

Written Question

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Asked of: Honourable Joe Savikataaq, Minister of Environment

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Subject: Sales of Caribou Meat

Question 1: For the calendar years 2017, 2018, and 2019 to date, and divided by region and/or caribou herd, whichever is more appropriate:

- a) What was the estimated quantity of caribou meat sold through conventional commercial channels (e.g. meat plants and retail stores)?
- b) What was the estimated quantity of caribou meat sold through informal channels (e.g. social media-facilitated sales and/or direct sales between individuals)?
- c) What methodology did the department utilize in providing responses to questions 1(a) and 1(b)?
- d) What information does the department require to accurately and comprehensively track the quantities of caribou meat being sold in Nunavut?

Question 2: Based on the department's best available information, what are the price ranges paid for:

- a) A whole caribou?
- b) A kilogram of caribou meat?

Question 3: What specific actions has the Department taken to better track sales of caribou meat?

Question 4: What is the trend in territory-wide caribou meat sales, and what specific factors are contributing to this trend?

Question 5: What specific information concerning the transportation of country food (including, but not limited to, caribou meat) is currently being reported to the department by commercial airlines operating within Nunavut, and what information is currently not being reported?

Question 6: To the department's knowledge, what specific examples of actions to regulate the private sale of caribou meat have been undertaken, or are currently being undertaken, by individuals and/or organizations, including but not limited to, Hunters and Trappers Organizations?