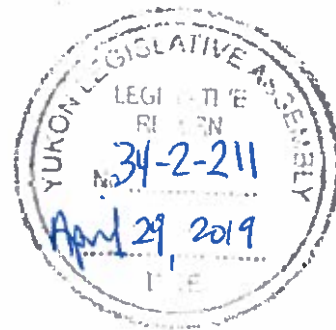


LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Hon. John Streicker, Minister of Community Services

On April 15, 2019 Liz Hanson, Member for Whitehorse Centre



- asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) 4418 of *Hansard*
- submitted the following written question – WQ No. _____
- gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. _____

RE: Ms. Hanson: "Can the minister clarify: What is the intention with respect to the regulations that are required for the pharmacies and the rural dispensaries? When will those be in place?"

Hon. Mr. Streicker: "I will get an update for what our targeted timeline is and the range of that work and what we are looking for."

The response is as follows:

Community Services is working to finalize the *Pharmacists Regulation* under the *Health Professions Act* and is aiming to have this work completed this spring 2019. The updated regulations will help to expand the scope of practice for pharmacists based on what we heard through the engagement process. The changes will further provide regulatory guidance for rural permit holders for the first time.

The next step toward a comprehensive framework for regulating Yukon's pharmacists and pharmacies is to develop a code of ethics and standard of practice, and associated regulations to oversee pharmacies in Yukon under the *Pharmacy and Drug Act*. This work is underway and is being informed by engagement process that took place in December 2018.

Given that the projects are connected, the *Pharmacy and Drug Act* will come into force once the suite of pharmacy regulations are completed and approved to come into effect. The Act cannot be proclaimed without the associated regulations. We expect this to be ready in early 2020.

Signature

25-April, 2019

Date