

LEGISLATIVE RETURN



SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Sandy Silver

- 1. On April 20, 2017, Stacey Hassard, Member for Pelly-Nisutlin
 - asked the following oral question at page(s) _____ of Hansard
 - submitted the following written question – WQ No. 9
 - 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 related to:

on _____ at page(s) _____ of Hansard.

The response is as follows:

Attached is the letter provided in response to the same written question submitted by the Member for Pelly-Nisutlin on January 12, 2017.

May 1, 2017.
Date


Signature



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March 2, 2017

Stacey Hassard
Leader of the Official Opposition
Yukon Legislative Assembly
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Dear Mr. Hassard:

Thank you for your January 12th questions regarding carbon tax. First, let me apologize for the delay in responding to you.

The Yukon government is committed to working together with communities, Yukon First Nations and its federal, provincial and territorial colleagues to protect our environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to current and future changes in climate.

This commitment is reflected in the mandate letter of the Minister of Environment, as well as other Ministers and in the national arena, in our signing on to the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change last December. This framework includes commitments in the areas of adaptation, mitigation, clean technology, as well as carbon pricing.

The Yukon government is also committed to returning 100% of funds collected through a federal carbon pricing mechanism to Yukon individuals and businesses through a rebate system. This government will be responsible for determining how best to return the federal taxes collected once the details of the federal carbon pricing mechanism are known. As I have mentioned, the rebate mechanism will apply to Yukon individuals and businesses; any incidental taxes paid by others will be included in the total amount rebated to Yukoners.

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Given Yukon's particular circumstances, the Government of Canada has agreed to work with the Yukon government on assessing the implications of carbon pricing on the territory's economy, communities and people to develop solutions together. I had an opportunity to discuss this with the federal Finance Minister during Yukon Days in Ottawa and Mr. Morneau has indicated officials will begin working on this in the near future.

In the interim, the Yukon government will continue to provide programming and initiatives through partnerships across the territory to ensure all Yukoners have options to reduce their energy use. Early and active involvement from Yukon First Nations and communities is integral to our actions in addressing climate change and the successful mitigation or adaptation to the impacts of climate change on our communities and the shared environment.

I remain open to talking with you further on carbon pricing and other actions aimed at reducing the energy we use and addressing climate change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sandy Silver', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Sandy Silver
Premier