

LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Hon. John Streicker

On March 15, 2018, Patti McLeod, Member for Watson Lake

- asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page 2086 of *Hansard*
- submitted the following written question – WQ No. _____
- gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. _____



RE: Ms. McLeod: "The supervisor position for EMS in Watson Lake is only in place until the end of March."

"Will the minister agree to extend the position beyond March 31?"

Mr. Streicker: "I'll take the specific question again this time, and I will go and check. I won't make a commitment today as to what's happening beyond March 31. What I will do is make a commitment to go and inquire within the department about what is happening with the position."

The response is as follows:

The regional supervisor position is not being eliminated.

Regional supervisors are Whitehorse-based positions that manage multiple communities and typically divide their time between six or seven communities. The regional supervisor for the southern region was temporarily moved to Watson Lake as part of multi-faceted approach to provide additional support to the community. Having a regional supervisor based in Watson Lake, while still serving other communities, allowed Yukon EMS to explore alternate solutions to the community's emerging needs.

Yukon EMS has enhanced its service in Watson Lake over the last 18 months. Enhancements have included hiring additional staff, such as local auxiliary employees, and community responders to cover staff and volunteer absences.

Yukon EMS is extending the period of re-deployment for this regional supervisor until September 2018.

In the time that the regional supervisor has been based in Watson Lake, a number of other steps have been taken to enhance operations and reduce the need for the regional supervisor to provide front-line support. We are working continuously to ensure that adequate operational support is in place for Watson Lake. Should changes to the service model be contemplated in the future we will communicate with the community of Watson Lake, while at all times respecting the confidentiality of personnel matters.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Streicker".

Signature

22-Mar, 2018

Date