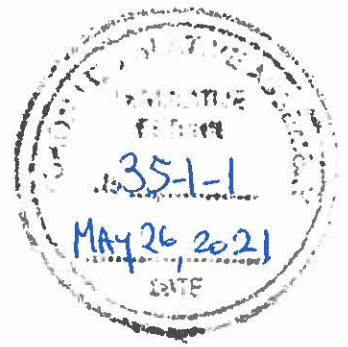


LEGISLATIVE RETURN



SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Mr. Streicker, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources

1. On May 13 2021, Kate White, Member for Takhini-Kopper King
 - asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) 50 of *Hansard*
 - submitted the following written question – WQ No. #
 - gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. #

RE: Mine closure security
OR

2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion with [MLA] on [date] related to:

Bill No. # Second Reading Third Reading

Committee of the Whole: [Vote]

Motion No. # RE: [subject]

at page(s) [page numbers] of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

- The Yukon government currently holds \$1 million in security for the Brewery Creek mine.
- An estimate of \$12 million was a potential security if the mine was projected to be fully operational; the mine is currently not operating and has not operated for over a decade.
- As well, since that time, significant reclamation activities have taken place and the site has largely been remediated in accordance with the previously approved closure plan.
- Consequently, \$12 million is not a correct assessment in relation to current site conditions and activities occurring at site today.
- Prior to 2020, the site had seen little recent activity, and security necessary to cover residual site liabilities was estimated at \$455,000.
- In 2020, Golden Predator carried out work on the previously closed heap at the site, not related to reclamation. Consequently, the company then furnished additional security in the form of a surety bond to cover the potential additional liabilities (total \$1 million).
- Currently, the Yukon government is in discussion with Golden Predator regarding their security based on a reassessment related to the heap work of 2020.
- In recognition of the expiry of the Quartz Mining License in December 2021, Yukon government is also initiating an overall site-wide assessment of security for later this year.
- Should the company advance its plans to redevelop the site, new security determinations will be made based upon development and closure plans provided by the company.

26 May, 2021

Date

Signature