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## ANSWERS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 65<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

### Legislative Assembly of PEI

Question number: 1505	Question date: June 14, 2017
Question asked by: Jamie Fox	
Question answered by: Department of Agriculture and Fisheries	Answer date: 07.03.18

#### QUESTION:

Why are farmers being treated like criminals in this Province for basic records offences after this Government committed to fix the situation of distrust between farmers and conservation officers?

#### ANSWER:

Staff from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries has an excellent relationship with farmers in this province. They work very closely with farmers to share information and offer programming on topics ranging from general production practices, environmental stewardship, animal health and welfare, public trust, business development, research and innovation, strategic industry growth, assurance systems etc.



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Question number: 1506	Question date: June 14, 2017
Question asked by: Jamie Fox	
Question answered by: Department of Agriculture and Fisheries	Answer date: 07.03.18

#### QUESTION:

When farmers complained about conservation officers showing up on their properties carrying firearms to deal with agricultural issues, your Government told us conservation officers would no longer carry guns to the farm door. Despite this, we have learned that the practice displaying a sidearm while confronting farmers over agricultural issues continues. Can you explain why armed conservation officers are still going to farm doors?

#### ANSWER:

Department of Agriculture and Fisheries staff do not carry firearms.



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Question number: 1507	Question date: June 14, 2017
Question asked by: Jamie Fox	
Question answered by: Department of Agriculture and Fisheries	Answer date: 07.03.18

#### QUESTION:

Why are farmers being charged in provincial court for spraying to control blight on 5 day intervals when your Government mails them blight control publications telling them to do exactly that? You're your [sic] government apologize to those farmers who have been charged for doing what the Department of Agriculture told them to do to in an effort to prevent blight?

#### ANSWER:

Staff from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries provides advice, guidance and programming on best management practices that reduce environmental risk and support the following priorities: Soil Management, Storage Management, Buffer Zone/Riparian Management, Water Management, Integrated Nutrient and Pest Management, and Energy Management. The advice and guidance for any best management practice would involve following the recommendations on any pesticide label.