Arts, Culture and Status of Women Written Responses

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Question:

Now, originally in the '23-24 estimates it [the Other Initiatives Program] was voted to be \$3.2 million. There was an excess of \$367,000 spent in that. Can you tell us specifically why that extra \$367,000 was needed to support other initiatives in '23-24?

Answer:

• In 2023-24, the Other Initiatives Program funded the following initiatives:

Initiative	Amount (\$)
Support for the 2024 Alberta World Cup Cross Country FIS event in	350,000
Canmore	
Grant to the Association of Alberta Municipalities to support 33 Alberta	176,973
Days events outside Edmonton and Calgary	
Support for the 2024 Canadian Finals Rodeo	250,000
Support for the 2024 Calgary Stampede Rodeo	250,000
Grant to the Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations to develop a	50,000
Workforce Feasibility Study on behalf of the non-profit sector	·
Grant to the Boys and Girls Clubs, Big Brothers Big Sisters of	150,000
Edmonton & Area and Volunteer Alberta to complete a	
volunteerism study	
Support for the Canadian Snowboard 2023-24 Big Air World Cup	100,000
Grant to Alberta Museums Association to develop fund development	250,000
resources for museums and support Indigenous engagement	
Grant to the National Music Centre to support music action plan	1,250,000
development and programming to support music sector growth	
Grant to the Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association to develop	75,000
gender-based violence programming (Centering Relationships)	
Support for the University of Calgary Sexual Assault Conference	53,600
Rural Sexual Assault Support Training Curriculum development	125,000
Grant to the Association of Alberta Sexual Assault Services to develop	261,600
sexual violence prevention programming	
Women in STEM and Persons Case Scholarships	225,000
TOTAL	3,567,173

Savings from other areas of the department were reallocated to the Other Initiatives
 Program to support additional projects supporting the ministry mandate.

I'm wondering with respect to that [10-year Strategy to End Gender-Based Violence] strategy, can you tell us how much you spent on the strategy in '23-24? Do you know how much was apportioned to those engagement sessions?

Answer:

 Engagement activities to support the development of the 10-year Strategy to End Gender-Based Violence were \$72,886 in 2023-24. Through this engagement, the ministry heard from more than 500 individuals and organizations and held almost 70 meetings and engagement sessions in 11 communities.

Question:

We were talking about the \$6.9 million from the feds in 2023, that \$2 million was going into prevention grants. You were beginning to give a list of, like, where that went. I'd like to hear some numbers. How much of those prevention grants would have been allocated from this ministry, and how much would have been allocated from other ministries? I would love to hear the remainder of the list. Maybe you can submit the rest of the list after the meeting.

- Arts, Culture and Status of Women oversaw the Gender-Based Violence Prevention Grant program and all funding was allocated from the department.
- The following 11 non-profit organizations received one-time funding:

Initiative	Amount (\$)
Aboriginal Friendship Centre of Calgary	200,381
Centre for Sexuality Society	265,004
Fear is Not Love Society	253,672
Radiance Family Society	104,772
Young Women's Christian Association of Banff	240,859
Camrose Women's Shelter Society	248,013
Boys and Girls Clubs of the Foothills	196,084
Riseup Society Alberta	23,924
The Jessica Martel Memorial Foundation	191,228
SAFFRON Centre Ltd.	120,034
Safe Horizon Society for Abuse Response	156,029
TOTAL	2,000,000

On page 35 about the additional performance metrics with respect to STEM [science, technology, engineering and mathematics], the data in the chart on page 35 is even more out of date, with the most recent year being '21-22. I'm curious why we're reporting such stale data. Do we not have '22-23 or '23-24?

Answer:

- At the time of publishing for the 2023-24 Annual Report, the most recently available data from Statistics Canada was for 2021-22.
- Data for 2022-23 was released in November 2024 by Statistics Canada and showed 14,685 women enrolled in STEM programs. The STEM proportion of total women's enrolments across all programs was 15 per cent.

Question:

I'm wondering: does the department have any targets for publishing from the Royal Tyrrell Museum? Can the department tell us what – you know, every research paper has an impact score. Is the work that the Tyrrell Museum is doing being published in high-impact journals, low-impact journals? How many citations are they getting? Give us a sense of how valuable this work is to the broader academic community. I'm just wondering how the Royal Tyrrell Museum compares to other similar museums on the measure of research output. Do you do that kind of comparison?

- There are no institutional publication targets at any of our provincial museums.
- Individual researchers include publication targets as part of their annual performance plans and year-end outputs are compared against these targets.
- Publications are tracked and included as part of annual reporting.
- As with most peer institutions, the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology publishes in research-area-specific journals with varying impact factors, depending on the audience they wish to reach.
- Publications details for research published in 2024-25 are (Royal Tyrrell Museum researcher in bold):
 - Therrien, F., Zelenitsky, D.K., Tanaka, K., Voris, J.T., Erickson, G.M., Currie, P.J., DeBuhr, C.L., and Kobayashi, Y. 2023. Exceptionally preserved stomach contents of a young tyrannosaurid reveal an ontogenetic dietary shift in an iconic extinct predator. Science Advances 9: eadi0505.
 - 2. Tanaka, K., Zelenitsky, D.K., **Therrien, F.**, Lee, Y.-N., Kubota, K., Kobayashi, Y., Funston, G.F., and Tsogtbaatar, K. 2023. Description and review of non-avian dinosaur eggs from Cretaceous deposits of the Mongolian Gobi Desert. In Y.-N. Lee (ed.), *Windows into Sauropsid and Synapsid Evolution: Essays in Honor of Louis L. Jacobs*. Dinosaur Science Center Press, South Korea, pp. 176–210.
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 - Farlow, J.O., Coroian, D., Currie, P.J., Foster, J.R., Mallon, J.C., and Therrien, F. 2023. "Dragons" on the landscape: Modelling the abundance of large carnivorous dinosaurs of the Upper Jurassic Morrison Formation (USA) and the Upper Cretaceous Dinosaur Park Formation (Canada). *The Anatomical Record* 306: 1669–1696.

- Tagliavento, M., Davies, A.J., Bernecker, M., Staudigel, P.T., Dawson, R.R., Dietzel, M., Goetschl, K., Guo, W., Schulp, A.S., **Therrien, F.**, Zelenitsky, D.K., Gerdes, A., Müller, W., and Fiebig, J. 2023. Evidence for heterothermic endothermy and reptile-like eggshell mineralization in Troodon, a non-avian maniraptoran theropod. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 120(15): e2213987120.
- 6. **Henderson, D.M.** 2023. Growth constraints set an upper limit to theropod dinosaur body size. *The Science of Nature* 110: 1–8.
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- 8. Kalyniuk, J.E., **West, C.K.**, Greenwood, D.R., Basinger, J.F. and Brown, C.M., 2023. The Albian vegetation of central Alberta as a food source for the nodosaurid *Borealopelta markmitchelli*. *Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology* 611: 111356.
- 9. Padgett, A.B., Hyland, E.G., **West, C.K.**, Burgener, L.K., Greenwood, D.R. and Basinger, J.F. 2023. Paleogene paleohydrology of Ellesmere and Axel Heiberg islands (Arctic Canada) from palustrine carbonates. *Paleoceanography and Paleoclimatology* 38: e2023PA004609.
- Ashbaugh, A.J., Scott, C.S., Mantilla, G.P.W., and Theodor, J.M. 2023. Species discrimination in the multituberculate Mesodma Jepsen, 1940 (Mammalia, Allotheria): considerations of size, shape, and form. *Journal of Paleontology* 97: 1282–1292.
- Scott, C.S., López-Torres, S., Silcox, M.T. and Fox, R.C. 2023. New paromomyids (Mammalia, Primates) from the Paleocene of southwestern Alberta, Canada, and an analysis of paromomyid interrelationships. *Journal of Paleontology* 97: 477–498.
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- 13. Murray, A.M., Nelson, L.E. and **Brinkman, D.B**. 2023. A new sturgeon from the Upper Cretaceous Horseshoe Canyon Formation in central Alberta, Canada. *Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology*: e2232846.
- 14. Voris, J.T., Zelenitsky, D.K., and **Therrien, F.** 2024. Caenagnathids (Theropoda, Oviraptorosauria) from the uppermost Maastrichtian of the Scollard Formation of Alberta, Canada. *Cretaceous Research* 153: 105708.
- 15. Myhrvold, N.P., Baumgart, S.L., Vidal, D., Fish, F.E., **Henderson, D.M.**, Saitta, E.T., and Sereno, P.C. 2024. Diving dinosaurs? Caveats on the use of bone compactness and pFDA for inferring lifestyle. *PLOS ONE* 19: p.e0298957.
- 16. Buryak, S.D., Reyes, A.V., West, C.K., Jensen, B.J., DuFrane, S.A., Davies, J.H., Luo, Y., Galloway, J.M., Siver, P.A., Westgate, J.A., and Reimink, J.R. 2024. Tephra zircon U-Pb geochronology of kimberlite maar sedimentary fills in subarctic Canada: Implications for Eocene paleoclimate and Late Cretaceous paleogeography. Geological Society of America Bulletin.
- 17. **Gardner, J.D.,** and Roček, Z. In press. The fossil record of anuran larvae. In B. Viertel (ed.), *Natural History of Anuran Larvae*. Edition Chimaira, Frankfurt. 138 MS pp + 20 figs.

• The department does not track citation rates as the metric is not in and of itself a reflection of research quality. Our scientists are widely respected and the curatorial expertise of the museum is routinely solicited for research collaboration.

Question:

Because a lot of the researchers who work at the Royal Tyrrell Museum are cross appointed at the University of Alberta in particular, has the department undertaken any kind of impact assessment of cuts to operational funding at the University of Alberta or other research institutions in the province of Alberta on the work that the Tyrrell Museum has been able to do?

Answer:

- Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology curators are not cross appointed at the University of Alberta.
- Some curators hold adjunct positions at the University of Alberta, but these are nonremunerated positions that principally allow for co-supervision of graduate students.

Question:

Are there any trends in the amount of research that the Tyrrell Museum has done? So, 17 papers in '22-23. Is that more than previous years? Less? About the same?

Answer:

 The number of peer-reviewed publications at the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology has been relatively consistent over the past five years, ranging from 15 to 22 papers.

Question:

Now, according to page 74 of the annual report, the Royal Tyrrell Museum received \$513,000 less than budgeted. I'm wondering if the department could tell the committee why that was the case. Do you have an understanding of what kinds of vacancies those were?

Answer:

 The surplus primarily related to operational savings, including supplies and services that helped offset budget pressures related to new exhibit development in other areas of the ministry.

What is the research focus for the academic publishing and research at the Royal Alberta Museum? If it's exceptional, what are the targets for publishing or measurement of impact of the publications that are happening at the Royal Alberta Museum? How are you measuring exceptional research at the Royal Alberta Museum? Does the department track those things, and can you provide that information to the committee? How does the Royal Alberta Museum compare to other like museums across Canada, around the world in terms of its academic output and the quality of its academic output?

Answer:

- The Royal Alberta Museum has nine curators, spanning various specialities in history, natural sciences and earth sciences. These include Military and Government History, Daily Life and Leisure, Labour and Industry, Archaeology, Quaternary Studies, Ornithology, Botany, Non-avian Vertebrates and Invertebrate Zoology.
- There are no institutional publication targets at any of our provincial museums.
- Individual researchers include publication targets as part of their annual performance plans, and year-end outputs are compared against these targets.
- Publications are tracked and included as part of annual reporting.
- Royal Alberta Museum research is published in highly specialized, discipline-specific
 journals, as well as those with a wider reach and readership. These include the
 Journal of Hymenoptera Research and Chelonian Conservation and Biology, and
 journals with wider reach include Science Advances and PaleoAmerica.
- While the Royal Alberta Museum and the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology do not have a formal measure of exceptional research, informal measures include high scores on commercial global aggregators, such as the Altmetric attention score or ResearchGate's research interest score.
 - For the 15 peer-reviewed papers published by Royal Alberta Museum in 2024-25, research interest scores range from 0.3 to 22.4. For its seven papers for which data are available, attention scores range from 1.0 to 898.0.
 - Scores are not static, so today's scores for papers from 2023-24 are different from what they were a year ago when the annual report was written.
- The result of Royal Alberta Museum research is the basis for exhibition development and educational programming. Research, especially field-based work, also adds specimens and artifacts to the provincial collections held by the institutions.

Question:

How much did the ministry spend in this fiscal year, not including any federal transfers, on French language policy and francophone programs?

- The Canada-Alberta Agreement on French-Language Services is a five-year, costshared agreement to support developing, enhancing and maintaining services and supports in French for Albertans.
- In 2023-24, the ministry successfully negotiated a significant increase in federal funding securing \$2.25 million annually for five years (2023-2028) compared to \$650,000 annually since 2008.
- This funding supports the work of the secretariat and is a part of the annual budget for the branch but is not reflective of what all ministries invest in supporting government services for French-speaking Albertans.

Can the ministry confirm if they do or do not provide any funding for the French policy, or is funding solely from the federal government?

Answer:

• The Canada-Alberta Agreement on French-Language Services is a cost-shared agreement. The province contributes at least the dollar-to-dollar matching requirement and will often surpass the federal contribution towards the development of services in French for French-speaking Albertans.

Question:

Given there are no performance metrics for objective 2.5 [Continue to support and engage with Albertan's Francophone communities through the French Policy and by working with government partners on programs and projects that enhance the vitality of the Francophonie], how does the ministry measure effectiveness of its efforts to support or engage the Alberta francophone community?

- The Ministry supports all departments to engage with French-speaking Albertans on the effectiveness of and need for government services and supports in French.
- This is done in a variety of ways, including targeted engagement with Frenchspeaking Albertans and meetings with Francophone organizations, as well as regular meetings of the Alberta Advisory Council on the Francophonie.
- Examples of direct engagement include:
 - Between November 2023 and March 2024, Education held curriculum engagement sessions where francophone stakeholders were invited to provide feedback on the draft curriculum as well as input on required supports for implementation and future implementation timelines.
 - In 2023-24, Arts, Culture and Status of Women developed a gender-based violence survey that was posted publicly and translated into French. The department also hosted a French-language engagement session with francophone stakeholders to support the development of the strategy.
- The Alberta Advisory Council on the Francophonie held four meetings during the 2023-24 fiscal year. Council members engaged with departments and key Francophonie stakeholders, offering feedback and addressing key topics such as education, justice, immigration and health.

The annual report on page 26 talks about successful products to provide meaningful information to French language Albertans, including 250 tweets at Bonjour Alberta, tax tips, budgeting 101. My question is what else is the department doing to encourage French speakers to participate in democracy? Is there *Hansard* translation, bill translation, what-we-heard documents translated into French?

Answer:

- Dialogue, Collaboration and Representation are priorities of the Alberta French Policy.
- The department works with the Alberta Advisory Council on the Francophonie to ensure program priorities reflect the needs of the community.
- The ministry has no role in the publication of Hansard or Bills in front of the Legislature. The *Languages Act* defines how legislation in Alberta is published.
- Since the adoption of the French Policy, there have been several public and stakeholder engagements conducted in French, including the recent engagement to inform the 10-year Strategy to End Gender-based Violence.

Question:

I note the department discusses French policy awareness and training resulting in training of 90 participants in 18 ministries. With over 27,000 employees in 20 ministries, is the ministry satisfied with this level of engagement? Does the ministry have any targets or plans to improve? Given the federal investment of over \$11.2 million through a Canada-Alberta agreement on French-language services from '23-28 what specific initiatives have been implemented to enhance French language services in sectors like health, justice, and education, and how are those impacts being measured?

- Since the adoption of the French Policy in 2017, approximately 500 members of the public service have taken French Policy awareness training. Additional training is being developed to increase awareness.
- There have been several French-language initiatives in health, justice and education, including:
 - Increased funding to Saint-Thomas Community Health Centre to provide integrated and interdisciplinary primary health care services in French.
 - Expanded French-language health services across the province and support for health professionals to improve their French-language skills.
 - Real-time interpretation services offered through the Language Line at all Alberta Health Services facilities, court counters and courtrooms.
 - Expanded French-speaking juror pools.
 - Eliminated the need to translate documents into English for court proceedings.
 - Funded the Francophone Family Resource Network to support francophone families and children access culturally relevant services.
 - Establishment of a French Services Branch at Alberta Education to enhance service delivery.
- The 2023-24 French Policy Annual Report, available on Alberta.ca, provides more information about initiatives to improve services in French.

With respect to women in STEM, how does Alberta compare to other provinces with respect to the percentage of women in STEM or enrolment in STEM?

- According to Statistics Canada, in 2022-23 the proportion of women's post-secondary enrolment in STEM across all provinces and territories ranged from 10 to 23 per cent.
- In Alberta, 15 per cent of women enrolled in post-secondary were enrolled in STEM programs. Rates in other provinces range between 10 per cent in the Territories to 23 per cent in Prince Edward Island.

What is the gender balance between men and women in the identified STEM programs? I'm curious what percentage of women in STEM secure work integrated learning positions or what percentage receive meaningful related employment after their education. Is there any data on gender pay equity in STEM related fields, and are there any programs or initiatives that the government has to address gender pay inequity?

Answer:

- According to Statistics Canada, in 2022-23, the proportion of male and female enrolments in STEM programs across all provinces and territories was 59.5 per cent men and 40.5 per cent women.
- In Alberta, the proportion of male and female enrolments in STEM programs was 59.7 per cent men and 40.3 per cent women.

Question:

Could the deputy minister please explain how the ministry promoted the importance of volunteerism through volunteer recognition programs, and how did Albertans across the province benefit from these programs?

- Arts, Culture and Status of Women supports several volunteer-recognition programs that honour outstanding volunteers and create awareness of the importance of volunteerism.
- The ministry supports National Volunteer Week in partnership with Volunteer Alberta with grants to support eligible organizations to host events that celebrate, recognize and promote volunteerism.
 - In 2023, Alberta's government funded 73 communities to honour local volunteers.
- The Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards is an annual event that recognizes up to nine extraordinary Albertans whose volunteer efforts have contributed to the well-being of their community and fellow community members.
 - Arts, Culture and Status of Women hosted the 2023 Stars of Alberta Volunteer Award Ceremony on December 8, 2023, in Calgary.
 - Since the program's inception, 171 outstanding Alberta volunteers have been honoured through the program.
- The Alberta Northern Lights Volunteer Recognition Program honours the everyday heroes helping to make life better in communities across the province. Volunteers are profiled on an ongoing basis throughout the year.
 - Since its inception, almost 200 volunteer profiles have been showcased on the Northern Lights Volunteer Recognition Program website.

The new artist in residence, or arts ambassador, was announced in April 2023. Could you report to the committee about the artist and how she has promoted the value of arts in Alberta?

Answer:

- Sharon Rose Kootenay was the 2023-24 Alberta Artist in Residence / Arts Ambassador.
- Throughout her one-year term, Sharon offered workshops, hosted events and supported other artists, arts venues and institutions through her visits, interviews and mentorship.
- A life-long maker of traditional art forms, Sharon uses hide, beads and thread and needle to create fine crafts that illustrate regional history, significant family events and personal perspectives.
- Her project, entitled "Kihohkewin // Gone Visiting and Pihtikwe // Come In!," included approximately 20 new beadwork and other fine craft artworks.

Question:

On page 25 of the annual report the Alberta Foundation for the Arts has provided a significant number of grants to artists and art organizations in order to grow the Alberta arts sector to an even greater degree. Can the ministry expand on the process of how an individual organization qualifies for a grant under the AFA? Can the ministry provide some specific examples of how recipients have benefited from these grant programs?

- The Alberta Foundation for the Arts (AFA) offers annual operating and project grant opportunities to organizations, as well as project grant opportunities for individual artists.
- Arts organizations must meet specific eligibility criteria to receive an operating grant from the AFA, which are outlined on the AFA website.
- Generally, eligibility criteria requires that arts organizations be registered not-for-profit organizations that operate in Alberta and have an artistic mandate, while also demonstrating good governance principles, effective administrative practices and a commitment to fiscal responsibility. The AFA provided \$16.8 million to arts organizations through 398 operating grants in 2023-24.
- Examples of organizations that received this funding are:
 - The Calgary Children's Choir Association.
 - The Art Gallery of Alberta.
 - The Three Hills Arts Academy Society.
- The AFA also reimbursed funding to eligible not-for-profit community organizations that present professional artists to audiences during the year, including organizations that may not have arts included in their core mandates. The AFA provided \$1.5 million to 153 organizations in Alberta through this program in 2023-24.
- Examples of organizations that received this funding are:
 - The City of Lethbridge Library Board received \$7,760 to support a series of author readings during the Word on the Street festival.
 - The Darwell and District Agricultural Society received \$10,780 to support musicians performing during the Barnburner Music Festival.
 - The Silver Skate Festival Society received \$18,100 to bring in artists to perform throughout the festival.

- AFA project funding for organizations and individual artists is primarily assessed and awarded through a competitive expert panel process.
- Expert panels assess applications and make recommendations to the AFA board to award funding. Expert panel award recommendations are determined by the specific criteria listed in the guidelines for each grant. A different expert panel is assembled for each application intake.
- The AFA accepts grant applications from individuals twice a year to support art
 projects, including art creation or production, marketing, research or training and
 professional development. The AFA provided \$2.7 million through 257 individual
 project grants in seven discipline-specific programs in 2023-24.
- All grants are approved by the AFA Board of Directors.

Key objective 2.3 on page 24 of the Annual Report indicates that the ministry supported victims of domestic violence through the implementation of the National Action Plan to End Gender-based Violence. Can the ministry provide some additional details on the national action plan and how the Ministry of Arts, Culture and Status of Women works with other ministries to carry out the plan? Does the ministry have plans to target issues specific to Alberta with regard to gender-based violence?

- The National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence is the 10-year national framework outlining potential actions jurisdictions could take to address gender-based violence and support survivors and their families.
- Alberta, along with other provinces and territories, formally endorsed the Action Plan at the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Meeting of Ministers responsible for the Status of Women in November 2022.
- Following this, in July 2023 Alberta negotiated a bilateral funding agreement for \$54 million over four years to support the goals of the National Action Plan. Alberta received \$6.9 million in 2023-24. For the remaining three years of the agreement, Alberta will receive \$15.7 million in each year.
- The 2023-24 federal funding was allocated towards a variety of initiatives, including:
 - \$2 million in for gender-based violence prevention grants (Arts, Culture and Status of Women).
 - \$625,000 to support programs at post-secondary institutions that address gender-based and sexual violence on campus (Advanced Education).
 - \$2.55 million to support a family violence public awareness campaign, offender supports and expanded men's programming (Children and Family Services).
 - \$700,000 to support a First Nations data strategy, Indigenous-led women's empowerment programming and implementation of the Alberta Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Roadmap (Indigenous Relations).
 - \$250,000 towards implementation of the Alberta Family Justice Strategy (Justice).
 - \$300,000 to support increased communications to enhance awareness of Clare's Law (Public Safety and Emergency Services).
 - \$525,000 to support prevention training programs for elder abuse service providers (Assisted Living and Social Services)
- In 2023-24, Alberta began developing a made-in-Alberta strategy to end gender-based violence to address the specific needs of Albertans. A portion of the year-one funding also supported the development of Alberta's strategy.