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Liz Hanson, Chair  
Special Committee on Civil Emergency Legislation

Dear Ms. Hanson

**Re: Response to the Special Committee on Civil Emergency Legislation**

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Thank you for your letter of January 18, 2021 requesting information on the French Language Services Directorate's experience with Yukon's *Civil Emergency Measures Act*. Provided below is a written summary to the questions specified in your letter.

1. How was the French Language Services Directorate hindered or helped by Yukon's *Civil Emergency Measures Act* when attempting to maintain the safety and wellness of Yukoners during an emergency?

The French Language Services Directorate was neither hindered nor helped by the Yukon's *Civil Emergency Measures Act* when attempting to maintain the safety and wellness of Yukoners during an emergency. French Language Services Directorate was able to fulfill its mandate of supporting emergency communications and services according to acts, regulations and policies already in place.

2. Have ministerial orders relating to the French Language Services Directorate been used under the Yukon's *Civil Emergency Measures Act*, and if so, how?

The French Language Services Directorate didn't use ministerial orders under the Yukon's *Civil Emergency Measures Act*.

3. Are there any aspects of the current legislation that may have prevented the French Language Services Directorate from reacting as it would have liked during an emergency?

The French Language Services Directorate is not aware of any aspects of the current legislation that may have prevented it from reacting as it would have liked during an emergency.

4. From the French Language Services Directorate's perspective, are there currently gaps in the legislation?

The French Language Services Directorate is not aware of any gaps in the current legislation.

5. Does the French Language Services Directorate have any suggestions for improvements to the Yukon's *Civil Emergency Measures Act*? Please provide details and examples.

The French Language Services Directorate does not have any suggestions for improvements to the Yukon's *Civil Emergency Measures Act* at this point.

Thank you for including the French Language Services Directorate in your study on civil emergency legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Minister responsible for French Language Services Directorate