



**Highways and Public Works**  
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Ms. Liz Hanson, Chair  
Special Committee on Civil Emergency Legislation  
Yukon Legislative Assembly  
P.O. Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

**Re: Special Committee on Civil Emergency Legislation**

Dear Ms. Hanson:

Thank you for your letter of January 18, 2021. Pleased find enclosed the information the Special Committee on Civil Emergency Legislation has requested from the Department of Highways and Public Works.

The enclosed “Departmental Information Request Response – Department of Highways and Public Works” provides a written summary of the five questions in your letter, regarding the Department of Highways and Public Works’ experience with Yukon’s *Civil Emergency Measures Act (CEMA)*.

Two ministerial orders under CEMA were used by the Department of Highways and Public Works from April 29 to December 8, 2020:

- *Civil Emergency Measures Transitional Driver Medical (COVID-19) Order* (MO 2020/59, repealed December 9, 2020), and
- *Civil Emergency Measures Driver Medical (COVID-19) Order* (MO 2020/22, repealed September 9, 2020).

The rationale for the legislation, positive benefits, public impacts, and the legislative and operational constraints identified by the Department of Highways and Public Works through the process of using the driver medical ministerial orders are summarized in sections Q2 and Q3.

The Department of Highways and Public Works has also supported the Department of Community Services in their use of *Civil Emergency Measures Enforcement (COVID-19) Order (MO 2020/30)*. The Department's support to the CEMA enforcement teams at the Watson Lake, Cassiar and Whitehorse Weigh Scales is summarized in section Q2.

If the Special Committee on Civil Emergency Legislation has any questions regarding the enclosed Departmental Information Request Response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Paul McConnell  
Deputy Minister

Enclosure