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November 2, 2018

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



Dear Mr. Wotherspoon:

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), Saskatchewan Cancer Agency (SCA), and Athabasca Health Authority (AHA) from July 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018.

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

- A Telehealth camera valued at \$2,300 was stolen from an unlocked room at Biggar Health Centre in Biggar.
- A patient and staff at Victoria Hospital in Prince Albert reported \$800 cash missing from the patient's locked belongings drawer.
- A Microsoft Surface Pro laptop valued at \$1,000 was stolen from a locked room at Pasqua Hospital Eye Centre office in Regina.

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

Sincerely,



Max Hendricks
Deputy Minister

Attachment

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

**Losses of Public Money
2018-19 Second Quarter Report**

**Losses Reported by Saskatchewan Health Organizations*
For the Period July 1 to September 30, 2018**

Date of Occurrence	Health Organization	Description	Amount	Action Taken
Internal				
July 24, 2018	Saskatchewan Health Authority - Biggar	A Telehealth camera was stolen from an unlocked room at Biggar Health Centre.	\$2,300	An internal investigation was conducted. The incident was reported to the RCMP. The perpetrator was not identified. The SHA has since strengthened controls to better safeguard assets.
July 30, 2018	Saskatchewan Health Authority – Prince Albert	A patient and employees at Victoria Hospital in Prince Albert reported cash missing from the patient's locked belongings drawer.	\$800	An internal investigation was conducted. The incident was reported to the Prince Albert Police Service. The perpetrator was not identified. A cheque was issued to the patient in the amount of \$800. The SHA is taking steps to review and correct its processes regarding the security of patient belongings.
August 7, 2018	Saskatchewan Health Authority – Regina	A Microsoft Surface Pro laptop was stolen from a locked office at Pasqua Hospital Eye Centre in Regina.	\$1,000	An internal investigation was conducted. The incident was reported to the Regina Police Service. The perpetrator was not identified.

*Saskatchewan Health Organizations include: Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA), Athabasca Health Authority, and Saskatchewan Cancer Agency (SCA).

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