

# LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Pauline Frost, Minister Responsible for Yukon Housing Corporation



1. On November 20, 2018, the Member for Watson Lake

- asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) 3675 of *Hansard (Blues)*
- submitted the following written question – WQ No. \_\_\_\_\_
- gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. \_\_\_\_\_

RE: Radon Testing

We asked the Minister of Health & Social Services if she would provide radon testing kits to residents living in the Whitehorse subdivisions of Whitehorse Copper, Pine Ridge, Wolf Creek, Spruce Hill and Cowley Creek?

The minister said: “We do offer free radon testing and we continue to do that.”

We called Yukon Housing Corporation this morning and they do not offer free radon testing kits for Whitehorse. Will the minister correct the record and apologize?

The minister said that radon testing out of the Yukon Housing Corporation was diverted to the Energy Solutions Centre to provide support.

OR

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

On \_\_\_\_\_ at page(s) \_\_\_\_\_

The response is as follows:

The Yukon government has partnered with the Yukon Lung Association to participate in the national Take Action on Radon awareness and educational campaign. As a result, a limited number of free radon test kits will be available in communities outside of Whitehorse at Yukon Housing Corporation offices in Carcross, Carmacks, Dawson, Faro, Haines Junction, Mayo, Ross River, Teslin, Watson Lake, and at the Old Crow Health Centre.

In Whitehorse, radon test kits are available at Home Hardware at a cost of \$40 which includes a subsidy from the Yukon Lung Association.

For Yukoners requiring radon mitigation in their homes, Yukon Housing Corporation offers a Home Repair Loan which can be used for radon mitigation to improve the health and safety of homes. Interested applicants can apply, or contact the Yukon Housing Corporation for more information.

There are also subsidized, forgivable and emergency home repair options for low income Yukoners who qualify for these programs.

Radon testing has not been diverted to Energy Solutions Centre. The home energy assessment program has been diverted to the Energy Solutions Centre which is responsible for energy audits and energy savings initiatives. However, historically short-term radon testing kits and lab assessment were done out of Yukon Housing Corporation for free. Now the long-term radon assessments can be done by local certified measurement expert or by individual home-owners through the purchase of a kit that gets sent to a certified lab in Ontario.

  
November 21, 2018

Date

  
Signature