

LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Hon. John Streicker



On, June 5, 2017, Kate White, Member for Takhini-Kopper King:

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

RE: _____

OR

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

“...the beverage container stream is actually what funds a lot of the non-refundable recycling. My concern isn't about whether or not people will still take them in; I am concerned with how this will affect the processors. Until we have a properly developed waste management strategy that actually includes the full cost of diversion and the full cost of recycling — as it stands right now, it's just a patched together situation. Can the minister touch on that issue please?”

On June 6, 2017, at page(s) 799 of *Hansard*

The response is as follows:

This government is committed to working on a standardized waste management system for Yukon that is based on: a shared responsibility for waste management and waste reduction; financial sustainability; collaboration; environmental health; and economic benefit.

We are also working to make necessary improvements to the recycling system in Yukon. We have implemented changes proposed by the previous government to include milk and milk substitutes in the Beverage Container Recycling Regulation. This change resulted in additional funding for recycling processors.

Changes are also under way in the Designated Materials Regulation, where fees applied to tire purchases are being adjusted to reflect the true cost of recycling them, making this program more sustainable.

On February 1st, 2018, electronic waste will become a designated material, where consumers will pay for the cost of recycling those items up front at the time of purchase.

Each additional item added to the Designated Materials Regulation and Beverage Container Regulation makes the system more sustainable. These programs are the cornerstones of a sustainable, responsible and standardized waste management strategy.

We are committed to continuing the dialogue with our partners in recycling and industry to find solutions to waste management that reduce long term environmental liabilities and distribute costs in a fair and equitable manner.

3-Oct 2017

Date

Signature