

LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Hon. John Streicker



On May 4 & May 8, 2017, Mr. Kent, Member for Copperbelt South

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

RE: _____

OR

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

May 4, 2017 - Would the minister consider conducting an economic analysis over the next year or two, when we get some decent data surrounding that day, so he can report back to the House what the benefits are in particular?

May 8, 2017 - The final question is YG-relatedthere are a number of contracts that would have been signed and put into place with companies prior to the tabling of this legislation. I just want to make sure that the government will honour any change orders that come forward from those contractors that either have to lose production for a day or have to stay working and pay their employees because when they bid on those specific contracts, they wouldn't have known about this legislation coming forward during the time of the contract.

On May 4th, 2017 at page(s) 277 of *Hansard* and on May 8th, 2017 at page 289 of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

Economic Analysis

The Yukon Bureau of Statistics is undertaking a cost analysis of implementing National Aboriginal Day as a statutory holiday. The Bureau has advised that the analysis requires a minimum of 5 years of data to find the trend and to account for other fluctuations in the data. The government will continue to collect the necessary information and will report back to the legislature once the economic analysis is complete. With respect to benefits, studies indicate that holidays / days off work contribute to improved performance. However, the impact of a single day is very small, and may not be practicable to quantify. Also, it is not possible to quantify other intangible benefits such as more family time, exposure to Indigenous culture and heritage, etc.

Contracts

Community Services did not receive any requests for change orders for lost production due to the implementation of National Aboriginal Day as a statutory holiday.

17-Oct 2017
Date


Signature