

MINIMUM WAGE QUESTIONNAIRE

On November 16, 2005, the Yukon Employment Standards Board recommended that the Yukon Minimum Wage be increased from \$7.20 to \$8.25 per hour. The last increase to the minimum wage was October 1, 1998, and was based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from 1997.

From January 1998 to December 31, 2004 the CPI rose 10.9% ($\$7.20 \times 10.9\% = \7.98). It is anticipated that the CPI for the year ending 2005 will be approximately 3.5% ($\$7.98 \times 3.5\% = \8.25).

The Board is proposing that all future Minimum Wage increases be tied to the previous calendar year's CPI which is available in January of the following year. For example, the CPI for 2005 is available January 2006.

The rate change will take place every April 1. Labour Services will give advance notice to employees and employers.

Do you support the Employment Standards Board's recommendation and rationale to increase the minimum wage from \$7.20 per hour to \$8.25 per hour?

Yes

No

If no, please comment:

Do you support using the Consumer Price Index for increases on a yearly basis?

Yes

No

Are you an **Employee** or **Employer**

Do you have any other comments regarding the above issue?

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the questionnaire. If you have any other general comments, please send an email to minimum.wage@gov.yk.ca