

LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Linda Benoit, Minister of Highways and Public Works

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 Brent McDonald, Member for Klondike on April 2, 2026 related to:
- Bill No. 201 Second Reading Third Reading
 Committee of the Whole: Vote 55
- Motion No. # RE: Building Maintenance and Assessments
at page(s) 472 of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

Question:

Building maintenance capital is estimated at just over \$11 million this year, which is up from the forecast — an increase of almost \$1.3 million. At the same time, building development is cut by almost 84 percent. This pattern — rising maintenance capital alongside a collapse in capital development — suggests that the government is responding to building failures reactively rather than investing in planned capital replacement.

Can the minister confirm whether the increase in building maintenance reflects deferred maintenance now becoming urgent repairs and table the current condition assessment of government-owned buildings?

Answer:

The Department of Highways and Public Works maintains Government of Yukon owned buildings through a mix of planned preventive maintenance and renewals, as well as unplanned repairs and emergency work.

The \$1.3 million increase between the 2025-26 supplementary forecast and the 2026-27 main estimates is largely due to the shift in building maintenance projects. Variations in spending between maintenance and development categories can occur from year to year depending on project timing, scope, and lifecycle requirements, rather than indicating a shift toward reactive maintenance.

2026/04/23

Date

L. Benoit

Signature