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SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Ms. McLean, Minister of Education

1. On [date], [MLA]

- asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) [page numbers] of *Hansard*
- submitted the following written question – WQ No. #
- gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. #

RE: [subject]

OR

2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion with Scott Kent, Member for Copperbelt South on November 8, 2022 related to:

Bill No. Bill No. 206: Second Appropriation Act 2022-23 Second Reading Third Reading

Committee of the Whole: general debate

Motion No. #

RE: General questions

at page(s) 2600- of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

The below outlines information requested from Education:

What is \$1.5-million O&M for that provided to Yukon University for transition?

In the 2022-2023 budget the Government of Yukon continues to allocate \$1.5 million in core O&M funding to support transition. There is an additional \$200,000 in capital for signage to support transition.

Core funding increases for 22-23 included:

- Increase of \$1.044M for collective bargaining
- Increase of \$250k for the 2nd cohort of the Practical Nurse Program

How much of the \$2 million for modular is allocated for the addition at Selkirk? And, where other modular classrooms being established?

Modular classrooms are for short and medium-term school needs. The 2022-23 capital budget has \$2.0M allocated for modular classrooms for two specific projects as follows:

- Selkirk Modular Addition - \$1.2M
- Fit-up for Robert Service School modular - \$800k
- It is anticipated that 2022-23 modular classroom capital budget will be full expended by the end of the fiscal.
- For future years we have conducted feasibility studies and are evaluating modular classrooms at Jack Hulland or Hidden Valley, no final discussion has been made.

What were the “Christ the King Elementary School — Whitehorse” and “Holy Family Elementary School — Whitehorse” items in the 2018-19 5-year Capital Plan for?

The 2018-19 5-year capital plan identified Christ the King Elementary for potential renovation or replacement beginning design in 2020-21 and Holy Family Elementary beginning design in 2021-22.

In spring of 2018 the Department of Education along with the Department of Highways and Public Works identified increasing student enrollment and aging school facilities as key drivers for long term capital planning related to school infrastructure. The 2018-19 5-year capital plan, reflected potential future year projects for aging infrastructure such as Christ the King Elementary and increasing student enrollment such as Holy Family Elementary.

At this time, the Department of Education also undertook conversations on school infrastructure needs, informed by these two drivers, with several school communities in particular those with aging school

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facilities or increasing student enrollment. This included conversations with the three Catholic school communities on future infrastructure plans.

These initial conversations led the departments to work together to gather more data on facility conditions, student enrollment projections and qualitative information related to programming needs in Yukon schools. As a result, the immediate need for a new school facility was identified as a priority to address enrollment growth while conversations continued with school communities on Infrastructure needs. The 2019-20 5-year capital plan identified the Whistle Bend School project for design in 2019-2020.

We will be developing a long-term capital plan for addressing aging infrastructure in Whitehorse schools. We need to meet the demands and the requirements of modernized learning environments for our growing population. Engagement with the broader Whitehorse community and partners will be undertaken to determine a long-term plan for replacing and renovating aging Whitehorse schools

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