



LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Ranj Pillai, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources

1. On March 26, 2019, Scott Kent, Member for Copperbelt South

asked the following question during the Oral Question Period
at page(s) 4069-4070 of *Hansard*

submitted the following written question – WQ No. _____

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

RE: Mining within municipal boundaries

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:

We acknowledge that the issue of mining in municipalities is a key concern to many Yukoners.

The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources is considering how to reduce land use conflicts and provide clarity and certainty on mineral staking and development within community boundaries. The Department is considering how to do this given existing processes and mining related-initiatives that are already taking place, including ongoing processes involving Yukon First Nations.

Our priority is to work in partnership with the Association of Yukon Communities, municipalities, First Nations, the mineral industry and other stakeholders to build sustainable and diverse economies and support local solutions to local problems.

Any path forward will include a transparent and inclusive public engagement process that will invite participation from municipal and First Nation governments, industry associations and community members.

In the interim, we continue to work directly with municipalities and other stakeholders to address land use conflicts related to mineral staking and development within community boundaries.

Date

April 30/2019

Signature

Ranj Pillai