

**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)*

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The Narwhal

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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

Year 2020	Total
Total	(21,762.62)

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	
Years	Total
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)
Grand Total	(590,085.42)