



## News Release

### Premier Appoints Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (January 17, 2006)** – Premier Paul Okalik has appointed David Ramsden as Deputy Minister at the Department of Health and Social Services.

Ramsden has more than 20 years of experience in the North, including having served as the Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services in the Government of Northwest Territories. He has also provided executive level contracting services to the Government of Nunavut.

Ramsden will serve as Deputy Minister on an interim basis pending the completion of a national recruitment campaign that is currently underway to fill the position on a permanent basis.

Until his departure on January 27, 2006 outgoing Health and Social Services Deputy Minister Bernie Blais will assist to ensure a smooth transfer of responsibilities.

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