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

Dear Trent Wotherspoon:

Re: Reporting of Public Losses for the Health System

Attached is the report of Losses of Public Money at the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA), Athabasca Health Authority (AHA), and Saskatchewan Cancer Agency (SCA) from July 1, 2020, to September 30, 2020.

The report contains an instance of loss of public money:

- A previous employee of Saskatchewan Health Authority (formerly under Sunrise Regional Health Authority) misappropriated public money and misused public property resulting in a loss of \$89,796.

The *Losses of Public Money* report will be released on the Government of Saskatchewan's website in the near future.

Sincerely,

Max Hendricks
Deputy Minister of Health

Attachment

cc: Honourable Jim Reiter, Minister of Health
Honourable Warren Kaeding, Minister of Rural and Remote Health
Cam Swan, Deputy Minister to the Premier and Cabinet Secretary, Executive Council
Denise Macza, Associate Deputy Minister, Health
Joy Vanstone, Executive Director, Financial Services, Health
Melanie DeMarni, Director, Financial Services, Health
Kathy Burianyak, Senior Public Accounts Committee Clerk

Losses of Public Money 2020-21 Second Quarter Report

Losses Reported by Saskatchewan Health Organizations*
For the Period July 1 to September 30, 2020

Date of Occurrence	Health Organization	Description	Amount (whole dollar)	Action Taken
Internal				
July 21, 2017	Saskatchewan Health Authority – Sunrise	A previous employee of Saskatchewan Health Authority (formerly under Sunrise Regional Health Authority) misappropriated public money and misused public property.	\$89,796	Saskatchewan Health Authority (formerly Sunrise Regional Health Authority) initiated an internal investigation on July 21, 2017. Effective September 14, 2017, the employee was terminated from employment with SHA. RCMP concluded their investigation and the case went before the court. A court order was released on October 9, 2020 finding the terminated employee guilty of deceit, falsehood or other fraudulent means, and defraud of SHA of money exceeding five thousand dollars.
External				
No incidents to report.				

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

Includes losses of money or property greater than \$500 that have been reported by Saskatchewan Health Organizations that are due to fraud or similar illegal acts by employees, suppliers, or contractors.