

LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Pauline Frost, Minister of Health and Social Services



1. On _____,

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

submitted the following written question – WQ No. _____

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:

The supplementary estimates for 2016-17 for Health and Social Services

on October 10, 2017 at page(s) 1037 of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

See attached

Oct. 23 / 17
Date


Signature

Table as a return:

I would like to table a document pertaining to questions raised during Committee of the Whole during debate on Tuesday, October 10th, 2017.

How many Yukoners received MRIs out of territory and how many received MRIs in the territory?

For the fiscal year 2016/17 Whitehorse General Hospital provided 2, 132 MRI exams. The Yukon has established a utilization benchmark of 2100 MRI annually based on national utilization.

For the fiscal year 2016/17 there were 71 medical travel trips to access MRI exams. In the same fiscal year, there were 173 in territory medical travel trips to access MRI examinations at WGH.

How much of this total amount was for referred care and how much is for drop-in medical doctor appointments when Yukoners happen to be outside?

The majority of cost is driven by referred care, in patients.

The Department of Health and Social Services anticipated a surplus in FY 16/17 however, this did not materialize and we were off on our forecast.

There are three main areas that make up the \$3.117:

Physicians : (566K)

- MD contract services (in-territory) (\$795K)
- Yukon Medical Association (surplus) \$312K

Hospital Claims: (\$2.514M)

- BC Inpatient (\$2.956M)
- BC Outpatients (\$1.440M)
- Alberta Inpatient \$1.937M

Chronic Disease: (\$1.265M)

- Drugs (\$805K)
- Medical Supplies (\$457K)

Speciality Referrals in 2016/17:

In Territory:

Radiology - 254

Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation – 196

Obstetrics & Gynecology – 194

Optometry – 184

Orthopaedics – 179

Ophthalmology – 143

Otolaryngology (ear, nose, throat) – 76

Psychiatry – 67

Urology – 66

Phelbotomist (blood work tech) – 61

Out of Territory:

Urology – 399

Ophthalmology – 306

Cardiology - 283

Medical Oncology Cancer – 271

Allergy – 195

Orthopedics – 190

Neurology – 157

Radiology – 155

Ortho surgery – 145

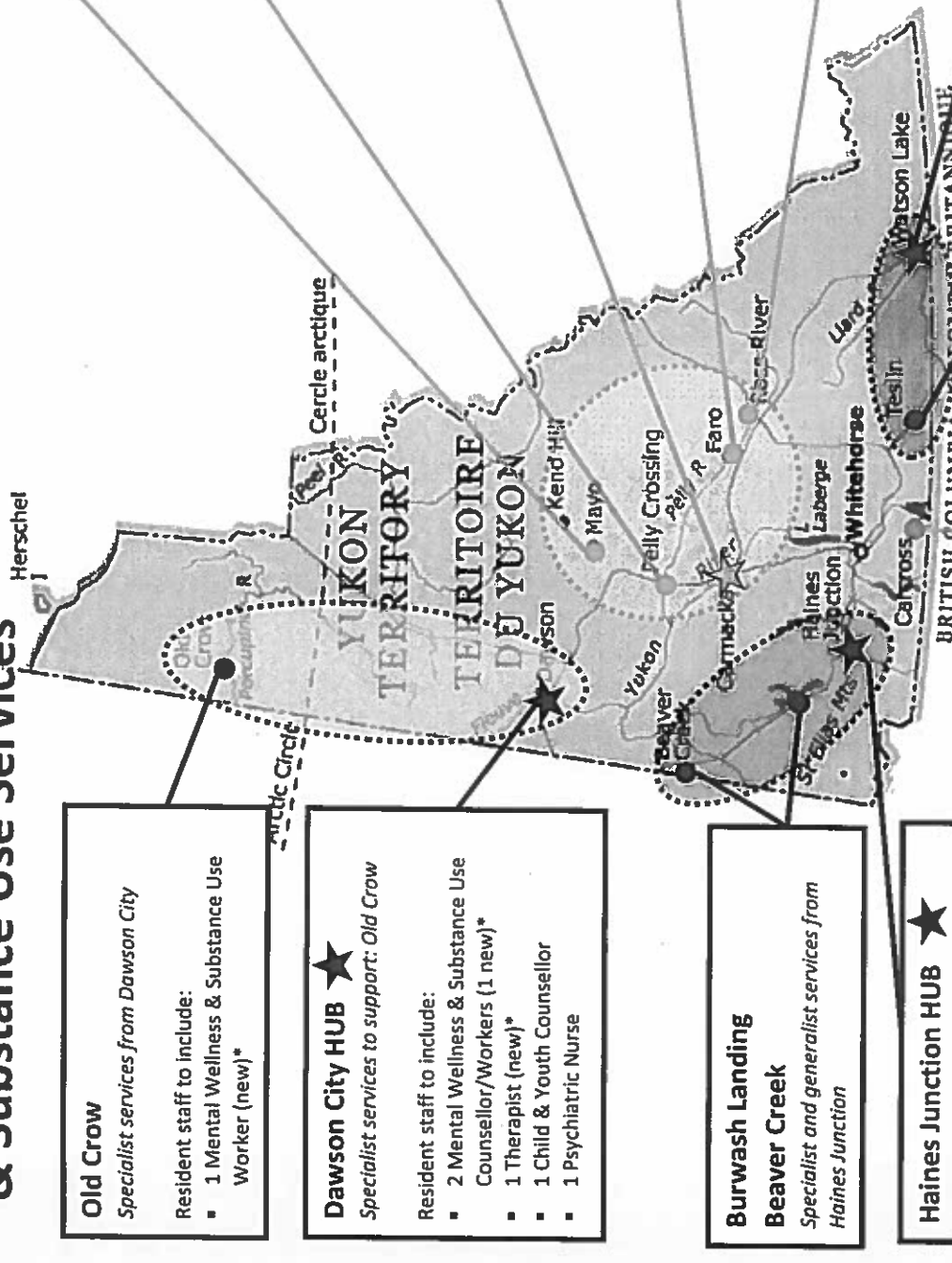
Gastro - 116

Total: (\$4.345M)

An offset from another budget area was applied to the \$4.345 M further reducing it to \$3,117M.

Insured Health Services makes every effort to provide legislated physician and hospital services within mandate. Going forward the Branch will continue to meet with Corporate Finance and Management Board Secretariat on a regular basis to identify and discuss funding pressures and opportunities, closely monitoring high cost hospital services and procedures through reporting with our out of territory partners and analysing identified trends with respect to physicians and hospital services.

Map of Enhanced Community Mental Wellness & Substance Use Services



Old Crow
Specialist services from Dawson City
 Resident staff to include:
 • 1 Mental Wellness & Substance Use Worker (new)*

Dawson City HUB ★
Specialist services to support: Old Crow
 Resident staff to include:
 • 2 Mental Wellness & Substance Use Counsellor/Workers (1 new)*
 • 1 Therapist (new)*
 • 1 Child & Youth Counsellor
 • 1 Psychiatric Nurse

Burwash Landing
Beaver Creek
Specialist and generalist services from Haines Junction

Haines Junction HUB ★
Specialist services to support: Burwash Landing and Beaver Creek
 Resident staff to include:
 • 2 Mental Wellness & Substance Use Counsellor/Workers (1 new)*
 • 1 Therapist (new)
 • 1 Psychiatric Nurse

Carcross / Tagish
Specialist services from Whitehorse
 Resident staff to include:
 • 1 Mental Wellness & Substance Use Worker (new)*

Teslin
Specialist services from Watson Lake
 Resident staff to include:
 • 1 Mental Wellness & Substance Use Worker (new)*

Watson Lake HUB ★
Specialist services to support: Teslin
 Resident staff to include:
 • 2 Mental Wellness & Substance Use Counsellor/Workers
 • 1 Therapist (new)
 • 1 Child & Youth Counsellor
 • 1 Psychiatric Nurse (new)*

Mayo
Specialist services from Carmacks
 Resident staff to include:
 • 1 Mental Wellness & Substance Use Worker (new)*

Pelly Crossing
Specialist services from Carmacks
 Resident staff to include:
 • 1 Mental Wellness & Substance Use Worker (new)*

Carmacks HUB ★
Specialist services to support: Pelly Crossing, Mayo, Ross River, Faro
 Resident staff to include:
 • 1 Mental Wellness & Substance Use Counsellor/Workers (new)
 • 1 Therapist (new)
 • 1 Child & youth Counsellor
 • 1 Psychiatric Nurse (new)*

Faro
Specialist and generalist services from Carmacks

Ross River
Specialist services from Carmacks
 Resident (in-community) staff to include:
 • 1 Mental Wellness & Substance Use Worker (new)*

*placement of 11 new positions