department's response will be dependent on the functionality of the Government of Nunavut's financial reporting system. As you have highlighted in your Review Recommendation, I agree that co-operation from the applicants may help to narrow the scope of the records sought and facilitate this process.

Please note that future correspondence regarding follow-up and response to these Review Recommendations will be addressed by my departmental officials.

Sincerely,



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Minister

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