

LEGISLATIVE RETURN



SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Ms. McLean, Minister of Education

1. On [date], [MLA]
- asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) 87 of *Hansard*
 - submitted the following written question – WQ No. #
 - gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. #

RE: [subject]

OR

2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion with Currie Dixon, Member for Copperbelt North on December 1, 2021 related to:

Bill No. 202

Second Reading Third Reading

Committee of the Whole: Vote 03 Education

Motion No. #

RE: Early learning framework

at page(s) 1172 of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

In 2019/20, the Department of Health and Social Services worked towards developing a Yukon early learning and child care curriculum framework. Curriculum frameworks set out overarching principles that help early childhood educators identify the developmental early learning stages of children and provide guidance on how best to design learning environments to ensure that children reach their fullest developmental potentials. Considerable time was spent engaging with all Yukon First Nations and stakeholders to determine how best to develop a Yukon vision for early learning and child care programming.

In 2021/22, the Department of Education has been focused on the implementation of Yukon's Universal Early Learning and Child Care Program and the negotiation and implementation of ELCC funding agreements with the Government of Canada.

Under new agreements with the Government of Canada, the Yukon has committed that in 2022/23 we will finalize a Yukon early learning curriculum framework and support ELCC providers in implementing the framework into their programs. This will include professional development for educators and program operators.

The finalized Yukon ELCC curriculum framework will complete work done to date and be consistent with British Columbia's early learning framework which has been implemented by in Yukon schools. The framework will allow for streamlined transitions from licensed child care to the education system.

In addition to completing the framework, federal funding will be directed towards increased monitoring, training and supports that will be required for full implementation.

March 3, 2022

Date



Signature