

Asked by:

Member for Kam Lake

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Use of Indigenous Languages on Official Documents

Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Health and Social Services. The use of traditional names on vital statistics documents, like birth certificates and driver's licences, is incredibly important to both the recognition of the importance of traditional names and the revitalization and preservation of Indigenous languages.

It is my understanding that an Indigenous Fonts Working Group was established to complete work required to pursue the use of traditional names on vital statistics documents:

1. Who sits on the Indigenous Fonts Working Group;
2. What GNWT systems will be impacted;
3. What are the technical needs of the Government of the Northwest Territories to see this change;
4. How are other jurisdictions implementing Indigenous fonts on vital statistics documents; and
5. What impact will this change have on a national level?