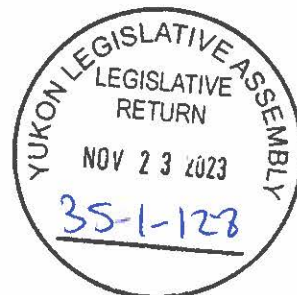


LEGISLATIVE RETURN



SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Health and Social Services

1. On November 15, 2022, Annie Blake, Member for Vuntut Gwitchin
- asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) [page numbers] of *Hansard*
 - submitted the following written question – WQ No. 31
 - gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. #

RE: [subject] *Whitehorse Correctional Centre substance use issues and supports*
OR

2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion with Kate White, Member for Takhini-Kopper King on March 28, 2022 related to:

Bill No. # Second Reading Third Reading

Committee of the Whole: [Vote]

Motion No. #

RE: [subject]

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

The response is as follows:
See attached letter dated March 20, 2023.

Nov. 23, 2023
Date


Signature



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March 20, 2023

Annie Blake
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Dear MLA Blake,

Re: Whitehorse Correctional Centre Substance Use Supports

Thank you for the written questions you submitted to the Legislative Assembly on November 15, 2022, regarding the substance use health emergency, declared in January of 2022, and concerns you have received relating to supports within the Whitehorse Correctional Centre (WCC). WCC is committed to identifying and meeting our clients' needs and providing a safe environment while in custody.

From January 2022 to October 2022, WCC had one client overdose and five overdoses of persons that were in RCMP custody. Persons in RCMP custody are considered separate from WCC as they are detained within the Arrest Processing Unit.

Whitehorse Corrections Centre staff are trained to administer naloxone by injection and nasal spray, with training occurring monthly. WCC also has its own contracted physicians, who visit weekly.

As of March 9, 2023, no current Whitehorse Correctional Centre client is prescribed safer supply. There are currently nine clients who are prescribed Opioid Agonist Treatment. Based on the current client count of 40, this is 23 per cent of the client population.

Thank you for your questions. I hope you will find this information helpful.

Yours truly,



Tracy-Anne McPhee
Minister of Justice and Attorney General