



The Honourable Robert Black, Senator  
Chair  
Standing Senate Committee Agriculture and Forestry  
c/o Ferda Simpson  
The Senate  
Ottawa ON K1A 0A4

Dear Senator Black :

Please find enclosed the information requested by the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry following the appearance by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada senior officials before the Committee on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

I trust that the members of the committee will find this information useful in their study regarding Bill C-234.

Sincerely,

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## **Follow-up question from September 21, AGFO appearance**

### **Official exchange:**

**Senator Burey:** Thank you so much for coming here today. I wanted to hone in on this agricultural clean technology program. We've heard that farmers want to improve their efficiencies and by doing so get more innovation, clean technology and those sorts of things. But we've also heard that it's difficult to access these programs. We talk here of incentives, so what percentage of the applications are being approved?

**Mr. Valicenti:** Thank you very much for the question. I don't have the number of applications here. I can give a quick number. We can circle back with that, but there was a reason in 2022 for the government to add additional dollars to the fund to the program because we saw the oversubscription the first year. We anticipate that we will be funding more applications in the second intake. We feel that by using a closed system intake, we will look across the country at those with the highest potential for GHG reductions in the areas I mentioned, namely, energy efficiency and greener technologies. We are going to see an increase in the number of applications approved in the second intake, but I just don't have the number that we have regarding the intake for the second round. I can certainly circle back and provide that number to the clerk.

**Question:** What percentage of the applications are being approved?

**Answer:** The first intake for ACT-A was done in a two phased approach. Potential applicants were asked to submit a Project Summary Form for evaluation by the Program prior to submitting a full application. This was done to ensure that all full applications received met the criteria required to be assessed further for funding. 1500 Project Summary Forms were submitted to the program, of which 22% were eventually approved for funding.

Of the 1500 Project summary forms, 411 full applications were received. 85% of the full applications submitted received funding through ACT-A.

There is no information for the current intake for the program, as these applications are being assessed.