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Stacey Ursulescu
Clerk of the Standing Committee on the Economy
Room 7, 2405 Legislative Drive
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Dear Stacey Ursulescu:

Provided below is further information as committed to at our appearance before the Committee on April 9, 2019:

- With respect to “the engineering report on the rating on all irrigation assets.”

Copies of the MPE Engineering reports for the irrigation assets transferred to the four irrigation districts were attached to Orders in Council 76/2019, 77/2019, 78/2019, and 79/2019.

- With respect to the reason for the “five-year downward trend on that pest control program”.

The following table provides the breakdown of funding under the comprehensive pest control program since 2014-15.

Pest Control Budget	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2014-15</u>
SARM – Fieldworker Program (Rats)	-	-	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,400,000
SARM – Invasive Plants	-	-	950,000	950,000	950,000	950,000
SARM – Beaver Control	-	-	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
SARM – New and Emerging Pests	-	-	187,000	187,000	187,000	187,000
SARM – Comprehensive Pest Control	2,975,000	2,975,000	-	-	-	-
Gopher Control	-	-	-	-	-	175,000
Wild Boar	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Black Fly Abatement	138,000	138,000	138,000	138,000	138,000	138,000
Total	3,163,000	3,163,000	3,225,000	3,225,000	3,225,000	3,400,000

- With respect to a full list of programs or projects “doing some research involving cover crops and nitrogen fixing plants as a source of fertilizer or nutrients”.

The Ministry has funded two cover cropping projects totaling \$341,230 in funding over the last three years through the Agriculture Development Fund.

<i>Project Number</i>	<i>Project Name</i>
20160116	Evaluation of Polycrop Mixtures for Soil Health, Grazing Capacity and Economics
20180237	Extending the Seasonal Photosynthetic Period to Minimize Cropping System Greenhouse Gas Intensity

Sincerely,



David Marit
Minister of Agriculture