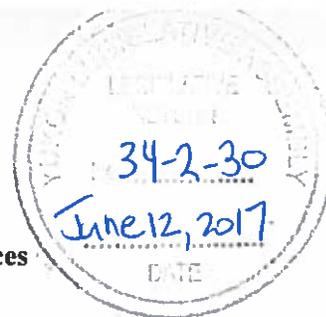


## LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: The Honourable John Streicker, Minister of Community Services



1. On May 31, 2017, The Leader of the Third Party asked the following questions during the Oral Question Period at page(s) 695 of *Hansard*:

“...Does this government support introducing measures to protect homeowners from deficiencies in new condos or homes?...”

... When a homeowner finds a major problem in their new home or with their renovations, does the government believe they should have options other than going to court?...

... Will the minister commit to homeowner protection legislation and a bill of rights for homebuyers?”

OR

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

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on \_\_\_\_\_ at page(s) \_\_\_\_\_ of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

- This government is committed to programs that ensure that homes are properly constructed and safe.
- Currently, the Government of Yukon does not have a new home warranty program, however the scope of current government involvement is that we operate a robust building inspection process for new buildings and renovations. We also do our best to encourage the training and retention of first-class tradespeople and construction companies in the Yukon construction industry.
- We are aware that other jurisdictions have attempted to address this issue. Currently, British Columbia mandates that, in order to build and offer homes for sale, those homes must be registered for coverage by home warranty insurance supplied by a third party warranty provider. Similar legislation will come into effect in Manitoba in 2018.
- We encourage prospective home buyers to work with their contractor or home builder to ensure that a warranty is in place prior to purchase and that the applicable building permits are in place to ensure compliance with the minimum standards found in the National Building Code.

Minister of Community Services – John Streicker

Date