

LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Honourable Pillai, Minister of Energy Mines and Resources



1. On March 14, 2019, Ms. Hanson

- asked the following oral question at page(s) 3882 of *Hansard*
- submitted the following written question – WQ No. _____
- gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. _____

RE: Mine Closure Security

OR

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

The response is as follows:

Energy, Mines and Resources retained PricewaterhouseCoopers to carry out an independent assessment of EMR's review and approval of the reclamation and closure plans submitted by Yukon Zinc.

PricewaterhouseCoopers will also review the processes that EMR used to determine the financial security for the Wolverine Mine since October 2015.

Our expectation is the PricewaterhouseCoopers will assess and report on the following points:

- Whether EMR correctly implemented the legislative and policy framework for the determination of financial security for quartz mine site reclamation and closure for the Wolverine Mine.
- Whether the legislative and policy framework for quartz mine site reclamation and closure is effective for the circumstances encountered with the Wolverine Mine.
- Whether there are general improvements that could be made to the legislative and policy framework to minimize the financial risk to the Government of Yukon associated with mine site reclamation and closure, particularly to address circumstances similar to those encountered with the Wolverine Mine, while recognizing the need for a competitive financial security regime.

It is expected that PWC's final report will be submitted before the end of April.

Date

April 6 / 2019

Signature

B Pillai