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Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
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Dear Mr. Joyce:

Thank you for your letter of June 29, 2021, with respect to the delivery of laundry services for the new acute care hospital in Corner Brook.

I understand that you sent a similar request to Western Health and that a response to your inquiry has previously been provided by Mr. Christopher Squire, former VP Corporate Services with Western Health. However, in your letter to me you also inquired as to when laundry services were taken out of the design of the new facility.

Prior to the release of the Request for Proposals on July 6, 2018, a number of reviews were held with the procurement and technical advisors for the Corner Brook Acute Care Hospital project. One of the underlying premises of those reviews was that since acute care space is expensive space to develop, project elements that are not critical to acute care should be provided elsewhere. As a result an effort was made to identify any project elements that could be provided from alternate service locations.

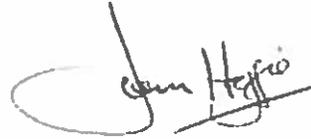
All project elements identified were reviewed with a number being recommended for removal. These recommendations were presented to the Ministers of TW and HCS, as well as Ministers representing the Corner Brook area (excluding the Premier), who provided direction.

The direction provided resulted in a number of refinements to the project scope, including relocation of the palliative and rehab beds to the new long term care home, which I think you would agree better aligns with appropriateness of care.

The laundry service that currently operates out of Western Memorial Regional Hospital is somewhat regional in nature in that it provides service for other Western Health facilities in addition to the hospital. Accordingly, laundry services can be provided from an alternate service location and does not need to be constructed within, and provided from, the new hospital. Regional, off-site laundry services are provided within other RHAs.

I appreciate your continued interest in the development of this new facility on behalf of the residents of the western region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Haggie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a horizontal line at the end.

JOHN HAGGIE, MD, FRCS
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Minister