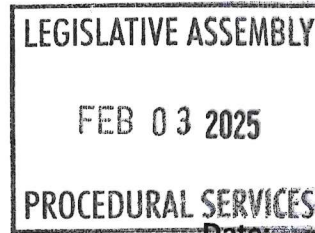


Memorandum



Government
of
Saskatchewan



Agriculture

From: William Greuel
Deputy Minister

Date: January 31, 2025

Phone: 306-787-8077

To: Standing Committee on Public Accounts
c/o Trent Witherspoon, Chair
committees_branch@legassembly.sk.ca

Re: **Public Accounts Committee Follow-up Response – January 21, 2025**

The Ministry of Agriculture committed to follow-up at our appearance before the Public Accounts Committee on January 21, 2025, with respect to the following questions:

“Do you have any stats on how often land is classified low, moderate or high? Or even by year?”

Appendix A: Stats on how often land is classified as low, moderate or high, or even by year

“Exactly how much Crown land was sold in 2022, '23, and '24? Do you have those numbers for us, potentially?”

Appendix B: Crown land sold in 2022, 2023 and 2024.

“In the status updates it says that it’s included in a draft policy. Would you be able to commit to tabling that policy with this committee once it’s finalized?”

Appendix C: Draft Consultation Policy

I trust that this information satisfies the question asked during the ministry's appearance before the Public Accounts Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Greuel', written in a cursive style.

William Greuel
Deputy Minister

Attachment

cc: Dianna Emperingham, Lands, Agriculture

APPENDIX A
Stats on how often land is classified as low, moderate or high,
or even by year

Fiscal Year	CLEAT+* Review Results (Acres)		
	High	Moderate	Low
2022-23	TOTAL = 8206.61 1565.38 (WHPA) 6641.23 (Non-WHPA)	TOTAL = 8108.59 5623.36 (WHPA) 2485.23 (Non-WHPA)	TOTAL = 1808.66 636 (WHPA) 1172.66 (Non-WHPA)
2023-24	TOTAL = 2045.80 798.2 (WHPA) 1247.60 (Non-WHPA)	TOTAL = 8734.63 3721.79 (WHPA) 5012.84 (Non-WHPA)	TOTAL = 3611.15 715.10 (WHPA) 2896.05 (Non-WHPA)
2024-25**	TOTAL = 294.44 138 (WHPA) 156.44 (Non-WHPA)	TOTAL = 7612.23 2571.65 (WHPA) 5040.58 (Non-WHPA)	TOTAL = 7969.49 154.99 (WHPA) 7814.50 (Non-WHPA)
TOTALS	10,546.85	24,455.45	13,389.30

*Crown Land Ecological Assessment Tool+

**Up to December 31, 2024

APPENDIX B
Crown land sold in 2022, 2023 and 2024

Fiscal Year	Agricultural Crown Land Sold (Acres)
2022-23	6,840 (all lessee sales)
2023-24	19,203 (6,080 auction, 13,123 lessee)
2024-25*	3,857 (all lessee sales)
TOTAL	29,900

*Up to November 2024

APPENDIX C

Draft Consultation Policy

Identifying First Nation and Métis Communities for Consultation

As government does not have traditional knowledge of territories for First Nation or Métis communities, the Ministry of Agriculture must use their best judgement to identify First Nation and rights bearing Métis communities whose traditional territories coincide with the geographic area where an adverse impact may potentially occur. Additionally, communities known to be accessing Crown land in the area of the proposed decision or action should be consulted.

1. To provide consistency and transparency, First Nation and Métis communities within a 100km radius from the location of the proposed project, sale, or lease of Crown land are included in consultation. This review includes all reserve lands associated with a First Nation.
2. Communities outside of the 100km radius are reviewed to determine if they should be included in consultation. Factors to consider include, but are not limited to:
 - a) Proximity to the 100km radius; and/or
 - b) Level of the potential impact of the decision or action on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and traditional uses as assessed using the Duty to Consult Assessment Chart in the First Nation and Métis Consultation Policy Framework.
3. Where there is knowledge of First Nation and Métis exercising rights, they should be included in consultation. Knowledge can be obtained from, but is not limited to:
 - a) Previous experience;
 - b) The Ministry of Agriculture's Indigenous Engagement Unit;
 - c) Other consultation processes; and/or
 - d) Collaborating with the Aboriginal Consultation Unit, Ministry of Government Relations.
4. All Crown lands proposed for sale or long-term lease that triggered the duty to consult are posted on Saskatchewan.ca.
 - a) All First Nation and Métis communities in Saskatchewan will receive notification of the public posting.
 - b) If the community identifies lands they are using to exercise their Treaty and Aboriginal Rights and traditional uses, the Ministry of Agriculture may elevate the lands to consultation with that community.