



LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Mr. Pillai, Minister responsible for Yukon Development Corporation & Yukon Energy Corporation.

1. On _____, (Member) _____

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

2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion with Mr. Kent, Member for Copperbelt South on November 10, 2020 related to:

Bill No. _____ Second Reading Third Reading
 Committee of the Whole: _____

Motion No. _____ RE: Ministerial Statement: Mayo-McQueston Transmission Line.
at page(s) 1832-1833 of Hansard.

The response is as follows:
Please see attachment for response.

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Questions:

- Is the entire Stewart-Keno transmission line project still a priority for the Government?
- How much (money) is coming from the government and how much is coming from the Energy Corporation?
- Will this project be part of the upcoming rate increase application or will it be in a subsequent one?
- Can the minister give us an idea of how much this project will increase electricity rates for Yukoners?
- Can the minister please tell us why this project is delayed?
- Can (the minister) elaborate a bit on how the government is partnering with the Na-Cho Nyak Dun and its development corporation on this project(?)

The response is as follows:

Information regarding the Stewart-Keno Transmission Line project:

The scope of the project currently underway has been designed to meet the region's demand for power today while facilitating further growth in the future. The original project scope remains a priority, and the timing will be in accordance with the needs of the region.

The current project will cost approximately \$34 million. Towards this, the Government of Canada's Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program is contributing \$22.7 million, and Yukon Energy Corporation is paying the balance of \$11.3 million.

The costs will be part of the upcoming rate increase application. Only the costs borne by Yukon Energy Corporation (YEC) would be included. The net effect on most rate-payers is not yet known as a portion of the rate impact will be paid by the industrial customers in the region; Victoria Gold and, potentially, Alexco Resource Corporation. The application is being finalized, after which more specific figures will become available.

From a timing perspective, the transmission line component of the project will be complete in 2020 as planned. Victoria Gold's mine is already using grid-provided power for its operation. The work being completed in 2021 will increase the resilience of the grid in support of future growth.

With respect to the agreements with Na-Cho Nyak Dun and its development corporation, these have been entered into by YEC, and not by the government. YEC has provided a legacy benefit worth \$500,000 to NNDFN, and has partnered with the First Nation on defining terms and conditions around the awarding of procurement contracts for services related to the project.