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### Health Care Issues the Focus of Legislature March 12, 2008

The Premier says there is never enough money to deal with all the issues facing the health care system, but given recent revelations of urgent repair needs Danny Williams says more money will be allocated for the aging infrastructure. The matter was raised by the Opposition in the House of Assembly. Opposition Leader Yvonne Jones began question period in the House of Assembly yesterday tackling the health care system, and didn't let up. After assessing the 3 year old facilities report recently brought to light, the Opposition estimates repairs to health care infrastructure to be well beyond 100 million dollars, and a far cry from the routine hospital maintenance expenditure undertaken by government. While Williams recently announced an increase to the department's budget of 50 percent, Jones claims it will still leave the aging health care facilities in far less than ideal condition. The premier says a long term strategy is in the works to ascertain what facilities will remain and which ones may be replaced, but they are prepared to make the investment for not only the health but the safety of the residents of the province.



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