

**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, 2021 and
2022)*

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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
2021	\$22,058,470.00	\$101,384.12

* 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, 2021 and 2022

Order Number: FOIP-2022-10055

January 10, 2022

Dear Ms. Riley:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Request #: 2021-G-4/E21-G-0004

On January 6, 2022, Alberta Environment and Parks received your request under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP Act) for a copy of:

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 in 2021."

Time period: January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

2021 FOIP results:

E22-G-0004

**Amount of money that Crown Collections has
recovered for SRB Debts between January 1 to
December 31, 2021**

Year 2021	SRB PMT
Total	- 101,384.12

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)