



## Government of Yukon

Government of Yukon » March 2010 » News Release #10-050

### Newsroom

Latest news releases

### News by theme

News by department  
 Community Services  
 Economic Development  
 Education  
 Energy, Mines and Resources  
 Environment  
 Executive Council Office  
 Finance  
 French Language Services  
 Directorate  
 Health and Social Services  
 Highways and Public Works  
 Justice  
 Public Service Commission  
 Tourism and Culture  
 Women's Directorate

News by corporations  
 Yukon Development  
 Corporation  
 Yukon Energy Corporation  
 Yukon Housing Corporation  
 Yukon Liquor Corporation  
 Yukon Workers'  
 Compensation Health and  
 Safety Board

Joint news releases  
 Premier's News

### News by date

2017 news releases  
 January  
 February  
 March  
 April  
 May  
 June  
 July  
 August  
 September  
 October  
 November  
 December

News archive



**NEWS**release

FOR RELEASE #10-050  
 March 29, 2010

### Civil forfeiture legislation to take profits out of crime

WHITEHORSE – Justice Minister Marian C. Horne tabled a bill today that would improve government's ability to fight unlawful activity through civil legislation.

"The civil forfeiture act will improve our ability to remove the incentive for unlawful activity within Yukon by providing government with the authority to seize the instruments and proceeds related to the activity," Horne said.

The proposed bill will allow a Justice department Crown counsel to ask the civil court for an order to freeze and take possession of property that is determined to be a proceed or instrument of unlawful activity. A criminal charge does not have to be in place.

A proceed is defined as property including cash, real estate or cars acquired as a result of unlawful activity. An instrument is property that is likely to be used to engage in unlawful activity in the future such as a house used in a marijuana grow operation.

"This is another tool to stop unlawful activity from occurring in Yukon," Horne said. "We are doing what we can to build safer and healthier communities."

Civil forfeiture legislation is in place in eight Canadian jurisdictions including British Columbia and Ontario.

The Supreme Court of Canada upheld Ontario's *Civil Remedies Act* in 2009 after a court challenge.

-30-

### Contact:

Emily Younker  
 Cabinet Communications  
 867-633-7961  
[emily.younker@gov.yk.ca](mailto:emily.younker@gov.yk.ca)

Chris Ross  
 Communications, Justice  
 867-393-7081  
[chris.ross@gov.yk.ca](mailto:chris.ross@gov.yk.ca)

<%img\_newsarticle%>