LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Jeanie Dendys, Minister of Tourism and Culture

1. On October 2, 2018, Stacey Hassard, Member for Pelly-Nisutlin

   X asked the following oral question at page(s) 2784 of *Hansard*

RE: At the same time, at the meeting the Minister of Tourism and Culture also committed to strengthen work to promote safe workplaces for those working in the tourism sector. I'm wondering if the Minister of Tourism and Culture can provide this House with an update on this work. Does it include any new training initiatives or funding for tourism operators and employees?

The response is as follows:

At the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Culture and Heritage in Yellowknife, June 2018, Ministers from across the country agreed on the importance of providing safe and respectful workplaces free from forms of harassment, abuse and discrimination for cultural workers and artists.

The department had already been looking at such changes to its funding guidelines in advance of the Ministers meeting to include a commitment from the recipients to "provide a safe and healthy workplace free from harassment, bullying, abuse and discrimination of any kind". This will be a condition of funding in all funding program guidelines, beginning with Arts Operating Funds in the Department of Tourism and Culture's Arts Section.

Public communication on these changes will begin later this fall once the changes have been incorporated into the application forms and are posted for use.

In addition to the commitment made in Yellowknife, the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board has been active in passing legislation to support the well-being of workers in the territory.

The Occupational Health and Safety Act was amended last year to allow the development of new regulations addressing prevention of psychological injuries in the workplace. These regulations are being developed and will apply to all Yukon employers and workers to whom the Act applies.

October 4, 2018
Date

Signature