

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

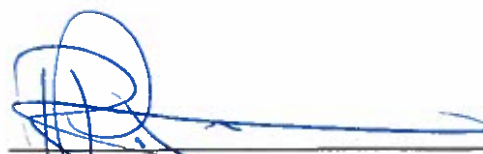
Motion No. \_\_\_\_\_ RE: Variable message boards  
at page(s) 1495 of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

I'm wondering if the minister could give us an update as to why they're not functioning and when we may see them functioning in the future? Would the minister be able to provide us with a final budget on what those signs cost to install?

Please see the attached response.

Nov 10/20  
Date

  
Signature

**Response:**

Highways and Public Works has been expanding its intelligent transportation system, including variable message boards throughout the territory.

These boards will display known hazards to travelers and information about road closures and construction. Eventually, this data will also feed into our 511 platform which means Yukoners will have more accurate, reliable road condition information to help plan any trip.

All fully installed signs on Yukon roads are functional. They are left blank if there are no adverse road conditions to report as per Transportation Association of Canada's recommended guidelines.

Once the work is completed for this year, we will have expanded the variable message board network to a total of 53 signs since 2008. These include trailer and permanent, and we are currently installing four new cantilevered variable message boards.

**Trailer type:**

The department has purchased 34 trailer type (19 of those in 2020). There are no installation costs for these signs.

Between 2008 – 2019 a total of 15 signs were purchased at a cost of \$359,760.00. In 2020, an additional 19 signs were purchased at a cost of \$634,258.00.

**Permanent type:**

The department has purchased 15 permanent type boards (8 of those were purchased this year).

- Total purchase cost: \$545,570.00
- Total installation cost: \$499,468.00

**Cantilevered type:**

This year we purchased a total of 4 cantilevered type and all are expected to be operational in November.

- Total purchase cost: \$812,000.00
- Total installation cost: \$1,787,540

**All variable message boards:**

- Total purchase/installation costs since 2008: \$4.6 million