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Mr. Owen Parkhouse, President  
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Dear Mr. <sup>Owen</sup>~~Parkhouse~~:

Your predecessor brought the Federation's concern for Occupational Therapy services for school-aged children to my attention and I assure you that it is one that I share.

Let me first apologize for the delay in responding to the Federation's request that our Department partner with the Department of Health and Wellness to conduct a review of the funding and utilization of this service.

As you are probably aware, the Department of Health and Wellness is in the process of major restructuring, creating the new provincial agency, Health PEI.

As the former Minister leading this initiative, I can tell you one of the driving reasons behind this re-organization was to ensure consistent, high quality support services equally accessible across the province, in keeping with our government's vision of "one island - one community".

Another factor behind the delay in being able to provide response is that Health and Wellness are conducting a review of pediatric services, which will undoubtedly address Occupational Therapy services for children. The first consultations of this review are complete and the initial report is due back very soon.

We will keep the request of your motion at the forefront of our communications with the Department of Health and Wellness, and keep you informed on the review of support services for children.

Sincerely,

Doug W. Currie  
Minister