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**Specific Claims
Presentation for the
National Claims Research
Directors Meeting
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Purpose

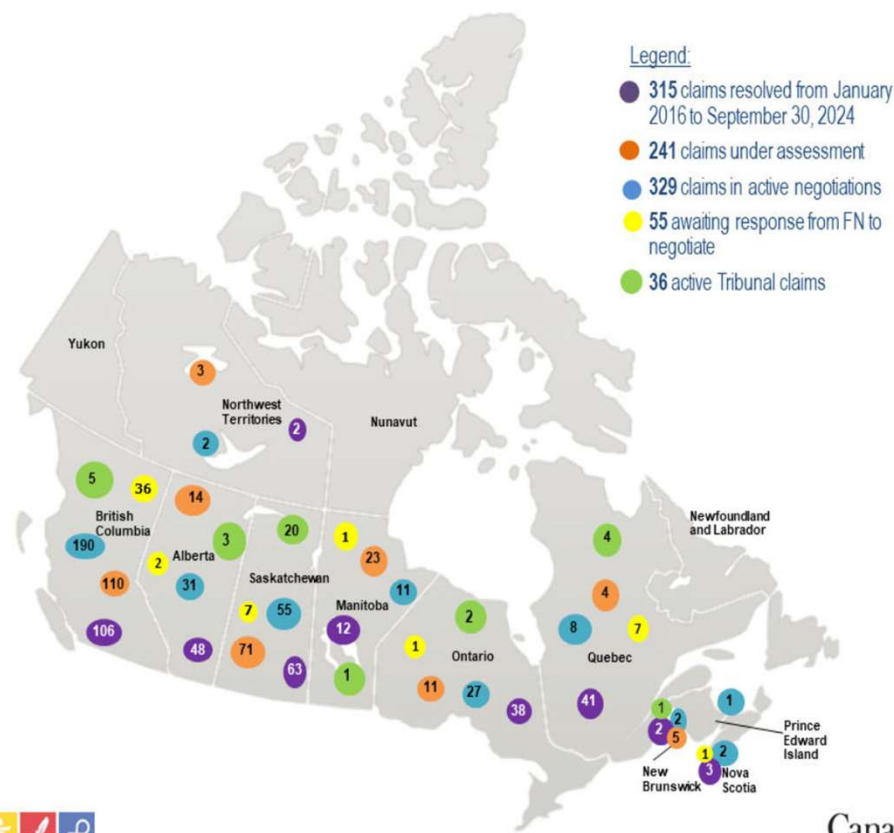
- Provide overview of the inventory of claims, with a focus on the claims at the review stage.
- Provide information on data points collected by location, type and step of the review process.
- Provide information on trends in the inventory of specific claims.





Specific Claims Inventory

- Since the program began in **1973 to September 30, 2024**, 720 claims, totaling more than \$16 billion in compensation, have been settled through negotiations.
- From **January 1, 2016 to September 30, 2024**, 315 claims have been resolved for close to \$12.2 billion in compensation.
- Of the 310 claims settled through negotiations, 240 claims settled for less than \$50 million; 61 settled for between \$50 million and \$150 million; and nine claims settled for more than \$150 million.
- From **April 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024**, 18 claims were settled for \$1.15 billion in compensation; 55 claims were filed with the Minister; and Canada made an offer to negotiate on 20 claims.
- As of **September 30, 2024**, there were 736 claims in the Specific Claims inventory. Map does not capture the claims that have the received status, and which are going through the Early Review Process (36 claims).





General Trends in Assessment

Statistics for 2023-24

- Filed: 99 claims filed with the Minister
- Reviewed: 85 claims, resulting in 84 offers to negotiate
- Reassessments: 11 requests
- For claims for which the review was completed last fiscal year, the average time for processing claims was 2.3 years.
- 98% of claims meet the minimum standard
- 97% acceptance rate for assessment

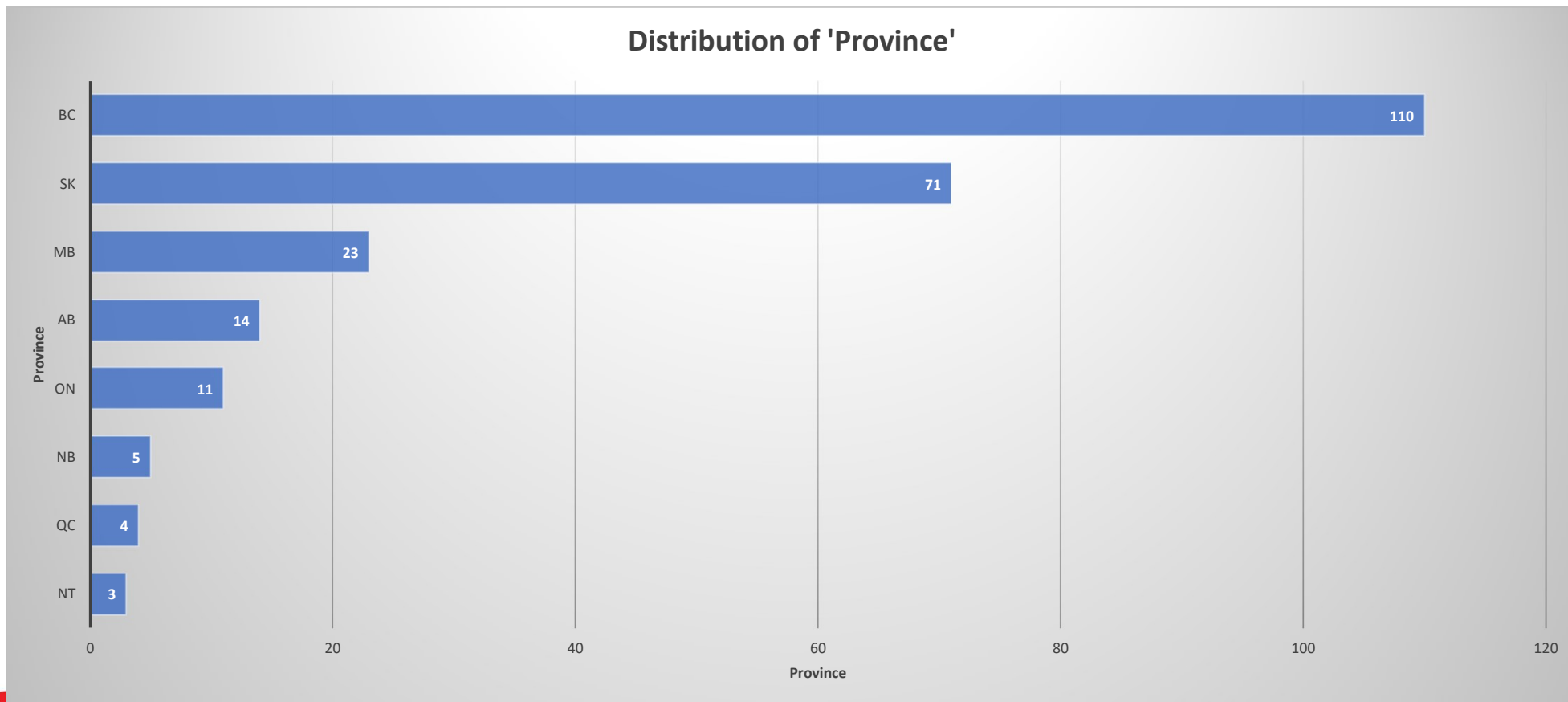
Current inventory 24-25

- 277 claims in assessment: 36 claims at ERP stage and 241 claims at RES-DOJ-LOS stages
- 116 BC claims, 161 claims in Prairies-ON- QC And Maritimes





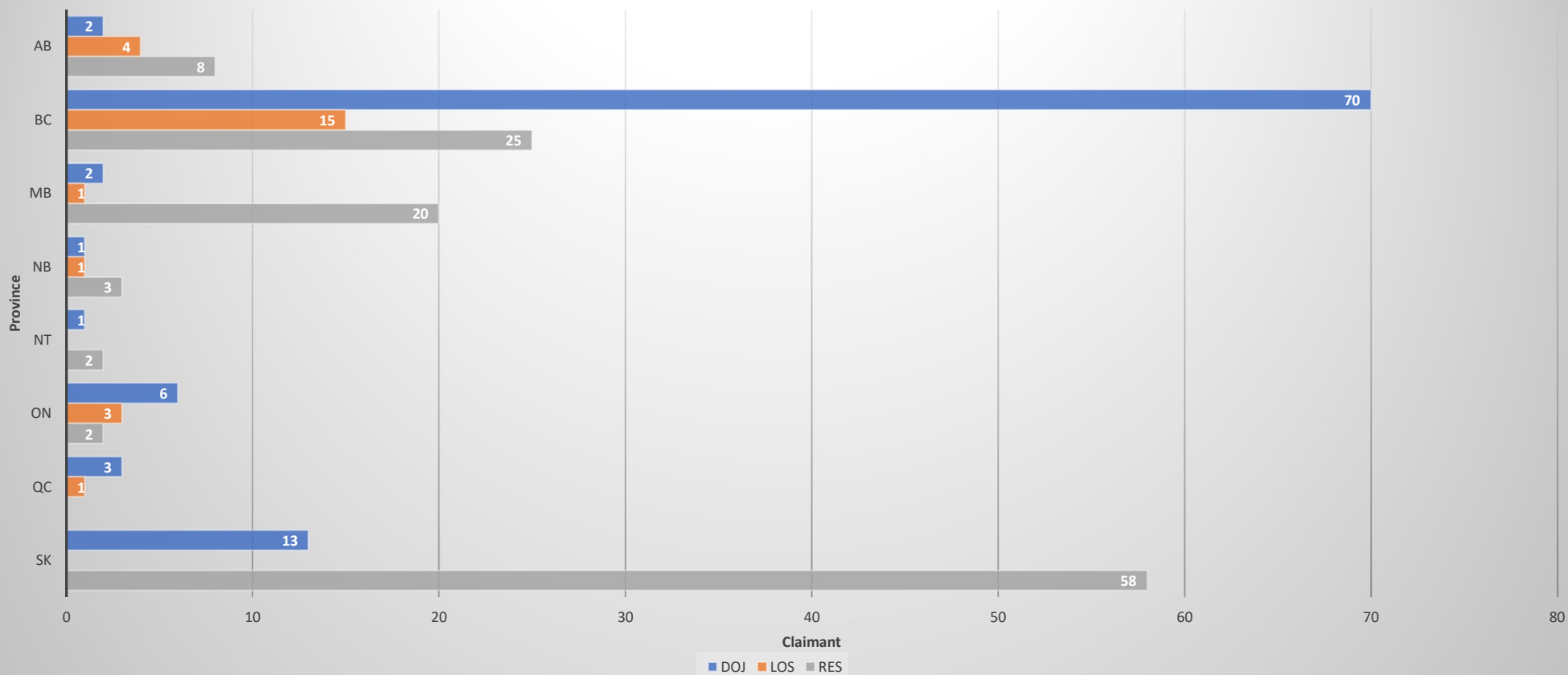
Claims by province





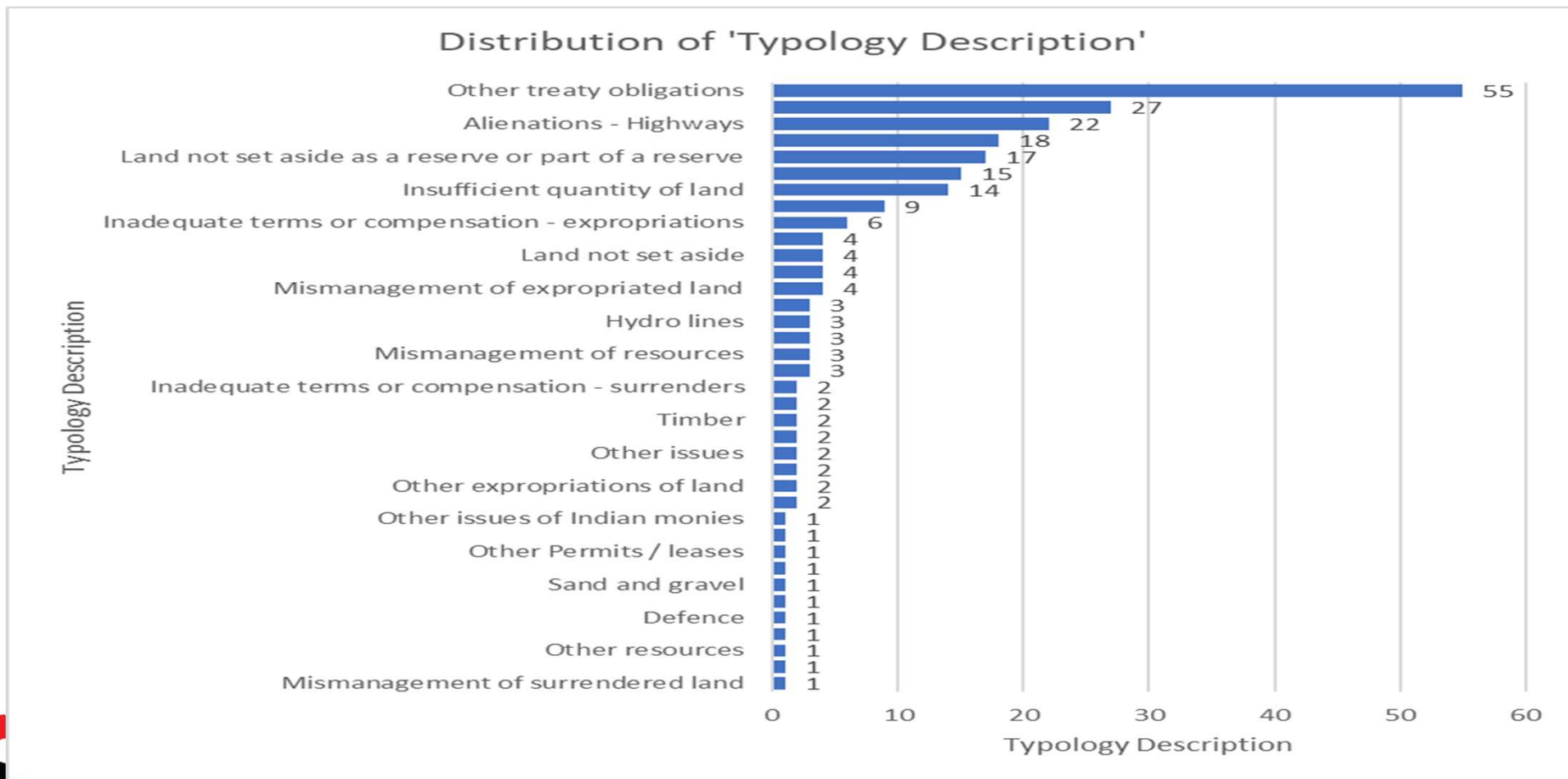
Claims by status and province

Distribution by Province and Status





Claims Under Review by Typology





Agricultural Benefit Claims Accelerated Strategy Basics

- Framework approach to expedite “cows & plows” claims under Treaties 4, 5 & 6
- Historical records and other available evidence suggest that the Government of Canada often did not completely fulfill its agricultural benefit obligations under Treaties 4, 5 and 6. Canada has created this process to address these claims more consistently and more expeditiously.
- Is within the Specific Claims process but with expedited elements
 - Expedited Submission and Assessment Process
 - Expedited Negotiation
 - Expedited Settlement Mandating and Settlement
- Framework approach is not mandatory; First Nations can elect to negotiate claims under the regular specific claims process.





Opportunities for Collaboration during the Review Stage

- At the ERP stage: to clarify scope of allegations or inquire about missing documents.
- At the research stage: to discuss gaps in research that would prevent the review.
- At the start of the legal assessment: a meeting can be organized between counsels to present the claim.
- Meetings with FNs to discuss claims where SCB is not proposing a negotiation.
- Reconsideration of a claim where no offer to negotiate was made when there is a change in case law or new evidence uncovered.
- SCB is always open to consider further evidence and legal arguments.
- Bundling of claims when it is more efficient.



New information on website - How to submit your claim

- Specific Claims submission can be sent by mail or courier to the Director General for the Specific Claims Branch at Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada at the following address:
Director General, Specific Claims Branch
Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
25 EDDY ST, Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0H4, Canada
Mail Stop 16-5
Building LES TERRASSES DE LA CHAUDIÈRE, Floor 6
- A Specific Claims submission can be sent electronically through a secure file exchange with Titan file. If you wish to send your claim electronically, please make a request to: dgrpservicesgeneraux-scbcorporateservices@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca to organize the file transfer.
- Claims must be submitted through 1 of these 2 means in order to be received and processed. If you have not received an acknowledgment letter within 1 month of your claim submission, please contact: dgrpservicesgeneraux-scbcorporateservices@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca
- Please do not send your claim directly to the Minister.

New since August 2023: SCB sharing of historical reports

- New since August 2023: SCB is sharing historical reports, document collections and annexes.
- Compliance with *Access to Information Act and Privacy Act* : some information and document may be redacted if they concern information belonging to another First Nation or information which is protected.
- Forward-looking approach, limited capacity to share reports for past claims.
- As the review process is subject to statutory deadlines under the *Specific Claims Tribunal Act*, the sharing of these materials is for information purpose only and does not require your feedback.

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