

Written Responses to Questions posed on December 7, 2023

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Dr. Suchan was asked a question by Mr. Rick Perkins, MP. He asked her to send in a response to the committee about whether we monitor lobster fishing areas within Atlantic Canada. If he has any additional questions, please feel free to provide my email address to him.

- We have not been tasked to monitor lobster fishing areas within Atlantic Canada at this time. MDA is under contract to the DFO for use of the Dark Vessel Detection (DVD) capability and we are responsive to DFO for all satellite tasking requests. We are able to provide information on maritime areas both domestically within Canada's Economic Exclusion Zone (EEZ) and internationally. We are certainly open to the possibility of monitoring these types of areas in the future, and open to providing a quick assessment as to the value that radar satellite imagery could provide in these regions.

Thank you, and happy holidays!

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