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Dear Mr. Mekelburn:

1) *What will your party do to eliminate poverty and reduce unemployment rates of Aboriginal people?*

The Liberal government is taking immediate action, including a commitment of \$5.1 billion, to close the prosperity gap between Aboriginal peoples and other Canadians in four important areas – health, education, housing and training. This is a commitment that a Liberal government made and we hope other parties will support.

2) *Will your party introduce legislation to ban strike breakers?*

In a recent vote in the House of Commons I supported this type of legislation. I understand that dangerous situations, such as what happened at the Giant Mine in Yellowknife, can result when strike breakers are brought in. I will lobby my party to introduce this type of legislation.

3) *What will your party do to protect and strengthen public healthcare?*

We reached an agreement with the provinces and territories investing \$41.2 billion to fix health care for a generation. Highlights include shorter waiting times for services such as cancer treatment, heart surgery, hip replacements; more doctors and nurses; expanded home care; a national drug strategy and a national pharmaceuticals strategy.

4) *Does your party support quality, universal, accessible and developmental not-for-profit childcare?*

Our government developed a national Early Learning and Child Care system based on the principles of quality, universality, development and accessibility. We committed \$5 billion to these efforts. Yukon will receive \$4.9 million. An additional \$6 billion to fund the program through to 2015 is in our platform.

5) *What will you do as an MP to address the recent drastic cuts and elimination of Living Cost differential for Yukon Federal workers?*

As your Member of Parliament I have been lobbying on behalf of federal workers including, writing Statistics Canada, and organizing a meeting in Whitehorse for them with Treasury Board President, Reg Alcock. I support union efforts to revise and improve the formula that the payment is based on.

Sincerely,

Larry Bagnell
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