

June 20, 2018

Herb Cox, MLA, The Battlefords  
Chair, Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies  
Room 203, Legislative Building  
2405 Legislative Drive  
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Dear Mr. Cox:

**Re: Committee Request for Information**

On May 15, 2018, a member of the Committee asked SaskWater the following question:

“Do you have any idea of how much potable water in Saskatchewan is delivered by private companies? Or how much does SaskWater provide?”

SaskWater does not have information related to systems it does not own or operate; however, an offer was made to follow up on the question.

The Water Security Agency was consulted for information. They advise they do not capture information exactly in the format the question was posed but to assist the Committee in understanding the relative magnitude of the item they have examined various information sources and developed a loose definition of “private companies” as any water that is not provided by a municipality or a provincial entity. Their analysis is also limited to pipelines they regulate or other water works with a design capacity of greater than 18 cubic metres per day.

Using this methodology, total municipal potable water allocation in 2016 was approximately 226 million cubic metres. The non-municipal potable water allocation was approximately 2 million cubic metres, or less than 1% of the total.

Water Security Agency further notes that the 2 million cubic metre allocation would include rural water pipelines and cooperatives, Hutterite colonies, trailer courts, regional parks, cottage area developments, campgrounds, rural subdivisions (acreages) and other similar small users. Private residential subdivisions alone would be much less than the 2 million cubic metre per year allocation noted above.

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Specific to SaskWater, the company delivered approximately 7.5 million cubic metres of potable water in 2017-18. The very large majority of this would also have been to municipal customers including rural pipeline associations owned by Rural Municipalities.

I trust this provides sufficient information for the Committee's consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bronwyn Eyre', with a large, stylized initial 'B' and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Bronwyn Eyre  
Minister Responsible for SaskWater