

II Question Period

1. QUESTION from Senator Stevens *received October 6, 2009*

"How is the University working to achieve incoming AODA [Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act] requirements for accessible spaces considering the decision to carry out a less-costly 'scan' of physical infrastructure rather than a more complete audit?"

Response from Audrey Kaplan, Director of Campus Planning

In May 2009, the Accessibility Committee agreed to use part of its annual Renovation/Alteration Fund to undertake a physical accessibility scan with the assistance of a consultant. We have been working with the consultant to determine the scanning criteria with the view that the completed process will inform the University on the state of physical accessibility but more importantly, identify barriers and their associated priorities for correction. Audrey Kaplan, Director of Campus Planning and Development is the contact for this initiative.

The Committee has undertaken this scan to help it prioritize physical accessibility projects to scope out the campus-wide work needed and make recommendations for the next Renovation/Alteration Fund. With this approach, the University will have physical accessibility data for most all of the campus from which informed decisions can be made that will enable us to direct resources toward the objectives of AODA in the most effective and efficient way.