

LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Pauline Frost, Minister of Health and Social Services



1. On March 27, 2019, Patti McLeod, Member for Watson Lake

asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) 4100 of *Hansard*

submitted the following written question – WQ No. _____

gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. _____

RE: Can the minister tell us if the department now maintains a wait-list for detox beds, and if so, how long is the current wait-list for alcohol and drug services at the Sarah Steele Building for detox services?

OR

2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion related to:

_____ on _____ at page(s) _____ of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

- Withdrawal Management Services, previously known as Detox, is a 24/7 medically-supported program that provides a safe place for people in the initial stages of withdrawal to begin their healing process.
- The facility has 14 beds and operates on a first come, first served basis.
- There is no wait-list maintained; however, a bed can be held for someone coming in from a community when arrangements are made in advance.
- If Withdrawal Management Services reaches capacity, staff work with a new client to build a safety plan, do a risk assessment and to refer them to other appropriate supports, including the hospital, or the Whitehorse Emergency Shelter. Clients are also offered the option to use other services offered at the Sarah Steele building, including group counselling and drop-in sessions (now expanded to five days a week).
- Since Health and Social Services began taking over operation of the Whitehorse Emergency Shelter, the number of people seeking access to Withdrawal Management Services that needed to be referred to alternative options has decreased. While an average of 23.5 individuals per month were referred to alternative supports from April to November 2018, that number dropped to approximately 7 individuals per month since December 2018.

April 2, 2019

Date

Signature