

## Return to Written Question

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MINISTER OF LANDS

### *Commissioner's Land Act Security Deposits*

Mr. Speaker, I have a Return to Written Question asked by Mr. O'Reilly on November 3, 2016 regarding *Commissioner's Land Act* security deposits.

Later today, at the appropriate time, I will table a list of commercial and industrial leases issued for Commissioner's Land since February 15, 2011, including the amount and form of security posted.

One lease was exempted from the requirement to post security under Section 3.1(3) of the *Commissioner's Land Act* as the calculated security does not exceed one thousand dollars. In addition, security is not required for one of the listed leases because the application for that lease was accepted prior to the February 2011 coming-into-force date of the security provisions of the *Commissioner's Land Act*.

The amount of security required for commercial or industrial leases of Commissioner's Land is calculated using a worksheet which appears on the Commercial/Industrial Lease Application Form. This calculation applies set restoration rates to the total area of land to be developed, the number and type of structures to be placed on the land, the amount of land used for the storage of fuel and the presence or absence of spill mitigating features. Additional multipliers are applied based on the lessee's previous performance and the potential for elevated environmental risk.

Commissioner's Land securities are received by the regional Lands Officer or headquarters staff, reviewed and taken to the Department of Finance as soon as they are deemed acceptable. Securities are tracked at headquarters. A lease's security calculation is reviewed every five years to account for inflation and to ensure the amount of security held is still appropriate given the use of the land.

There have been no instances where securities for commercial or industrial leases issued since February 15, 2011 have been returned.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.