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3475 Albert Street
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May 4, 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 January 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018.

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

- A SHA employee working at the Saskatoon Field House stole up to \$7,620 in cash paid by patients intended for Chronic Disease Management programs.
- A SCA laptop valued at \$915 was stolen from the boardroom at the Allan Blair Cancer Center in Regina.
- A SCA Microsoft Surface Pro 4 tablet valued at \$2,513.30 was accidentally left by an employee in the backseat of a cab in Regina.
- A SHA leased vehicle valued at \$25,200 was stolen from an employee's property in Lloydminster.
- A cheque for \$9,409.85 issued by the SHA Swift Current office was stolen, altered and cashed by a fraudster.

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The *Losses of Public Money* report will be published on the Government of Saskatchewan's website on May 7, 2018.

Sincerely,



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 Morrisette, 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 Fourth Quarter Report

Losses Reported by Saskatchewan Health Organizations* For the Period January 1 to March 31, 2018

Date of Occurrence	Health Organization	Description	Amount	Action Taken
Internal				
September 2016 to February 2018	Saskatchewan Health Authority - Saskatoon	A SHA employee working out of the Saskatoon Field House stole cash paid by patients intended for Chronic Disease Management programs.	Up to \$7,620	An internal investigation was conducted. As a result, the employee's employment was terminated. The incident was reported to the Saskatoon City Police. The SHA has taken measures to better safeguard patient payments and strengthen process controls.
December 22, 2017 to January 2, 2018	Saskatchewan Cancer Agency - Regina	A Cancer Agency laptop was stolen from the Allan Blair Cancer Center boardroom.	\$915	An internal investigation was conducted. The incident was reported to the Regina City Police. The perpetrator was not identified. The Cancer Agency has since strengthened controls over computer equipment in boardrooms.
February 8, 2018	Saskatchewan Cancer Agency - Regina	A Cancer Agency employee accidentally left a Microsoft Surface tablet in the backseat of a cab. The cab company did not find the tablet.	\$2,513	An internal investigation was conducted. The incident was reported to the Regina City Police. Cancer Agency employees were reminded of security measures to be taken when in possession of Cancer Agency property.
External				
January 17, 2018	Saskatchewan Health Authority - Lloydminster	A SHA leased vehicle was stolen from an employee's property.	\$25,200	The theft was reported to the RCMP. The loss was fully recovered through insurance.
March 27, 2018	Saskatchewan Health Authority - Swift Current	A cheque, mailed by the SHA to the lockbox of a vendor in Toronto, was stolen, altered and cashed by a fraudster.	\$9,409.85	The incident was reported to the bank and passed onto their fraud division. The RCMP is involved in the fraud investigation. The fraudster has been identified. The bank returned the stolen money to the SHA bank account.

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

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