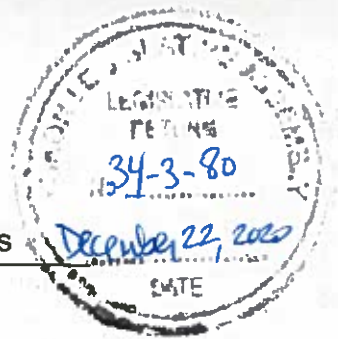


LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Mr. Pillai, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources



1. On _____,

- 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 December 9, 2020 related to:

Bill No. 205 Second Reading Third Reading
 Committee of the Whole: VOTE 53 EMR
Motion No. _____ RE: Southeast Yukon TPA Amount and Annual Allowable Cut Limits
at page(s) 2323 of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

- Government of Yukon has entered into a \$150,000 Transfer Payment Agreement with Liard First Nation on forestry matters. The agreement will allow the two governments to work together to support communities in Southeast Yukon by providing jobs, collaborating on forestry planning and supporting the sustainable management of forest resources.
- Until such time as forest resources management planning is completed for the region of Southeast Yukon, the amount of timber available for harvest is set in the *Forest Resources Regulation* at 128,000 cubic meters annual limit. This amount of timber may be available for licensing only once an approved timber harvest plan is in place and a Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment has been completed for the area.
- The current amount of timber volume within planned areas is enough to serve the existing level of harvesting for the foreseeable future (328,000 cubic meters of green timber and 22,500 cubic meters of dead timber). Environmental assessments are conducted once a proponent identifies their preferred area and type of operation. The portion of volume that exists within assessed areas is 13,000 cubic meters of green timber and 22,000 cubic meters of dead timber. There are currently five active harvest licenses in the region, allocating 4,495 cubic meters of volume among them for the commercial harvest of timber.
- The current tenure system under the *Forest Resources Act* requires an application to undergo a notification process within approved timber harvest plan areas prior to approval. The Act also provides limits on the timeframe and volume of harvesting licenses, in addition to requirements for security, terms and conditions, and adherence to standards and guidelines to mitigate impacts to the environment and other forest values. A commercial harvesting license can be renewed for an additional term upon request and someone may hold more than one license at any given time.

Dec 22 / 2020
Date

T. Pillai
Signature