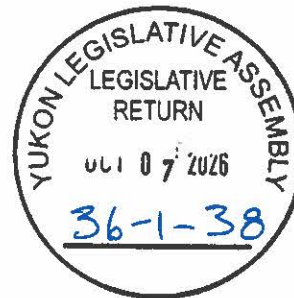


LEGISLATIVE RETURN



SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Laura Lang, Minister of Justice

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 Carmen Gustafson, Member for Riverdale North on April 27, 2026 related to:

Bill No. 201

☐ Second Reading ☐ Third Reading

☒ Committee of the Whole: Vote 08 Justice

Motion No. #

RE: [subject]

at page(s) 816 of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

Q: Could the Minister provide an update on the status of family law duty counsel, either whether it has resumed or when it is expected to resume?

A: The Yukon Legal Services Society (YLSS) recognizes the value of the family law duty counsel service and has historically assigned a lawyer to provide the service when staffing levels and operational capacity permit even though the service is neither funded nor included in their mandate. With four recent new hires, the Society anticipates that it will be in a much better position to resume and consistently provide family law duty counsel once the new lawyers are trained.

Q: [T]here were two vacancies at Yukon Legal Services Society – as of early March. Does the Minister have an update on whether those vacancies have been filled since then?

A: YLSS has hired four new lawyers and is close to having a full complement of lawyers. One new hire will begin in late September 2026, another in late October 2026 and a third in January 2027.

As of August 31, 2026, the Society employs 8.5 lawyers, including the Executive Director, as well as one part-time lawyer covering three circuits.

Oct 7/26
Date

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