

Asked by:

Member for Frame Lake

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Environmental Liabilities

My questions for the Minister of Finance. Environmental legal obligations are governed by relevant federal and Northwest Territories (NWT) Acts, along with their associated regulations and guidelines. These legislative requirements form the foundation for the recognition of environmental liabilities by the Government, in line with Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) Standards and the *Financial Administration Act*.

The Financial Management Board requires that all departments maintain an inventory of existing environmental liabilities and potential sites in the Public Accounts. Can the Minister of Finance please:

1. Provide this inventory, including a detailed summary of recorded environmental liabilities for every budget since devolution, provided in the form of:
 - Project Name/Title
 - Year
 - Dollar Expense; and

2. For that same list of projects, indicate whether:
 - A Land Use Permit or Water License was issued;
 - The project involved a Government of the Northwest Territories Lease; and
 - for each, indicate if a security was held and collected to cover the liability and the amount of that security.