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Dear Ms. Langille:

Thank you for your letter of January 27th, 2016, requesting additional information on the Sexual Violence Strategy.

With respect to the number of therapists in Nova Scotia, at present, the three sexual assault centres (Colchester, Antigonish and Avalon) have a total of 8 therapists with expertise in trauma recovery. There are also numerous therapists in private practice and within the health system who have trauma-specific training, though the exact number is not presently known. The Department of Health and Wellness has undertaken initiatives to support trauma informed care and practice.

A list of the members of the interdepartmental committee, along with departments represented is attached to this letter.

Thank you again for the opportunity to present to the Standing Committee on Community Services on the very important work that is advancing through the Sexual Violence Prevention Strategy.

Sincerely,



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