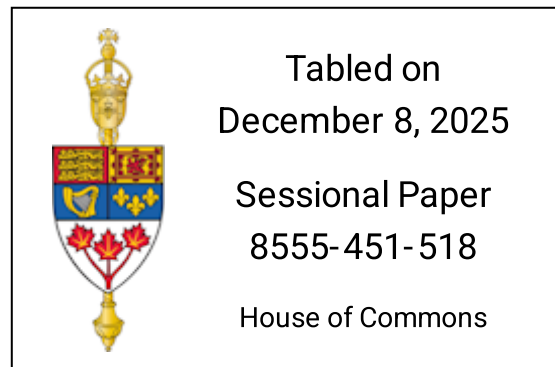

Question

With regard to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's action on the ostrich farm in Edgewood, British Columbia: (a) what are the expenditures to date, incurred by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, related to the farm, in total and broken down by type of expense; (b) what is the itemized breakdown of the expenses in (a); (c) what are the expenditures to date, incurred by the Department of Justice, related to any action taken related to the farm, in total and broken down by type of expense; (d) what is the itemized breakdown of the expenses in (c); (e) what are the expenditures to date, incurred by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, related to any action or operation taken related to the farm, in total and broken down by type of expense; (f) what is the itemized breakdown of the expenses in (e); and (g) were there any government expenses related to the farm which were not included in the responses in (a) through (f), and, if so, what are the details, including the amounts of each expense?

Response

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Asked by
Scott Anderson (Vernon—Lake
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Date asked
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Presented by

Kevin Lamoureux

Parliamentary Secretary to the
Leader of the Government in
the House of Commons

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Reply by: the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

Name of Signatory: The Honourable Heath MacDonald, PC, MP

Reply

Canadian Food Inspection Agency

a) what are the expenditures to date, incurred by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, related to the farm, in total and broken down by type of expense?

Category	Expenditures to Date (October 24, 2025)
Animal Feed	\$8,555.00
Facilities (Rentals)	\$72,733.37
Materials and Supplies	\$167,549.70
Professional Services	\$151,593.55
Public Utilities	\$3,300.00
Shipping & Courier	\$29.47
Travel Expenses	\$17,254.14
Vehicles (Rentals)	\$20,248.95
Canadian Food Inspection Agency Grand Total	\$441,264.18

These costs reflect increased expenditures as a result of having to address security concerns, replacement contractors and the need to replace procured materials such as straw following the attempt to burn the structure.

(b) what is the itemized breakdown of the expenses in (a) ?

Category	Product/Service	Expenditures to Date October 24, 2025 (\$)
Animal Feed	Ostrich Feed	\$8,555.00
Animal Feed Total	Animal Feed Total	\$8,555.00
Facilities	Portable washrooms, hand wash stations	\$72,733.37
Facilities Total	Facilities Total	\$72,733.37
Materials and Supplies	Straw & Delivery	\$105,000.00
Materials and Supplies	Specialized Equipment	\$32,738.00
Materials and Supplies	Materials & Supplies	\$29,811.70
Materials and Supplies Total	Materials and Supplies Total	\$167,549.70
Professional Services	Office Security (at 3 Canadian Food Inspection Agency offices)	\$94,814.10
Professional Services	Transportation of materials	\$45,000.00
Professional Services	Biocontainment compliance monitoring	\$6,735.00
Professional Services	Destruction pre-planning	\$4,510.00
Professional Services	Laundry	\$534.45
Professional Services Total	Professional Services Total	\$151,593.55
Public Utilities	Operational refuse bin rental and tipping fees	\$3,300.00
Public Utilities Total	Public Utilities Total	\$3,300.00
Shipping & Courier	Shipping	\$29.47

Category	Product/Service	Expenditures to Date October 24, 2025 (\$)
Shipping & Courier Total	Shipping & Courier Total	\$29.47
Travel Expenses	Travel Expenses	\$17,254.14
Travel Expenses Total	Travel Expenses Total	\$17,254.14
Vehicles	Vehicle Rentals	\$14,349.00
Vehicles	Recreational Vehicle Rental	\$5,899.95
Vehicles Total	Vehicles Total	\$20,248.95
Canadian Food Inspection Agency Grand Total	Canadian Food Inspection Agency Grand Total	\$441,264.18

g) were there any government expenses related to the farm which were not included in the responses in (a) through (f), and, if so, what are the details, including the amounts of each expense?

Salary expenditures (including regular time, overtime and any other additional allowances) for infected premises are tracked in hours but have not yet been costed and reported in the financial system.

Justice Canada

Reply by: the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

Name of Signatory: the Parliamentary Secretary Patricia Lattanzio

Reply

Department of Justice

(a) What are the expenditures to date, incurred by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, related to the farm, in total and broken down by

type of expense? (b) What is the itemized breakdown of the expenses in (a)?

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada will respond to these parts of the inquiry.

(c) What are the expenditures to date, incurred by the Department of Justice, related to any action taken related to the farm, in total and broken down by type of expense? (d) What is the itemized breakdown of the expenses in (c)?

With respect to Department of Justice legal costs associated with action taken related to the ostrich farm in Edgewood British Columbia (“the ostrich farm”), to the extent that the information that has been requested is or may be protected by any legal privileges, including solicitor-client privilege, the federal Crown asserts those privileges. In this case, it has only waived solicitor-client privilege, and only to the extent of revealing the total legal costs, as defined below.

The total legal costs (actual and notional costs) associated with action taken related to the ostrich farm, amount to approximately \$1.32 million. The services targeted here are litigation services as well as litigation support services. Department of Justice lawyers, notaries and paralegals are salaried public servants and therefore no legal fees are incurred for their services. A “notional amount” can, however, be provided to account for the legal services they provide. The notional amount is calculated by multiplying the total hours recorded in the responsive files for the relevant period by the applicable approved internal legal services hourly rates. Actual costs represent file related legal disbursements and legal agent fees, as the case may be. The total amount mentioned in this response is based on information contained in the Department of Justice systems, as of October 29, 2025.

(e) What are the expenditures to date, incurred by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, related to any action or operation taken related to the farm, in total and broken down by type of expense? (f) What is the itemized breakdown of the expenses in (e)? (g) Were there any government expenses related to the farm which were not included in the responses in (a) through (f), and, if so, what are the details, including the amounts of each expense?

Public Safety Canada will respond to these parts of the inquiry.

Public Safety Canada

Reply by: the Minister of Public Safety

Name of Signatory: Jacques Ramsay, Parliamentary Secretary

Reply

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

(e) what are the expenditures to date, incurred by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, related to any action or operation taken related to the farm, in total and broken down by type of expense?

Between February 20, 2025, and October 22, 2025, the total expenditure is \$457,471.

(f) what is the itemized breakdown of the expenses in (e)?

Type	Fiscal Year 2024-2025	Fiscal Year 2025-2026	Total
Personnel	\$165	\$17,072	\$17,237
Transportation and Telecommunications	\$1,800	\$420,715	\$422,515
Professional and Special Services	\$0	\$5,840	\$5,840
Repairs and Maintenance	\$0	\$11,789	\$11,789
Utilities, Material and Supplies	\$0	\$90	\$90
Grand Total	\$1,965	\$455,506	\$457,471

(g) were there any government expenses related to the farm which were not included in the responses in (a) through (f), and, if so, what are the details, including the amounts of each expense?

The expenditures reported are only those that have been reflected in the financial system as farm related expenditures as of October 22, 2025. Salaries and other pending expenditures such as Overtime claims, that have not yet posted in the financial system related to the farm are not reflected in the data. Total expenditures related to the farm will not be complete until the end of the fiscal year.