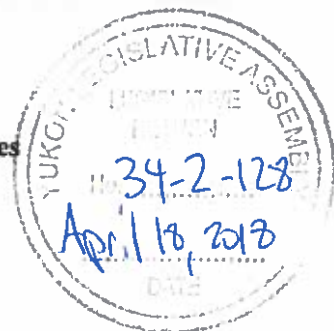


LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Hon. John Streicker Minister of Community Services



On April 10, 2018, Scott Kent, Member for Copperbelt South

- asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page 2481 of Hansard
submitted the following written question - WQ No.
gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers - MPP No.

RE: "In the budget highlights that were tabled March 1, the project was estimated to cost \$6.8 million. However, on March 15, in a joint announcement with Canada, the project was up to \$8.1 million... why did the project budget increase by \$1.4 million in just over two weeks?"

"During that same debate in Committee of the Whole, the Minister of Education mentioned -- and I quote: "... and it is important to note that this project will be funded over two years."

However, when contractors look at the tender forecast, this project was to be tendered yesterday, with bids closing on May 15. It states that construction is expected to be completed on October 31 of this year.

This doesn't provide much certainty to the contracting community. So is the minister correct about this being a two-year project or is the tender forecast correct in stating that it will completed later this year?"

The response is as follows:

The Government of Canada has approved funding for up to \$8.1 million for the FH Collins track facility under the Small Communities Fund. Community Services estimates that the project will cost \$6.8 million.
The difference in the amounts is to provide contingency funding for factors that were not known when the project was designed and the budget set.
The money not spent on this project will be used to fund other projects under the Small Communities Fund.
This project will be completed in 2019.

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18-April, 2018
Date