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Asked of: Hon. Lorne Kusugak, Minister of Health

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Date: June 9, 2021

Subject: Enforcement of orders under the *Public Health Act*

1. **With respect to Orders made by the Chief Public Health Officer under the *Public Health Act* between March 18, 2020, and June 1, 2021, in relation to the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic:**

a) **Broken down by Order, provision and community where the breach occurred, how many breaches of the Orders have been formally investigated and prosecuted by persons authorized to implement and/or administer and/or enforce the Orders?**

Response:

All complaints received regarding potential breaches in public health orders are investigated.

From March 18, 2020, to June 1, 2021, there were 321 breaches investigated. The majority of breaches fell under the Order Respecting Social Distancing and Gatherings, specifically the use of masks and public gatherings. Of the 321 breaches, the majority (257) were in Iqaluit.

See tables on the following page for more information.

Table 1: Potential breaches investigated, per Order		
Order Respecting Social Distancing and Gatherings (breach related to public gatherings and social distancing)	170	53%
Order Respecting Social Distancing and Gatherings (breaches related to masks)	73	23%
Mandatory Self-Isolation Order (breach of isolation)	60	19%
Not enough information to complete investigation / breach not confirmed	10	3%
Order Respecting Social Distancing and Gatherings (breach done by a business)	8	2%
Total	321	100%

Table 2: Breaches under public health orders, per community		
Community	# Complaints	%
Arviat	30	9%
Baker Lake	10	3%
Cambridge Bay	2	1%
Igloolik	1	0%
Iqaluit	257	80%
Kugluktuk	6	2%
Kinngait	1	0%
Pond Inlet	3	1%
Rankin Inlet	9	3%
Sanikiluaq	1	0%
Taloyoak	1	0%
Total	321	100%
<i>Note: the community percentages as shown above do not total 100% because they have been rounded to the nearest whole number.</i>		

b) What fines and/or other penalties for individuals have been imposed under the Orders?

Response:

One individual was fined \$575 for a breach related to the Mandatory Self-Isolation Order.

c) What fines and/or other penalties for corporations have been imposed under the Orders?

Response:

Four tickets were issued to two businesses under the Orders:

- Three tickets were issued to one business. All three tickets involved violations of the Communicable Disease Orders issued by the Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO) related to exceeding the occupancy limit.
- One ticket was issued to another business and involved a violation of the Order Respecting Social Distancing and Gatherings.

d) How much fine revenue has been collected to date in respect to fines imposed on individuals and corporations under the Orders?

Response:

To date, the total amount for fines is \$12,075.

e) How many formal written warnings or other advisories concerning enforcement matters have been issued to date to individuals and corporations in respect to the Orders?

Response:

To date, there has been a total of 108 warnings given. Of the 108 warnings, 97 were verbal warnings and 11 were written warnings. All warnings (including verbal warnings) issued by Officers are considered official and tracked accordingly.