

Office of the Intelligence Commissioner

Quarterly Financial Report
For period ending December 31, 2019

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Statement Outlining Results, Risks and Significant Changes in Operations, Personnel and Program

1. Introduction

1.1 Background to the Quarterly Financial Report

As per the Directive on Accounting Standards, GC 4400, Departmental Quarterly Report, the Office of the Intelligence Commissioner (office) is submitting its quarterly report for the quarter ending December 31, 2019.

The report has been prepared by management as required by section 65.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* and in the form and manner prescribed by the Treasury Board. This quarterly financial report has not been subject to external audit or review.

1.2 Authority, Mandate and Program

Bill C-59, An Act respecting national security matters received Royal Assent on June 21, 2019. Part 2 enacted the *Intelligence Commissioner Act*, which provides that the duties and functions of the Intelligence Commissioner are to review the conclusions on the basis of which certain authorizations are issued or amended, and determinations are made, under the *Communications Security Establishment Act* and the *Canadian Security Intelligence Service Act* and to approve those authorizations, amendments and determinations if those conclusions are reasonable.

This Part also abolished the position of the Commissioner of the Communications Security Establishment, provided for that Commissioner to become the Intelligence Commissioner, transferred the employees of the former Commissioner to the office of the new Commissioner and provided for the deeming of any unexpended money from the appropriation of the office of the former Commissioner on the day the legislation comes into force to be an amount appropriated to defray any expenditure of the office of the new Commissioner. The legislation came into force on July 12, 2019; the deemed appropriation for the office of the new Commissioner was \$1,799,183.

Further information on the Office of the Intelligence Commissioner can be found on the office's website <https://www.canada.ca/en/intelligence-commissioner.html>

1.3 Basis of Presentation

This quarterly report has been prepared by management using an expenditure basis of accounting. The accompanying Statement of Authorities includes the Office's spending authorities as determined by the provisions of the *Intelligence Commissioner Act*. This quarterly report has been prepared using a special purpose financial reporting framework,

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designed to meet financial information needs with respect to the use of spending authorities.

The authority of Parliament is required before moneys can be spent by the Government. Approvals are given in the form of annually approved limits through appropriation acts or through legislation in the form of statutory spending authority for specific purposes.

When Parliament is dissolved for the purposes of a general election, section 30 of the *Financial Administration Act* authorizes the Governor General, under certain conditions, to issue a special warrant authorizing the Government to withdraw funds from the Consolidated Revenue Fund. A special warrant is deemed to be an appropriation for the fiscal year in which it is issued.

The office uses the full accrual method of accounting to prepare and present its annual departmental financial statements that are part of the departmental results reporting process. However, the spending authorities voted by Parliament remain on an expenditure basis.

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2. Highlights of fiscal quarter and fiscal year to date (YTD) results

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The office has been operating since July 12, 2019. As a result, there is no prior year for comparison. It is only for fiscal year 2020–21 that the office will prepare its first Main Estimates and its first Departmental Plan.

3. Risks and Uncertainties

The office will continue to carefully manage its resources in order that, regardless of the volume and complexity of authorizations, amendments and determinations received for review, the mandate will continue to be discharged effectively and within the time frames established by the legislation.

4. Significant changes in relation to operations, personnel and programs

There have been no significant changes in relation to operations, personnel and programs since the office commenced operations on July 12, 2019.

5. Approval by Senior Officials

Approved by:

Original signed by

The Honourable Jean-Pierre Plouffe, CD
Commissioner

Ottawa, Canada
February 20, 2020

Original signed by

Guylaine A. Dansereau
Chief Financial Officer

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Statement of Authorities (unaudited)

(in thousands of dollars)	Fiscal year 2019–20			Fiscal year 2018–19*		
	Total available for use for the year ending March 31, 2020	Used during the quarter ended Dec 31, 2019	Year to date used at quarter-end	Total available for use for the year ended March 31, 2019	Used during the quarter ended Dec 31, 2018	Year to date used at quarter-end
Vote 1 - Program Expenses	1,671	483	955	N/A	N/A	N/A
Statutory authorities – Contributions to employee benefit plans	128	43	71	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Budgetary authorities	1,799	526	1,026	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total authorities	1,799	526	1,026	N/A	N/A	N/A

* The Office of the Intelligence Commissioner commenced operations the day the *Intelligence Commissioner Act* came into force, July 12, 2019.

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Departmental Budgetary Expenditures by Standard Object (unaudited)

(In thousands of dollars)	Fiscal year 2019–20			Fiscal year 2018–19*		
	Planned expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2020	Expended during the quarter ended Dec 31, 2019	Year to date used at quarter-end	Planned expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2019	Expended during the quarter ended Dec 31, 2018	Year to date used at quarter-end
Expenditures:						
Personnel	1,063	361	662	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transportation and communications	29	8	35	N/A	N/A	N/A
Information	13	2	9	N/A	N/A	N/A
Professional and special services	422	75	160	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rentals	234	73	147	N/A	N/A	N/A
Repair and maintenance	2	0	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Utilities, materials and supplies	21	7	12	N/A	N/A	N/A
Acquisition of land, buildings and works	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Acquisition of machinery and equipment	15	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other subsidies and payments	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total gross budgetary expenditures	1,799	526	1,026	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total net budgetary expenditures	1,799	526	1,026	N/A	N/A	N/A

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