

RE: 2017 Long Term Energy Plan

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Thanks for your previous email, Francesca.

Matt and Andrew, we have a few concerns from a poverty reduction perspective:

- 1) It is not explicitly stated that individuals and families, who are social assistance recipients, and who directly pay their hydro bills are automatically eligible for OESP. If they are in fact so eligible, this needs to be clearly stated to avoid ambiguity/confusion. If they aren't, then this appears to be a significant policy omission.
- 2) The plan does not include support/relief for low income individuals/families who are paying hydro bills indirectly (e.g. as part of their rent) and therefore do not qualify for OESP. No doubt, MCSS will have concerns on this, as well as item 1.

I suspect that you may also hear from MCSS on the definition of "Home" for the purposes of the Affordability Fund and therefore the ability of VAW shelters to access the fund.

Finally, our minister would also be interested in understanding the steps being taken to address energy poverty in the north, particularly within northern First Nations communities.

Thanks

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