

Statement

Premier responds to Auditor General's reports

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Iqaluit, Nunavut

Premier P.J. Akeeagok today released the following statement responding to the reports of the Auditor General of Canada titled *Child and Family Services in Nunavut* and *COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution in Nunavut*:

“Our government acknowledges and accepts Auditor General Karen Hogan’s findings.

Children are the future of our territory. As Premier, and as a father, I am deeply disheartened by her report that says the delivery of child and family services in Nunavut is in a crisis state.

Our response must be swift. With the full support of Cabinet, the government is unlocking the resources necessary to enable the Departments of Family Services, Health, and Human Resources to respond financially and with increased human capacity. The Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs (EIA) will establish a Government of Nunavut (GN) audit and support function and develop a performance accountability framework. Taking a whole-of-government approach, EIA will provide oversight across departments for services related to the wellbeing of children, youth, and families.

Regarding COVID-19 vaccine distribution, recommendations will be implemented as the GN continues to ensure that vaccine rollout is effective and equitable. This evaluation reinforces the actions we took and will continue to take to improve health care delivery and services for Nunavummiut. Vaccines save lives, and we continue to encourage Nunavummiut to protect themselves and their communities by getting vaccinated.

Thank you, Ms. Hogan, for your work. These reviews will enable the GN to remain accountable and transparent in our delivery of health and social services.”

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