



Justice
PO Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

June 28, 2024

Jason Pedlar
Yukon Ombudsman
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Dear Mr. Pedlar,

**Re: Investigation report recommendations regarding files OMB-INV-2023-02-047,
OMB-INV-2023-02-048, and OMB-INV-2023-04-084**

I am writing in response to your letter of June 10, 2024, in which you requested to be advised whether the Department of Justice accepts recommendations regarding the operation of the Yukon Human Rights Commission (the Commission). Please be advised that the Department of Justice accepts Recommendations two and three.

For reference, the Recommendations in the investigation report are:

1. Amend the HRA so that the Authority is funded directly by the Legislative Assembly. Alternatively, allow the Authority the opportunity to make submissions on its budget directly to the Management Board.
2. Remedy the concerns and gaps identified in this Report by creating, in consultation with the Authority, new or amended regulations to clarify and harmonize the HRA with its regulations.
3. Amend the HRA so that the Commission (defined below) is increased from a maximum of five members to a maximum of seven, as described in s. 17 of the HRA.

The Department cannot accept Recommendation one, as it is not within the Department's authority to implement. Acceptance of Recommendation one would require a decision by the Legislative Assembly or, alternatively, by Executive Council Office.

Regarding Recommendations two and three, officials from the Department have contacted the Commission to begin consultations. We look forward to working with the Commission to implement these Recommendations over the coming months.

Yours truly,



Mark Radke
Deputy Minister and Deputy Attorney General

cc. Karen Moir
Director, Yukon Human Rights Commission