



Quarterly Financial Report

2018-2019

Office of the Secretary to the Governor General

For the quarter ended December 31, 2018



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL
BUREAU DU SECRÉTAIRE DU GOUVERNEUR GÉNÉRAL

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Statement outlining results, risks and significant changes in operations, personnel and program

A) Introduction

This quarterly 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 [Directive on Accounting Standards, GC 4400 Departmental Quarterly Financial Report](#). This quarterly report should be read in conjunction with the [2018-19 - Main Estimates \(Part I and II\)](#) and previous Quarterly Financial Reports. This quarterly report has not been subject to an external audit or review.

Raison d'être of the Office of the Secretary to the Governor General

The Office of the Secretary to the Governor General (the Office) provides support and advice to the Governor General of Canada in his/her unique role as the representative of The Queen in Canada, as well as the commander-in-chief. The Office assists the Governor General in carrying out constitutional responsibilities, in representing Canada at home and abroad, in bringing Canadians together, and in granting armorial bearings. It also supports the Governor General in encouraging excellence through the administration of the Canadian Honours System and by organizing the presentations of national honours, decorations, medals and awards. The Office manages a visitor services program at both of the Governor General's official residences and oversees the day-to-day operations of these residences. It provides support to former Governors General, including pensions to former Governors General and their spouses.

Further information on the mandate, roles, responsibilities and programs of the Office can be found on the following website: [2018-19 - Main Estimates \(Part I and II\)](#).

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 granted by Parliament and those used by the Office consistent with the Main Estimates for the 2018-19 fiscal year. This quarterly report has been prepared using a special purpose financial reporting framework 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.



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The Office uses the full accrual method of accounting to prepare and present its annual departmental financial statements that are part of the Office's *Annual Report*. However, the spending authorities voted by Parliament remain on an expenditure basis.

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

This section highlights the significant items that contributed to the variances in available authorities for use for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019 and the variances in actual expenditures for the quarter ended December 31, 2018.

Statement of Authorities

As reflected in the Statement of Authorities, the Office's total available budgetary authorities have a net increase of \$141 thousand or 0.6%, when compared to the same quarter in 2017-18. This increase is mainly attributable to an adjustment to the annuities payable under the *Governor General's Act* (\$81 thousand), an increase in the funding received for compensation adjustments (\$41 thousand) and an increase in the Operating Budget Carry-Forward (\$29 thousand). These increases are offset by decreases in approved budgetary authorities for the renewal and enhancement of Canada's Honours System and for adjustments to statutory items (\$10 thousand).

Budgetary Expenditures by Standard Object

The Office's quarterly spending has increased by \$296 thousand or 5.6% compared to the previous year while the year-to-date spending has decreased by \$584 thousand or 3.6% when compared to the previous year. This decrease is mainly attributable to retroactive payments that occurred in 2017-18 following the signature of expired collective agreements. The decrease in personnel expenses is also attributable to lower overtime costs and to attrition due to retirements and vacant positions. These decreases are offset by investments made following the implementation of the Office's IM/IT strategies.

C) Risks and Uncertainties

This Departmental Quarterly Financial Report (QFR) reflects the results of the current fiscal year as per the Main Estimates for which full supply was released on June 14, 2018.

The Office's most significant expenditure remains personnel including employee benefits. It manages its personnel appropriation within approved levels with due diligence while continuing to implement an organizational-wide human resources plan. The ongoing objectives of this plan



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is to effectively align staffing processes with the priorities of the organization and implement strategies for improving operational efficiencies and value for money. Furthermore, the Office continues to seek innovative, cost efficient ways of generating savings and addressing risks. The Office continues to look for opportunities to work in collaboration with other Government of Canada organizations to achieve efficiencies to deliver on its business goals. With these changes the Office will continue to contribute to the effective management of human resources to the benefit of federal public service departments and agencies, managers, employees and Canadians at large.

D) Significant changes in relation to operations, personnel and programs

No other significant changes related to operations, personnel and programs having an impact on financial reporting occurred during the quarter ended December 31, 2018.

Approval by Senior Officials

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Ottawa, Canada
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Statement of Authorities (unaudited)

	Fiscal Year 2018-19			Fiscal Year 2017-18		
	Total available for use for the year ending March 31, 2019	Used during the quarter ended December 31, 2018	Year to date used at quarter-end	Total available for use for the year ending March 31, 2018	Used during the quarter ended Decembre 31, 2017	Year to date used at quarter-end
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>						
Vote 1 - Program expenditures	20,954	4,773	13,323	20,866	4,434	13,975
Budgetary statutory authorities						
Contributions to employee benefit plans	2,069	517	1,551	2,103	526	1,577
Annuities payable under the <i>Governor General's Act</i>	728	182	546	647	227	466
Salary of the Governor General	294	74	222	288	63	208
Total Budgetary authorities	24,045	5,546	15,642	23,904	5,250	16,226

Note: Includes only Authorities available for use and granted by Parliament at quarter-end.

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Budgetary Expenditures by Standard Object (unaudited)

	Fiscal Year 2018-19			Fiscal Year 2017-18		
	Planned expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2019	Expended during the quarter ended December 31, 2018	Year to date used at quarter-end	Planned expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2018	Expended during the quarter ended December 31, 2017	Year to date used at quarter-end
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>						
Expenditures						
Personnel (01)	16,385	3,665	11,068	16,660	3,761	12,207
Transportation & communications (02)	1,974	560	1,295	2,120	451	1,148
Information (03)	800	125	347	770	96	355
Professional & special services (04)	2,051	452	1,091	1,754	505	1,142
Rentals (05)	509	112	225	360	103	290
Repair & maintenance (06)	16	5	8	10	0	3
Utilities, materials & supplies (07)	1,062	250	594	1,183	51	484
Acquisition of machinery & equipment (09)	447	186	451	330	60	114
Transfer payments (10)	728	182	546	647	227	466
Other subsidies and payments (12)	73	9	17	70	-4	17
Total Budgetary Expenditures	24,045	5,546	15,642	23,904	5,250	16,226