

LEGISLATIVE RETURN



SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Nils Clarke, Minister of Highways and Public Works

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 Stacey Hassard, Member for Pelly-Nisutlin on October 19, 2023 related to:
 - Bill No. # 211 Second Reading Third Reading
 - Committee of the Whole: Vote 55 Highways and Public Works
 - Motion No. # RE: Third-party rental agreements
 - at page(s) 4074 of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

Question:

I am curious if there has been any update on how things are working with the third-party rental agreements. Will Highways and Public Works continue to use the third-party rental? If so, when will the third-party agreements come out again for tender?

Response:

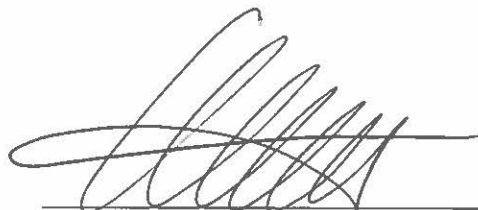
Standing Offer Arrangements (SOAs) for third party heavy equipment rentals are designed to work as a more efficient way for project managers to hire heavy, light and miscellaneous equipment when needed either for emergency call-out work or to complete smaller scheduled jobs.

The work often includes such things as highway clearing and maintenance, culvert installation and road remediation. However, the rental agreements may be used for any work where heavy, light or miscellaneous equipment is required.

SOAs for third party rentals are used by many government departments and programs and overall are working well. The spend this year is \$1 million higher than last year primarily in connection to flood response in Dawson City and work on the Dempster Highway. The construction season is now coming to an end. Highways and Public Works will reach out to stakeholders this fall for feedback on the program.

SOAs typically cover one year, usually commencing in April and ending in March. The department will go to tender in January 2024 in preparation for the 2024 summer season.

20/11/23
Date


Signature