

**Data on land rent paid by Alberta government on behalf of oil  
and gas companies**

*Data obtained via media requests to the Surface Rights Board and FOIP  
requests to Alberta Environment and Parks (in 2018, 2020 and 2021)*

(6 pages)

The Narwhal

March 2021

Land rent paid by government on behalf of delinquent oil and gas companies		
	Annual amount paid by government*	Amount recouped from companies**
2010	\$656,588.00	\$4,539.78
2011	\$592,533.00	\$32,432.78
2012	\$579,754.00	\$28,112.56
2013	\$683,736.00	\$17,921.91
2014	\$722,063.00	\$5,319.68
2015	\$1,729,578.00	\$32,016.94
2016	\$3,310,741.00	\$15,566.30
2017	\$6,031,421.00	\$108,740.59
2018	\$6,171,583.00	\$91,518.79
2019	\$8,424,685.00	\$302,737.46
2020	\$20,378,834.00	\$21,762.62

\* Data on the amount paid by government was received by The Narwhal, via media requests, from the Alberta government's Surface Rights Board

\*\* Data on the amount recouped from oil and gas companies was obtained through Freedom of Information requests by The Narwhal in 2018, 2020 and 2021

**Order Number: FOIP-2021-8169**

Dear Ms. Riley:

Wed, Jan 27, 2021 at 2:39 PM

Thank you for filling out your request. Your request has been submitted to the Alberta Environment & Parks FOIP Office and will soon be under review. You will receive updates by email as the request is processed.

The scope of your request is as follows:

**Section 36 of the Surface Rights Act requires the Alberta government to pay landowners annual compensation payments for well sites when the oil/gas company fails to pay. Section 36(9) of the Act provides that any amount paid by the government to a landowner “constitutes a debt owing by the operator [oil/gas company] to the Crown”. The Surface Rights Board pays compensation to landowners who have not been receiving payments from oil and gas companies — from general revenue sources. Service Alberta’s Crown Debt Collections then seeks to recoup that money from the oil and gas companies. I am seeking information on the following: The amount of money the Crown/Service Alberta’s Crown Debt Collections has recovered from oil and gas companies that owe money to the Crown for the reasons stated above.”**

**2021 FOIP results:**

**E21-G-0005**

**Amount of money that Crown Collections has recovered for SRB Debts between January 1 to December 31, 2020**

<b>Year 2020</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>(21,762.62)</b>

**2020 FOIP results:**

E20-G-0534

**Amount of money that Crown Debt Collections has recovered annually  
between January 1, 2018 to April 20, 2020**

2018	(91,518.79)
2019	(302,737.46)
2020	(15,882.04)
Grand Total	(410,138.29)

**2018 FOIP results:**

E18-G-1972

**January 1, 2006 to December 12, 2018**

Sum of Amount	
<b>Years</b>	<b>Total</b>
2006	(218,619.25)
2007	(312.68)
2008	(31,523.93)
2009	(4,070.00)
2010	(4,539.78)
2011	(32,432.78)
2012	(28,112.56)
2013	(17,921.91)
2014	(5,319.68)
2015	(32,016.94)
2016	(15,566.30)
2017	(108,740.59)
2018	(90,909.02)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>(590,085.42)</b>