



## LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Ms. Frost, Minister of Health and Social Services

1. On October 26, 2020, Ms. Hanson, Member for Whitehorse Centre

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. 21

RE: Expenditures Bill No. 205, Second Appropriation Act 2020-21

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:

Please see the attached response to Motion for the Production of Papers No. 21 re:  
Expenditures under "Operation and Maintenance - COVID-19 Response" in Vote 15, Department of  
Health and Social Services, in Bill No. 205, *Second Appropriation Act 2020-21*

Dec. 9, 2020  
Date

  
Signature

**HSS COVID Expenditures – Second Appropriation, 2020-2021**

Category	Description	Amount Budgeted \$
Direct Client Services to Vulnerable Populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diverse expenditures to protect the health and safety of Yukon's most vulnerable people</li> <li>• Alternative accommodation so that clients at the Whitehorse Emergency Shelter are able to socially distance themselves from others and remain safe</li> <li>• More funding to various non-government services providers so they can augment their services for vulnerable people (e.g., Skookum Jim, All Genders Yukon, Canadian Mental Health Association – Yukon Division)</li> <li>• Additional professional staff at HSS to respond to increased demand, including community nurses and mental health support workers</li> </ul>	2,491,087
Social Supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exempted CERB payments so that social assistance recipients did not have to deduct CERB from their regular payments, to mitigate financial hardship for Yukoners</li> <li>• Support anticipated increase in demand for social assistance during the pandemic, as some businesses have been impacted</li> </ul>	2,826,000
Supports for Licensed Child Care Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure sufficient childcare remained available as parents gradually returned to the workplace, at the same time supporting staff retention at child care centres across the territory</li> <li>• Additional infection prevention and control measures for child care operators, such as enhanced cleaning and disinfecting, to ensure a safe environment for both children and staff, as well as enhanced staff training related to COVID-19</li> </ul>	3,747,263

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HEOC, CRU and CMOH Supports, RAC, CTAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Emergency Operations Centre (HEOC) was established to address the immediate COVID risks, and transitioned into the COVID Response Unit (CRU) to address ongoing and emerging COVID risks</li> <li>• The office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) required supplementary resources</li> <li>• Testing and follow up is a key component of Yukon's pandemic response, and a dedicated Respiratory Assessment Centre (RAC) (now the COVID Testing Assessment Centre - CTAC) was established for this purpose</li> </ul>	8,467,202
Self Isolation Facilities (SIF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-isolation facility in Whitehorse to support individuals unable to self-isolate in their own homes</li> <li>• Self-isolation facilities in Yukon communities, when required.</li> <li>• These facilities will stay in place until the end of the fiscal year or until border restrictions are eased</li> </ul>	1,533,407
Income Stabilization for Physicians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding to Yukon physicians whose practices were affected by the suspension of non-urgent procedures to ensure Yukoners did not lose access to critical in-territory physician services</li> </ul>	250,000
Yukon Hospital Corporation (YHC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supported YHC's COVID response, recognizing the additional costs for things such as salaries, supplies, and medical equipment</li> <li>• Also addressed revenue YHC indicated it lost due to the cancellation of non-urgent procedures as well as a significant reduction of out of territory patients where costs would have been reimbursed</li> </ul>	6,012,424
Communications/Administration/Technology Supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhanced technology for virtual medical appointments and</li> </ul>	1,183,049

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	<p>government business meetings to ensure social distancing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication materials related to Safe Six and other COVID instructions and information for Yukoners, and increased support to develop these materials</li> </ul>	
Health Supports to Mitigate COVID Transmission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional medical personnel, such as infection control nurses, care providers in long term care homes, and Yukon Centre for Communicable Diseases (YCDC) staff</li> <li>• Increased funding for Yukon 811 services</li> </ul>	1,107,757
Mass Flu Clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Costs to support the provision of the 2020 influenza vaccine in anticipation of increased demand this year</li> </ul>	291,000
Enhanced Screening/Cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New screening staff in places such the Whitehorse Emergency Shelter (WES) and long term care homes</li> <li>• Enhanced cleaning support for WES and long term care homes</li> </ul>	983,511
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masks, hand sanitizer, Plexiglas screens, etc. for all facilities across the territory</li> </ul>	802,300
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>29,695,000</b>
Surge Capacity and Vaccine Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding to address additional COVID requirements, including surge capacity and vaccine planning and implementation</li> </ul>	4,000,000
<b>Total per Supplementary Estimates 2020-21</b>		<b>33,695,000</b>