



LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Pauline Frost

1. On April 20, 2017, Stacey Hassard, Member of Pelly-Nisutlin
- asked the following oral question at page(s) _____ of *Hansard*
 - submitted the following written question – WQ No. 7
 - gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. _____

RE: _____

OR

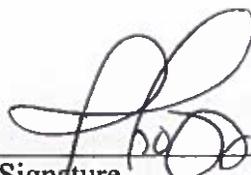
2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion related to:

on _____ at page(s) _____ of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

Attached is the letter provided in response to the same written question submitted by the Member for Pelly-Nisutlin on January 12, 2017.

May 1, 2017
Date


Signature



February 16, 2017

Stacey Hassard
Leader of the Official Opposition
Yukon Legislative Assembly
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Dear Mr. Hassard:

Re: Question #11 - Ross River Housing

I am writing in response to your questions dated January 12, 2017, inquiring about the Yukon government's action in addressing the housing situation in the community of Ross River.

In December 2016, a meeting was held with Chief and Council at Ross River Dena Council (RRDC) to identify priorities. These included ensuring Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) funding was committed and working with RRDC to assist with project management and capacity building.

In early January, the Minister of Community Services and I travelled to Ross River to meet with RRDC leadership to further discuss housing priorities and to participate in a community meeting to discuss housing and other community issues. I acknowledge and appreciate your attendance at the community meeting.

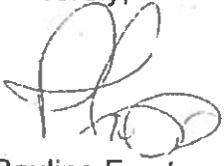
Based on direction from RRDC, technical staff from the Yukon Housing Corporation, Environmental Health Services and INAC met with RRDC maintenance staff and GroundTrax Environmental Services to ascertain the current state of the housing stock and capacity needs and to commence housing inspections. In late January 2017, YHC technical staff and INAC staff returned to Ross River to provide capacity-building assistance to RRDC capital/maintenance staff and conduct further home inspections.

Based on the housing assessment process and intergovernmental discussions with INAC and RRDC, the Yukon government is focusing its efforts on strengthening RRDC housing services to assist RRDC to effectively maintain their housing stock and identify future capital budget requirements while building capacity.



We are optimistic that through ongoing support and collaboration with RRDC and INAC, we can make significant improvements to the housing conditions in the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pauline Frost', written in a cursive style.

Pauline Frost
Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation