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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

Thank you for your letter of January 18, 2021 requesting information on the Women's Directorate 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 Women's 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 Women's 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. Women's 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 Women's Directorate been used under the Yukon's *Civil Emergency Measures Act*, and if so, how?

The Women's 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 Women's Directorate from reacting as it would have liked during an emergency?

The Women's 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 Women's Directorate's perspective, are there currently gaps in the legislation?

The Women's Directorate is not aware of any gaps in the current legislation.

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Valerie Royle
Deputy Minister responsible for Women's Directorate