



### LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Ranj Pillai, Minister of Economic Development

1. On April 10, 2019, Kate White, Member for Takhini-Kopper King

asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) 4354-4355 of *Hansard*

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

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

RE: Yukon Nominee Program

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:

On Wednesday, April 10, 2019 the Honourable Ranj Pillai, Minister of Economic Development, committed during Question Period and during the Committee of the Whole debate on Vote 7, Department of Economic Development, in Bill No. 210 entitled First Appropriation Act 2019-20 to provide further details on aspects of Yukon government administered immigration programs.

There are currently 343 participants in the Yukon Nominee Program, with 391 eligible employers in the Yukon Nominee Program database. Since the program's implementation, participants and employers have been welcomed in communities throughout Yukon.

In 2018 the Yukon Nominee Program received 174 applicants, of which 158 were subsequently approved by the program.

The base salary for a Yukon nominee varies by occupation. Wages offered to nominees must be similar to wages paid to Canadian and permanent resident employees hired for a similar occupation requiring similar skills and experience. As an added safeguard for workers, the Yukon Nominee Program requires employees to receive at least the median wage for similar workers in Yukon or Northern British Columbia, with wage data drawn from the Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) Job Bank.

Since the Yukon Nominee Program has been administered by Economic Development, there have been six complaints from participants. Of these, five have been resolved and one is in progress.

Economic Development regularly reviews the Yukon Nominee Program, which is a federal program administered by the Government of Yukon. Economic Development will continue to engage with stakeholders as it evaluates the nominee program.

April 30 / 2019  
Date

Ranj Pillai  
Signature