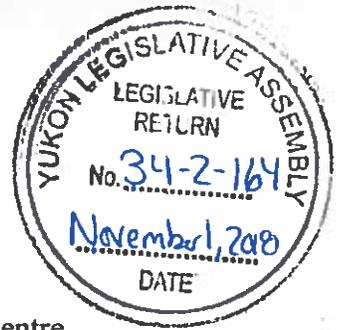


LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Tracy-Anne McPhee, Minister of Justice



1. On October 25, 2018, Liz Hanson, Member for Whitehorse Centre

asked the following question during the Oral Question Period
at page(s) 3192 of *Hansard*

submitted the following written question – WQ No. _____

gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. _____

RE: Review Board Dispositions

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:

Q1: How many individuals are currently under a Yukon Review Board disposition and how many of those individuals are currently placed outside of Yukon?

There are currently 14 individuals under Yukon Review Board (YRB) dispositions, four of which are currently placed outside of the Yukon. All four are on hospital dispositions. The remaining ten are on conditional/community dispositions in the Yukon.

Q2: Where does the responsibility of the review board begin and end when directing an individual to treatment outside of the Yukon?

When making a disposition, the Review Board has the authority to consider three general options:

1. detaining an accused in a designated hospital subject to such conditions as it considers appropriate (a hospital disposition);
2. discharging an accused subject to such conditions as it considers appropriate (a conditional or "community" disposition); or
3. absolutely discharging an accused

If it is determined that a client needs to be detained in a designated hospital, there are two options in the Yukon. Individuals can be detained at the Whitehorse General Hospital (WGH) or the Whitehorse Correctional Centre (WCC) on a temporary basis, while placements outside of the Yukon are sought to provide appropriate treatment because the facilities at WGH are not adequate to ensure public safety and WCC does not offer appropriate psychiatric services to treat these clients.

The Review Board is entirely independent of government and once a disposition is made, the Director of Social Supports; Department of Health and Social Services (HSS) must implement it completely.

Q3: When will this government look seriously at the complex needs of Yukoners and start planning services for them here rather than sending them away from family and community?

Yukon's population base cannot support the specialized services often required for a small number of Review Board clients.

The majority of Review Board clients receive services in the Yukon. Health and Social Services (HSS) has and continues to take steps to ensure that individuals with complex care and support needs can remain in territory. The department is also always exploring options to return individuals currently living out of territory, to the Yukon.

HSS has shown ingenuity and creativity accommodating YRB clients in territory, however at times, there is no choice but to send clients out of the Yukon because of the complexity and/or severity of their needs and the conditions of their disposition.

November 1, 2018

Date



Signature