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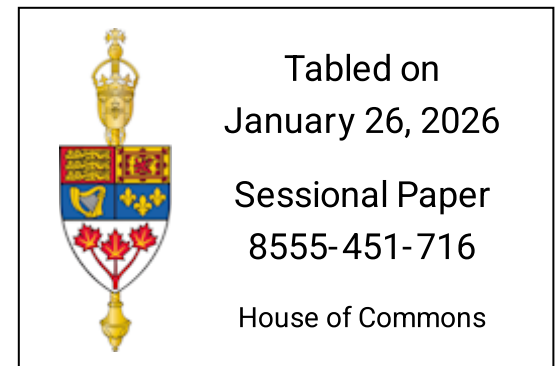
## Question

With regard to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's action and cull on the ostrich farm in Edgewood, British Columbia: (a) as of December 9, 2025, what are the expenditures 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?

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## Response

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Question number  
Q-716

Asked by  
Scott Anderson (Vernon—Lake  
Country—Monashee)

Date asked  
December 9, 2025

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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) as of December 9, 2025, what are the expenditures incurred by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency related to the farm, in total and broken down by type of expense?

Category	Expenditures to date (December 9, 2025)
Salary Costs (Note 1)	\$339,497.00
Animal Feed	\$13,780.00
Facilities	\$148,249.00
Legal Services	\$44,248.00
Materials and Supplies	\$380,396.00
Printing Services	\$175.00
Professional Services (Note 2)	\$482,734.00
Public Utilities	\$24,986.00
Shipping & Courier	\$28.00

<b>Category</b>	<b>Expenditures to date (December 9, 2025)</b>
Travel Expenses	\$100,067.00
Vehicles	\$62,355.00
Canadian Food Inspection Agency Grand Total	\$1,596,517.00

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

<b>Category</b>	<b>Product/Service</b>	<b>Expenditures to date (December 9, 2025)</b>
Salary Costs	Salary Costs	\$267,321.00
Salary Costs	Employee Benefit Plan	\$72,177.00
Salary Costs Total (Note 1)	Salary Costs Total	\$339,498.00
Animal Feed	Ostrich Feed	\$13,780.00
Animal Feed Total	Animal Feed Total	\$13,780.00
Facilities	Facilities (Portable Washrooms, Hand Wash Stations)	\$148,249.00
Facilities Total	Facilities Total	\$148,249.00
Legal Services	Legal Services (not including litigation costs incurred by the Department of Justice Canada)	\$44,248.00
Legal Services Total	Legal Services Total	\$44,248.00
Materials and Supplies	Straw & Delivery	\$220,923.00
Materials and Supplies	Specialized Equipment	\$33,464.00
Materials and Supplies	Water	\$369.00
Materials and Supplies	Materials and Supplies	\$125,641.00

<b>Category</b>	<b>Product/Service</b>	<b>Expenditures to date (December 9, 2025)</b>
Materials and Supplies Total	Materials and Supplies Total	\$380,397.00
Printing Services	Signage	\$175.00
Printing Services Total	Printing Services Total	\$175.00
Professional Services	Destruction	\$82,496.00
Professional Services	Disposal	\$166,087.00
Professional Services	Laundry	\$772.00
Professional Services	Protection Services	\$19,128.00
Professional Services	Transportation of Materials	\$45,000.00
Professional Services	Private Veterinarian Services	\$2,967.00
Professional Services (Note 2)	Cyber Security	\$35,300.00
Professional Services (Note 2)	Office Security (at 3 Canadian Food Inspection Agency offices)	\$124,241.00
Professional Services	Biocontainment compliance monitoring	\$6,743.00
Professional Services Total	Professional Services Total	\$482,734.00
Public Utilities	Heat	\$6,491.00
Public Utilities	Operational refuse bin rental and tipping fees	\$18,495.00
Public Utilities Total	Public Utilities Total	\$24,986.00
Shipping & Courier	Shipping	\$28.00
Shipping & Courier Total	Shipping & Courier Total	\$28.00
Travel Expenses	Travel Expenses	\$100,067.00

Category	Product/Service	Expenditures to date (December 9, 2025)
Travel Expenses Total	Travel Expenses Total	\$100,067.00
Vehicles	Vehicle Rentals	\$34,710.00
Vehicles	Recreational Vehicle Rental	\$27,645.00
Vehicles Total	Vehicles Total	\$62,355.00
Canadian Food Inspection Agency Grand Total	Canadian Food Inspection Agency Grand Total	\$1,596,517.00

Note 1: Salary costs include salary for existing Canadian Food Inspection Agency personnel deployed to this file as well as overtime incurred by those deployed during the operation on site.

Note 2: Cyber security and office security costs were incurred as a result of threats to Canadian Food Inspection Agency personnel across the country, at a number of Canadian Food Inspection Agency offices, via IT accounts and direct threats to Canadian Food Inspection Agency employees. These costs are not for security on site as that was provided by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

(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?

Not applicable.

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## 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) as of December 9, 2025, what are the expenditures 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); (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?

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 \$1.38M. 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 December 17, 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)?

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

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## 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?

Expenditures recorded in the financial system related to this inquiry between the first transaction date of February 20, 2025 and December 9, 2025 amount to \$3,384,324.

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

Type	Fiscal Year 2024-2025	Fiscal Year 2025-2026	Total
Personnel	\$165	\$2,016,401	\$2,016,566
Transportation and Telecommunications	\$1,800	\$1,082,640	\$1,084,440
Professional and Special Services	\$0	\$657,037	\$657,037
Rentals & Leases	\$0	\$59,210	\$59,210
Repairs and Maintenance	\$0	\$16,866	\$16,866
Utilities, Material and Supplies	\$0	\$210	\$210
Grand Total	\$1,965	\$3,832,364	\$3,834,329

(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 December 9, 2025. Salaries and other pending expenditures such as overtime claims, that have not yet been 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.