

LEGISLATIVE RETURN



SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Jeanie Dendys

1. On April 20, 2017, Geraldine Van Bibber, Member for Porter Creek North

asked the following oral question at page(s) _____ of *Hansard*

submitted the following written question – WQ No. 5

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

RE: _____

OR

2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion related to:

on _____ at page(s) _____ of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

Attached is the letter provided in response to the same written question submitted by the Member for Porter Creek North on January 12, 2017.

May 1, 2017
Date

[Signature]
Signature



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February 9, 2017

Ms. Geraldine Van Bibber
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Dear Ms. Van Bibber:

RE: Written Question No. 13

Thank you for your questions with respect to the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls from January 12th, 2017.

Recently, our mandate letters were sent out from the Premier. Key priorities for the Women's Directorate include building safer communities by increasing government's efforts to reduce violence against women and working with colleagues and community partners to ensure Yukon plays an effective role in the inquiry including developing responses that improve community safety and address key concerns. Given these commitments, the Government of Yukon will participate fully in the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

The Women's Directorate is also currently working on restructuring of the Prevention of Violence against Aboriginal Women Fund, in order to make this fund more readily accessible to communities. This funding is for projects that focus on the prevention of violence against Aboriginal women. It provides assistance to community-based violence prevention projects designed and developed by and for Aboriginal women in Yukon. Last year, the Aboriginal Women's Initiative Fund also provided \$150,000 to three Aboriginal women's organizations to develop projects that respond to recommendations made at the Yukon Regional Roundtable and support work around participation in the National Inquiry.

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The Government of Yukon, led by the Department of Justice, is also working closely with Yukon Aboriginal women's organizations to apply for additional funding through the federal Victims Fund to provide additional supports for families. The Department of Justice has submitted a proposal for a "Family Information Liaison Unit" which will aid in the supports provided to families of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in Yukon. If this funding is received it will help to address the informational needs related to their loved ones' case.

Sincerely,



Jeanie Dendys
Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate