

LEGISLATIVE RETURN



SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Ranj Pillai, Minister of the Executive Council Office

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 ~~2024-03-26~~ related to:

Bill No. 212

March 25, 2024

Second Reading Third Reading

Committee of the Whole: Vote 02 Executive

Council Office

Motion No. #

RE: I am curious, though — I wasn't going to ask

about this, but he mentioned a conversation with the federal government on potential amendments to the YESAA legislation. I am curious if he can tell us what those potential amendments are and when any public consultation is expected to be conducted on those amendments.

at page(s) 4884 of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

The Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act (YESAA) Oversight Group is a body that was created in 2018 as part of the YESAA Reset MOU. The Oversight Group is composed of representatives from Canada, Yukon government, and the Council of Yukon First Nations (CYFN).

The YESAA Reset MoU and the Oversight Group Terms of Reference commit the Oversight Group to undertake a comprehensive review of the YESAA development assessment process at least once every 10 years, beginning from November 2017 unless the Parties agree otherwise. Therefore, the next review is anticipated in 2027.

YG has expressed support for beginning preparations for a comprehensive review of YESAA and its Regulations. Canada and CYFN have also expressed support.

For example, In January 2024, CYFN Leadership passed a resolution endorsing a comprehensive review of YESAA and its Regulations.

Currently the Oversight Group has not developed the scope or process for a comprehensive review of YESAA.

The Oversight Group is also making progress on a targeted amendment to YESAA.

This Amendment would provide a mechanism in which existing projects requiring amendments or renewals of their authorizations could be exempted from a new assessment if certain criteria are met and affected First Nations consent.

Phase one consultation on the proposed amendment concept was completed in December 2022 and Canada is currently conducting formal consultation on the targeted amendment concept between February to April 2024.

4.08.24

Date



Signature