

## LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: **Jeanie Dendys, Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate**



1. On April 4, 2019, Liz Hanson, Member for Whitehorse Centre

- asked the following oral question at page(s)      of *Hansard*
- submitted the following written question – WQ No.
- gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No.

RE: Work Women's Directorate is doing with non-aboriginal racial minorities

Ms. Hanson: "What work is the Women's Directorate doing with the non-aboriginal racial minorities in this territory?"

OR

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

Bill 210: First Appropriation Act 2019-20, Vote 11, Women's Directorate

At page (s) 4269 of Hansard

The response is as follows:

Please see attached.

Date

April 30, 2019

Signature

The Women's Directorate remains committed to advancing the economic, legal, and social equality of all women across Yukon. The Women's Directorate provides funding to a range of initiatives. Some funding is specifically for the benefit of Yukon women, and some funding is for programming that can be accessed by all Yukoners.

The Women's Directorate is expanding Gender Inclusive Diversity Analysis (GIDA) knowledge and capacity across departments to facilitate the integration of gender equality and diversity considerations throughout government decision-making. GIDA is an intersectional approach that looks at the connections between individual identities and the structures that shape our lives to account for different experiences. Since these structures include government legislation, policies, programs, and services, intersectionality can help ensure government decisions do not inadvertently disadvantage populations. GIDA analysis recognizes that individual identities are made up of many factors, including but not limited to: gender, socio-economic status, ethnicity, religion, and sexual orientation. The Women's Directorate leads gender and diversity analysis for the Yukon government to enhance the effectiveness of legislation, policies and programs. Through expanding GIDA we continue our work of serving the needs of Yukon's diverse and vibrant population.

The Women's Directorate helps fund a Women's Advocate position (housed at the Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre). The Women's Advocate helps women to access basic services and information, assists them when dealing with government agencies, liaises between women, government agencies and other community organizations, and advocates on behalf of women to agencies, organizations or individuals.

The Women's Directorate also helps fund women's legal advocacy services, working out of the Skookum Jim Friendship Centre. This program develops and delivers support services to women involved in the legal and justice system, including criminal justice, victim support, child protection, landlord and tenancy issues, Wellness Court, and family legal matters.

The Women's Directorate helps fund the A Safe Place Program through the Victoria Faulkner Women's Center. The program provides low-barrier, after-hour service for Whitehorse women experiencing insecure housing, food insecurity, and mental health issues.

The Women's Directorate helps fund program coordination/delivery at the Whitehorse Affordable Family Housing Complex. The Whitehorse Affordable Family Housing Complex project provides program supports to 31 lone-parent families.