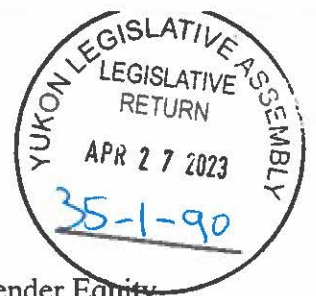


LEGISLATIVE RETURN



SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Jeanie McLean, Minister responsible for the Women and Gender Equity Directorate

1. On April 3, 2023, Lane Tredger, Member for Whitehorse Centre

☒ asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) 3418 of *Hansard*

☐ submitted the following written question – WQ No. #

☐ gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. #

RE: Taxi safety

OR

2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion with [MLA] on [date] related to:

April 3, 2023

Bill No. # 208

☐ Second Reading ☐ Third Reading

☒ Committee of the Whole: [Vote] Vote 11

Motion No. #

RE: [subject] taxi safety

at page(s) [page numbers] of *Hansard*.

3418

The response is as follows:

- Yukon's MMIWG2S+ Strategy includes action 2.8 on Transportation and Communication: Create safe and affordable transportation and communication options to and between Yukon communities. The Yukon Advisory Committee on MMIWG2S+ is actively working on the implementation plan based on the actions in the strategy.
- In December 2022, the Yukon Advisory Committee on MMIWG2S+ released a document titled *Priority Action Items: Changing the Story to Upholding Dignity and Justice: Yukon's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-spirit+ People Strategy* that outlines 12 priorities from the strategy. Reliable, affordable and safe transportation services within the City of Whitehorse and between rural communities was identified as a priority. The Yukon Women's Coalition Taxi Safety report is listed as an implementation consideration.
- Victim Services adjusts the taxi companies used based on feedback from clients and partners, including information obtained through the taxi-survey.
- The SART weekend accompaniment team through Victim Services has developed an operational policy on transportation for workers to transport victims to and from services to avoid the use of taxi for victims. If providing transportation isn't a possibility for the SART weekend accompaniment team, workers can also offer to follow the taxi in their vehicle to the destination or to accompany the victim in the taxi.
- The Department of Education selects taxi companies through a competitive tendering process, and follows procurement directives and awards based on that. They have developed the terms and conditions with the Student Support Services unit based on the needs of students and families who access this program and feedback received regarding the overall operation and level of service.
- Education also has specific criteria for drives and the vehicles including requirements for vulnerable sector checks and first aid among other performance requirements. The contractor will make every effort to maintain driver assignments to provide a consistent and predictable service for the students. The department has previously cancelled a contract when the company was not meeting its contract performance requirements.
- The department of Health and Social Services' Social Services and Mental Wellness and Substance Use Services provide taxis to support some vulnerable Yukoners.
- Mental Wellness and Substance Use Services offers taxis for clients coming to and from withdrawal management. The Referred Care Clinic may also provide taxi slips to and from appointments if necessary and appropriate.

April 27, 2023

Date


Signature

LEGISLATIVE RETURN

- Income Support provides funds for taxi services to support clients in accessing transportation for reasons including accessing medical services, fleeing abusive situations, or other emergent appointments. Additionally, clients of income support who are eligible for Schedule B items are provided with transportation funds to use at their own discretion, which may include accessing taxi services.
- Income Support only provides authorization orders to vendors in good standing.

April 27, 2023
Date


Signature