

Government of Northwest Territories

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Oral Question 1341-19(2): Civil Forfeiture

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on February 10, 2023 regarding civil forfeiture in respect of the illicit drug trade. Specifically, you requested information regarding the number and amount of seizures of cash or assets made by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and how much of that was returned to those that it was seized from.

I can confirm that the Department has reached out to the RCMP to request that they provide whatever information is possible related to these types of seizures. I understand that this will take some time as it will require a manual review to retrieve this information from files, and it will then need to be formatted into a response that can be shared. Once this information is available, I will share it with the Member as appropriate.

Thank you.

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