

LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Hon. John Streicker



On June 5, 2017, Brad Cathers, Member for Lake Labarge

asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page 770 of *Hansard*

submitted the following written question – WQ No. \_\_\_\_\_

gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. \_\_\_\_\_

RE: Mr. Cathers: Can the minister provide an update on what's being done with regard to helicopter training as well as the policy for rural EMS responding via helicopter?

OR

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

The response is as follows:

Aeromedical transport and remote response are sub-specialties of the full-range of services provided by Yukon EMS. Specialty operations are more dangerous than standard EMS response and must be conducted by responders able to accurately assess the risks, anticipate difficulties with extrication or aeromedical transport, and mitigate these dangers using appropriate equipment, training and patient management techniques that protect responder and patient safety. Yukon EMS makes aeromedical care, helicopter response or remote response available to the public through three of the designated responders.

**Medevac Remote Response** - when the location of a client who is hurt or sick is known but outside the reach of a two-wheeled drive ambulance or fixed wing aircraft, Yukon EMS can activate the Remote Response procedure. This authorizes specially trained paramedics or flight nurses to deviate from standard protocols to respond to the patient's location using an alternative vehicle such as a helicopter, boat or all-terrain vehicle. The remote areas around all communities with the exception of Old Crow and Dawson can be reached within two hours by teams deployed from Whitehorse under the Remote Response operating procedure. Medevac Remote Response has been offered formally since 2010.

**Special Operations Medical Extrication Team (SOMET)** – when a client is sick or injured in remote or technical terrain in which vehicular access is not immediately possible, EMS will ask SOMET to get to the patient and provide medical care while moving the person to a location to transfer to a standard EMS crew. SOMET is typically deployed by helicopter but may use other transport in varying conditions. SOMET six-member volunteer teams have received specialized training in many matters including helicopter operations. SOMET started in November 2016.

**Dawson Remote Response** – the Dawson Remote Response standard operating procedure is used for requests in Dawson and vicinity which can be addressed more quickly using local helicopters. This is similar to the Medevac Remote Response except that a physician is deployed with a local responder to provide medical care at the scene and in the flight back to Dawson. Participating physicians and local responders receive additional helicopter safety training and specialized equipment so they can address these calls safely. Yukon EMS has been working with Dawson response personnel, Yukon Hospital Corporation and Insured Health Services since December 2014 to coordinate a safe, inter-agency approach to remote response requests.

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