

LEGISLATIVE RETURN



SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Mr. Streicker, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources

1. On [date], [MLA]

- asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) [page numbers] 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 Scott Kent, Member for Copperbelt South on October 24, 2023 related to:

Bill No. #

Second Reading Third Reading

Committee of the Whole:

Motion No. #
reclamation

RE: Ministerial Statement-Minto Mine Closure and

at page(s) 4109-4011 of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

Question 1: When will the project execution plan be completed? Will it include detailed cost estimates for the remaining reclamation and closure work?

Answer 1: This work is underway, as noted. The Government of Yukon anticipates the project execution plan will be finalized by the end of November and that it will include cost projections.

Question 2: How much money is still owed to private contractors? What portion of that is for Yukon-based companies?

Answer 2: The amount owed to the 10 private Yukon businesses is \$13,751,891 and is equivalent to 32 per cent of all registered lien claims.

Question 3: After the initial direct-award contract was given to manage the site, the next phase of site management was also sole-sourced. Can the Minister tell us the value of the second contract? Does it conclude in May 2024? Why was it necessary to sole-source that contract?

Answer 3: The second contract was sole-sourced to Boreal Engineering for \$11.6 million and runs until May 2024. The reason for sole-sourcing was to act quickly to ensure environmental protection and continued water treatment.

Question 4: What role does the Government of Yukon have in Minto Mine's sale process? When do we expect it to be concluded?

Answer 4: The Government of Yukon is not conducting the sale process. A court-appointed receiver, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, is in charge of the process and is seeking to complete that process as soon as possible. The receiver recognizes both Selkirk First Nations and the Government of Yukon as unique stakeholders in the sales process. We're being consulted throughout the sales process and are providing feedback to the receiver to inform the process.

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Question 5: Did Minto Mine have all necessary permits and licences in place when they closed? If a water licence was in place, why is the Government of Yukon not using that licence to operate and instead using emergency powers under the Waters Act? Can the Minister provide the opposition with a copy of Minto Mine's licence(s)?

Answer 5: Minto's water licence can be found on Waterline. It has been in place throughout the operational history of the mine. Minto also had a Quartz Mining Licence in place. No mine is permitted to operate without these two essential licences. The Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources has the authority under the Waters Act to take steps necessary to ensure that human, environmental, and other health and safety is preserved. The Government of Yukon is conducting work on site to ensure protection of the environment, this work is being done in alignment with the water license conditions wherever possible. We are working closely with Selkirk First Nation to ensure our activities on site uphold environmental and socio-economic values at the site and will consult with Selkirk First Nation prior to any deviations from existing water license conditions.

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