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**Oral Question 774-17(5): Agricultural Strategy**

During question period on March 10, 2015, you made inquiries relating to the process for applying for land for agricultural purposes and whether the application process was one which the Department of Lands had inherited as a result of devolution.

The processes that the Department of Lands uses to guide applications for Commissioner's and Territorial land were established prior to devolution, and there were no impacts or changes to these processes as a result of devolution.

When applying for Commissioner's land, applicants must provide sufficient detail to identify the purpose for which the land is required. The level of detail for a commercial activity such as agricultural use would include, among other items, a site plan and development plan for the land, along with information on the storage of dangerous goods such as fuels or fertilizers. As a commercial activity, performance security would also be required to be provided as required under the *Commissioner's Land Act*.

All applications for Commissioner's land are sent to Aboriginal and Community Governments as required for consultation purposes.

Applications for agricultural purposes on territorial land are considered a commercial/industrial activity. For this, the Department uses the general lease application process which was used prior to devolution by the federal government. Applicants must provide specific information such as intended use, a project plan and location, confirmation of licensing from the appropriate governing authority, and plans for the storage and disposal of waste and hazardous material.

Accepted applications for Territorial land are sent to the Lands Advisory Committee (LAC) for a 45-day consultation period. The LAC is comprised of Aboriginal Governments, other government departments and regulatory boards. Following the consultation period, if there are no concerns raised, leases are issued.

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Specific details on the application process, as well as the relevant applications forms for both Commissioner's and Territorial land, are available to applicants through the Department's website. Should applicants have any further questions on the process, they can make enquiries through the regional offices, where Senior Lands Officers are available to help applicants through the various aspects of the process.

Thank you for your question.



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