



LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Mr. Mostyn, Minister of Highways and Public Works

1. On October 13, 2020, Mr. Kent, MLA Copperbelt South

- asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) 1357 of Hansard
submitted the following written question - WQ No.
gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers - MPP No.

RE: Ross River School remediation - bat infestation

OR

2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion with (Member) on related to:

Bill No. Second Reading Third Reading
Committee of the Whole:
Motion No. RE:
at page(s) of Hansard.

The response is as follows:

How much in this year's budget for bat infestation? Will the Minister direct funding to deal with bat infestation?

Response:

The health and safety of students and staff is our top priority.

The bats are nesting in the exterior roof of the school.

Highways and Public Works is using the current \$135K maintenance and material budget for things such as bat mitigation. This year we have installed fencing around the perimeter of the school, specifically where bat feces has been found.

We are working collaboratively with a local biologist who is monitoring the area and who will inform us of additional mitigation options as they arise.

We are exploring other options to prevent their return next year, such as the installation of bat houses so they have a place to nest during their migration, and wire mesh to prevent entry into the exterior roof.

date: 20/10/20

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