

**Questions for the Record**  
**Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife**  
**House Natural Resources Committee**  
**Legislative Hearing**  
**H.R. 1851, H.R. 1869, H.R. 3877, H.R. 4099**  
**June 29, 2021**

**Question from Ranking Member Cliff Bentz**

**Question 1:** The Interior Department has admitted that it inadvertently invested the funds related to H.R. 1869 prior to January 25, 2016 and, therefore, interest on those funds was generated in that time period. Thereafter, Interior turned over that interest to the U.S. Treasury. Please provide when that interest was turned over to the U.S. Treasury and the exact amount turned over to the U.S. Treasury.

**Response:** On September 29, 2016, the Department returned \$4,858,216.26 to the U.S. Treasury.