



LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Mr. Mostyn, Minister of Highways and Public Works

1. On _____, (Member) _____

- asked the following question during the Oral Question Period 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: _____

OR

2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion with Mr. Hassard, Leader of the Official Opposition on October 20, 2020 related to:

Bill No. 204 Second Reading Third Reading
 Committee of the Whole: Vote 55
 Motion No. _____ RE: Jersey Barriers
 at page(s) 1495 of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

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Response:

Please see attached.

Nov 4/20
Date

Signature

Attachment – Jersey Barriers Legislative Return

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Response:

Most of Yukon's primary highways were assessed for vehicle hazards including curves, steep grades and high embankments in 2018. This led to the development of a Barrier Warrant, which identifies vehicle hazards across the highway network and prioritizes locations for concrete barrier installation.

The approach to concrete barrier installation includes supply and delivery of the barriers in one year and installation the following year at the priority locations identified in the Barrier Warrant.

In the 2019/20 fiscal year concrete barriers were installed at 14 areas along the Alaska Highway, Klondike Highway and the Campbell Highway for a total cost of \$621,000.

The capacity to install new barriers in 2020 was initially impacted by the pandemic but HPW is now targeting approximately 2 km of concrete barrier installation in 2020 at priority locations on the Alaska Highway north of Watson Lake. These sections include:

- Km 988 (approximately 0.6 km)
- Km 1007 (approximately 1.0 km)
- Km 1284 (approximately 0.4 km)

We estimate these barriers will be installed by end of this November for a total cost of \$250,000. We are currently working to secure a contractor for the 1007km section.

Barrier installation plans are currently completed on an annual basis.

Speed limit changes are not being contemplated at this time for any section with new barriers.