

LEGISLATIVE RETURN



SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Ranj Pillai

- 1. On April 20, 2017, Brad Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge
 - asked the following oral question at page(s) _____ of *Hansard*
 - submitted the following written question – WQ No. 11
 - 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 Lake Laberge on January 12, 2017.

May 1 / 2017
Date

Rj Pillai
Signature



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February 16, 2017

Brad Cathers
Member for Lake Laberge
Yukon Legislative Assembly
P.O. Box 2703
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 4R6

Dear Mr. Cathers:

RE: DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE IN RURAL YUKON

The Government of Yukon is committed to enhancing connectivity and bandwidth for all Yukon communities. We have recently completed an extensive project expanding 4G mobile service to 18 communities. Looking ahead, our main priority is the installation of a diverse fibre optic line that will improve the reliability of emergency and cellular services across Yukon including in the areas you reference in your written question of January 12, 2017.

As well, we are pleased with the results of Yukon's intervention with the Canadian Radio and Telecommunication Commission (CRTC) that defined both fixed and wireless broadband as a basic service. The CRTC is now developing a funding program to aid rural communities obtain services on par with other Canadians. We are monitoring the development of this program and opportunities to further invest in communications infrastructure in Yukon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ranj Pillai". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Ranj Pillai
Minister of Economic Development

