

LEGISLATIVE RETURN



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 Currie Dixon, Member for Copperbelt North on October 20, 2022 related to:

Bill No. # Second Reading Third Reading
 Committee of the Whole: [Vote]

Motion No. # RE: Ministerial Statement: The Child Development Centre. "...status of the current space needs of the the CDC and whether or not a permanent solution for them has been found. And "Is the CDC going to be moved again, and how much longer does the minister estimate they will continue to be dispersed throughout town?"

at page(s) 2312 of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

(questions were posed during the Ministerial Statement)

In March 2022, following the finding of mold in its building, the Child Development Centre (CDC) had to relocate to multiple locations for the provision of their therapeutic preschool, therapeutic programs, and for staff and meeting space. The Department of Education (EDU) and Highways and Public Works (HPW) supported the move and maintains close contact with the CDC in order to support any needs as they may come up. I truly appreciate their flexibility and patience as we await the pending move of the CDC.

EDU is funding the renovations and fit up/furnishings for the CDC's new space which will be ready in 2023, and will better accommodate all of the CDC programs, clients and staff in one location. We will also be funding the ongoing lease costs. We had anticipated that the CDC would be in their new space in Fall 2022. however with delays related to construction the move-in date is now pushed to 2023. A lease is already signed and we are all excited for this new long term location to be ready. The CDC will be in downtown Whitehorse with enough space for clients, staff and all of the programs offered by this organization, including the therapeutic pre-school.

In addition to funding the renovations and furnishings for the permanent space, ongoing Yukon government funding also supports the operation of the pre-school and services to children and families in every Yukon community. Through funding from Yukon government, the CDC also provides support to educators working with children with diverse developmental needs in licensed early learning and child care centres. The work that this organization does to support inclusive early learning and child care is very much appreciated by Yukoners and the Government of Yukon.

Presently, EDU is working with the CDC and the departments of HPW and Health and Social Services on solutions for their space requirements in the interim and we will continue to do so until the CDC is in their long term space. We will continue to support the CDC financially and logistically, and we remain in regular contact with the CDC's staff.

November 2, 2022
Date


Signature