

LEGISLATIVE RETURN



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

1. On December 2, 2021, Scott Kent, Member for Copperbelt South
- asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) [page numbers] of *Hansard*
 - submitted the following written question – WQ No. 13
 - gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. #

RE: Canada Border Services Agency delays at Fraser Border

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 Government of Yukon (YG) is fully committed to supporting the tourism and hospitality sectors during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, while also ensuring the continued health and safety of Yukoners.

With respect to bottlenecks at the international border, our government has established a Working Group with representatives from the Yukon government, the Yukon Chamber of Commerce, tourism businesses and NGOs, and Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA). This Working Group has been meeting regularly and is focused on finding solutions that will expedite screening at the Fraser Border Crossing. Their discussions and input have informed the Yukon government's numerous engagements with federal decision makers in recent weeks.

Our government's objective is to actively place the issue of clearance times at the Fraser border on the federal government's agenda, with the objective of seeing results in time for the spring cruise ship season. CBSA has indicated they understand concerns with long delays at the border crossing and the significant negative impacts they may have on Yukon's entire economy, not just the tourism and hospitality sectors.

3/3/22

Date

Signature