

LEGISLATIVE RETURN



SUBMITTED BY: Pauline Frost, Minister of Environment

- 1. On April 19, 2018, Kate White, Member for Takhini-Kopper King
 - asked the following oral question at page(s) 2659 and 2660 of *Hansard*
 - submitted the following written question
 - gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. _____

Question: Does the government currently have a bear biologist on staff? When was the last time the grizzly bear population was fully measured?

OR

- 1. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion related to:

_____ at page(s) _____ of *Hansard*.


The response is as follows:

Yukon government's carnivore biologist is currently on leave. In her absence the Department of Environment has hired a term project biologist with a bear background to help lead and implement bear-related programs.

Survey work was completed in the Southern Lakes area during 2012-2013 to update the population size estimate for bears. Preliminary results indicated that in the study area (approximately 8,000 km²), there were approximately 80 bears, and a density estimate of about 11 bears per 1000 km². The department is currently considering these results in bear management planning.

Mahsi,

April 24, 2018
Date



Signature