



LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Ms. Dendys, Acting Minister of Education

1. On October 22, 2019, Mr. Kent, Member for Copperbelt South
- asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) 289 to 290 of *Hansard*
- submitted the following written question – WQ No. _____
- gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. _____
- RE: Radon Testing

OR

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

Radon is naturally occurring in Yukon. It does not pose an immediate danger to health and is only a concern if there is prolonged exposure to high concentrations over many years.

The Government of Yukon has implemented a Radon Management Guideline that follows Health Canada's recommended guidelines.

Any schools that show results above the parameters established in the Guideline are remediated, with follow-up monitoring until the government is confident levels are within those parameters. Remediation work was completed at Holy Family School, Jack Hulland School, the Teen Parent Centre, and Nelnah Bessie John Community School.

The remediation work was completed in 2017/2018 at Jack Hulland School and Nelnah Bessie John Community School, and results from additional testing confirmed that the remediation efforts reduced radon levels below the parameters established in the Guideline.

Remediation work at the Teen Parent Centre and Holy Family School was completed in 2018/2019, and short-term testing indicates that the remediation systems are working as anticipated. Additional testing will be completed during the 2019/2020 heating season to confirm that the remediation efforts have reduced radon levels to within the Guideline parameters.

Planning efforts are currently underway for mitigation work at Christ the King Elementary School and Eliza Van Bibber School, as these schools tested above the parameters established by the Guideline in recent testing. The remediation work is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

Nov. 5, 2019
Date


Signature