

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Health and Community Services Office of Deputy Minister

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Dr. Nebojsa Denic Clinical Chief, Laboratory Medicine Program St. John's Hospital, Eastern Health St. Clare's Site St. John's, NL A1C 5B8

Dear Dr. Denic:

Re: Possible Loss of a Breast Pathology Specialist

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 21, 2007 regarding the possible loss of Dr. Beverly Carter who is recognized as a breast Pathology specialist.

The Minister has been fully briefed on the current resource issues facing Pathology. We continue to follow-up with our Treasury Board counterparts to ensure a timely and positive response to the proposal on workload issues and compensation.

Please continue to update my office of any planned or potential changes in your physician resources. I will ensure that Treasury Board is notified of the results. .

I hope to have a response from Treasury Board in the very near future on our joint proposal.

Sincerely yours,

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Deputy Minister

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Dr. Oscar Howell CC.