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Deputy Minister
3475 Albert Street
Regina, Canada S4S 6X6

February 2, 2018

Danielle Chartier, Chair
Standing Committee on Public Accounts
Room 7, Legislative Building
REGINA SK S4S 0B3

Dear Ms. Chartier:

Re: Reporting of Public Losses for the Health System

I have attached the report of Losses of Public Money at the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA), the Athabasca Health Authority (AHA), and the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency (SCA) from October 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

The report contains four new instances of losses of public money:

- A SCA employee at the Saskatoon Cancer Centre misappropriated between \$1,500 and \$3,750 in funds designated for patient financial assistance.
- The Community Health Services building in Lloydminster was broken into resulting in \$750 in damages and stolen property.
- A set of four winter tires valued at \$840 were stolen from the Riverside Health Complex in Turtleford.
- An ambulance employee's camper was broken into while working in Maidstone resulting in \$5,063 in SHA property and personal items stolen.

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The *Losses of Public Money* report will be published on the Government of Saskatchewan's website on February 5, 2018.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
MAX HENDRICKS

Max Hendricks
Deputy Minister

Attachment

cc: Honourable Jim Reiter, Minister of Health
Honourable Greg Ottenbreit, Minister of Rural and Remote Health
Kent Campbell, Interim Deputy Minister to the Premier and Cabinet Secretary,
Executive Council
Billie-Jo Morrissette, Executive Director, Financial Services, Health
Bev Hungle, Director, Operations and Internal Audit, Financial Services, Health
Kathy Burianyak, Senior Public Accounts Committee Clerk

Losses of Public Money 2017-18 Third Quarter Report

Losses Reported by Saskatchewan Health Organizations* For the Period October 1 to December 31, 2017

Date of Occurrence	Health Organization	Description	Amount	Action Taken
Internal				
May to September 2017	Saskatchewan Cancer Agency	An employee at the Saskatoon Cancer Centre misappropriated funds designated for patient financial assistance.	\$1,500 to \$3,750	An internal investigation was conducted and the employee was terminated. The incident was reported to the professional association to which this employee belongs. The Saskatchewan Cancer Agency is seeking recovery of the loss from the former employee. Internal controls have been strengthened.
External				
November 9, 2017	Saskatchewan Health Authority	Thieves broke a window to gain access to the Community Health Services Building in Lloydminster. A Saskatchewan Health Authority cell phone was stolen.	\$750	The incident was reported to the RCMP.
Discovered October 2, 2017	Saskatchewan Health Authority	A set of four winter tires were stolen from the Riverside Health Complex in Turtleford.	\$840	Security was increased to better protect Saskatchewan Health Authority assets.
Summer 2016	Saskatchewan Health Authority	An ambulance employee's camper was broken into while working in Maidstone. Saskatchewan Health Authority property and personal items were stolen.	\$5,063	The incident was reported to the RCMP.

*Saskatchewan Health Organizations include: Saskatchewan Health Authority, Athabasca Health Authority, and Saskatchewan Cancer Agency.