



**From:** Honourable Bronwyn Eyre  
Minister of Energy and Resources

**Date:** May 31, 2019

**To:** Colleen Young  
Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy

**Re:** **Question and Answer from May 7, 2019 Committee on *The Mineral Taxation Amendment Act, 2019***

**Mineral Titles**

I respectfully submit the response to the outstanding questions from Ministry of Energy and Resources Standing Committee on the Economy on Bill No. 170, *The Mineral Taxation Amendment Act, 2019*, asked by Ms. Cathy Sproule, on the on May 7, 2019. The following information has been provided to me by Ministry officials.

**(Ms. Sproule)**

**Q. You indicated that 17,600 of these freehold mineral titles are uncertified. Can you share with the committee how many of those titles are within urban jurisdictions?**

Answer:

(Ministry of Energy and Resources) Because municipal areas are exempt from taxation under The Mineral Rights Tax Act, 1983, the number of uncertified titles in urban areas is not readily available within the Ministry of Energy and Resources. Information Services Corporation would be better positioned to provide this information.

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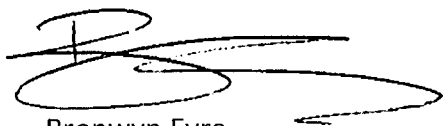
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**Q. Can you share with the committee how many uncertified mineral titles have been forfeited to the Crown since the change in the land registry?**

Answer:

(Ministry of the Energy and Resources) Approximately 640 mineral titles were forfeited to the Crown since 2001. It is estimated that 280 of those mineral titles were uncertified.

Sincerely,

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Bronwyn Eyre  
Minister of Energy and Resources

cc: Laurie Pushor, Deputy Minister, Energy and Resources