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## Corrections Act amendments will improve transparency

WHITEHORSE—Amendments to the *Corrections Act*, aimed at improving transparency, were tabled in the Yukon Legislative Assembly yesterday.

"The proposed changes to the *Corrections Act* ensure the Arrest Processing Unit, the Correctional Centre Revolving Fund and the use of alcohol and drug testing have a strong legal foundation," Minister of Justice Mike Nixon said. "We are also using some of the revenue generated from inmates to fund our Victims of Crime Emergency Fund that assists victims of crime in Yukon."

The amendments include:

- **Limiting the applicability of the act** with respect to the Arrest Processing Unit. Currently, certain sections of the act, such as the need to develop an inmate case plan, are impractical for short-term prisoners held in the unit.
- **The expansion of the types of samples** taken from inmates or people on probation. Many probation clients are court ordered to abstain from drugs and alcohol. Currently the act only describes urinalysis testing.
- **The establishment of a Correctional Centre Revolving Fund** for revenue generated by the canteen, phone system and other sources. The fund would be used for inmates (i.e., repairing damage caused by inmates, paying for television service and indigent inmate phone cards) and victims' emergency needs or medical costs.
- **Ensuring funds owned by inmates are held in trust** and that accounting practices are in line with the *Financial Administration Act*.

### Learn more:

Download the Proposed Amendments to the *Corrections Act* [PDF 171KB].

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