

# DEFENCE INVESTMENT PLAN 2018

## ROYAL CANADIAN AIRFORCE AT A GLANCE

EFFECTIVE

INTEGRATED

AGILE

**12,000**  
REGULAR FORCE



**2,100**  
AIR RESERVE  
PERSONNEL



**1,500**  
CIVILIANS

\*approximate current staff complement

### PEOPLE



Maj Catherine Blais is the first and only military female test pilot to serve in the CAF. As a very versatile pilot, Maj Blais has flown over 2,700 hours on 30 various military and civilian aircraft, both fixed wing and rotary wing. Her typical day as a flight test pilot consists of flying for half a day and then working on supporting other projects, such as test planning, reporting, participating in review boards, and attending engineering meetings with other DND technical and operational agencies.

### EQUIPMENT



The CH-149 Cormorant is dedicated to search and rescue (SAR) and operates in Canada's challenging geography and climate. Ensuring that the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) has a modern fleet and trained aircrews to answer these calls is key to successful rescues. As part of the Cormorant Mid-Life Upgrade (CMLU) project, the Department of National Defence is currently analyzing options to upgrade and augment the fleet to ensure performance until 2040.

### INFRASTRUCTURE



The Canadian Armed Forces requires a fighter fleet that is capable, upgradeable, resilient and interoperable with our allies and partners to ensure Canada continues to meet its NORAD and NATO commitments in the future. The fighter aircraft fleet is a critical Canadian Armed Forces capability necessary to enforce Canada's sovereignty, enable continental security, and contribute to international peace and stability.

### CAPITAL INVESTMENT ON A CASH BASIS (\$MILLIONS)

4,876

972

1,435

7,283

Equipment Infrastructure IM/IT

### INFRASTRUCTURE



The future site of the training centre for the newly acquired fixed-wing search and rescue aircraft fleet will be located at 19 Wing in Comox, B.C. The training centre will include simulators and training devices for RCAF aircrew, search and rescue technicians and maintenance personnel who will operate the C-295W search and rescue aircraft.

### PROJECTS TO HIGHLIGHT



- Maritime Helicopter Project
- Fixed Wing Search and Rescue
- Future Fighter Capability
- CH-149 Cormorant
- Utility transport aircraft



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