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Written Question No. 353

353 Mr. McNaughton - Enquiry of the Ministry- Will the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care indicate what new regulations are in place to address issues with non-emergency patient transfer and what these entail. April 16, 2015

Response:

If passed, the *Strengthening and Improving Government Act, 2015* (Bill 85) would make amendments to the *Highway Traffic Act* which would regulate private sector non-emergency stretcher transportation vehicles and their drivers. The new standards would require operators and drivers to meet specific requirements with respect to vehicle inspection and maintenance, prescribed qualifications for staff on board, equipment and recordkeeping.

The regulations have not yet been developed and will commence upon passing of the legislation. The Ministry of Transportation will lead the development of regulations with support from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and will involve consultations with key stakeholders.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Hoskins', written over a horizontal line.

Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins