PPSC Quarterly Financial Report for the Quarter ended June 30, 2018

Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions



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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 Treasury Board. It has not been subject to an external audit or review. This quarterly report should be read in conjunction with the *Main Estimates and Supplementary Estimates*.

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) was created on December 12, 2006, with the coming into force of the *Director of Public Prosecutions Act*. The ODPP is an independent prosecution service mandated to prosecute offences that are under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General of Canada.

On October 1, 2014, pursuant to amendments to the *Canada Elections Act*, the Office of the Commissioner of Canada Elections (OCCE) was transferred from Elections Canada to the <u>ODPP</u>. The Commissioner of Canada Elections and the Director of Public Prosecutions exercise their statutory duties independently from each other while operating within the same organization.

The ODPP has two core responsibilities. The first is that prosecution services are provided in an independent, impartial and fair manner. The mandate of the ODPP includes:

- providing legal advice to federal investigative agencies and government departments on the criminal law implications of investigations and prosecutions;
- · initiating and conducting federal prosecutions; and
- intervening in matters that raise questions of public interest that may affect the conduct of prosecutions or related investigations.

The second core responsibility is in respect of the work of the <u>OCCE</u>. It provides that compliance and enforcement activities under the *Canada Elections Act* and *Referendum Act* are conducted by the OCCE in an independent, impartial, and fair manner. Activities related to this mandate include:

- using non-punitive and informal corrective measures in response to certain situations of noncompliance and of formal measures for others, such as compliance agreements, injunctions, and applications for the judicial deregistration of a registered party; and
- taking enforcement measures to respond to situations of non-compliance, including deciding
 which matters will be referred to the ODPP for possible prosecution and what charges will be
 recommended.

Internal services are groups of related activities and resources that are administered to support the

needs of programs and other corporate obligations of an organization.

B. Basis of Presentation

This quarterly report has been prepared by management using an expenditure basis of accounting. The accompanying Statement of Authorities includes the <u>ODPP</u>'s spending authorities granted by Parliament, and those used by the <u>ODPP</u> consistent with the *Main Estimates and Supplementary Estimates*. This quarterly report has been prepared using a 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.

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 <u>ODPP</u> 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.

C. Highlights of Fiscal Quarter and Fiscal Year-to-date Results

1. Spending Authorities

At the end of the first quarter of 2018-19, the <u>ODPP</u> had total spending authorities of \$181.5 million available for use as detailed in Chart 1 and Appendix A. This amount represents the 2018-19 Main Estimates. Overall, the <u>ODPP</u>'s authorities for 2018-19 are similar to the previous year's total Main Estimates of \$181.4 million, but the allocation of funds differs in that a decrease in funding for professional services (collection of outstanding federal fines) is offset by an increase in anticipated salary adjustments (collective agreement), and an increase in repair and maintenance for real property projects.

2. Expenditures for the Quarter ended June 30, 2018

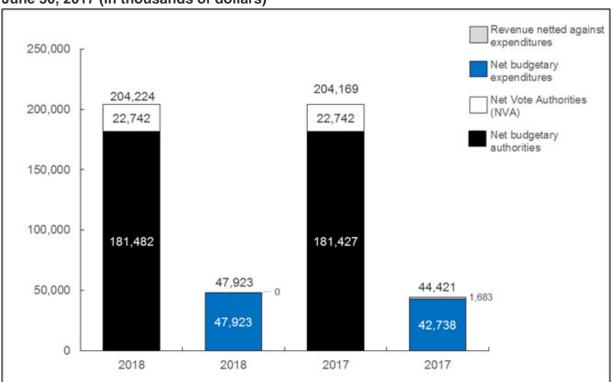
During the first quarter of 2018-19, the <u>ODPP</u> spent \$47.9 million compared to \$42.7 million for the same period in 2017-18, as detailed in Appendix B. The increase of \$5.2 million (or 12%), is mainly due to an increase in salary expenditures, and an increase in professional services expenditures due to the timing of payments, combined with a slower collection of revenues compared to the last year due to timing of invoicing.

3. Year-to-date Authorities and Expenditures as at June 30, 2018

At the end of June 2018, the <u>ODPP</u> had spent \$47.9 million (or 26%) of its total authorities of \$181.5 million as detailed in Appendix B. At the same time last year, the <u>ODPP</u> had spent 24% of its total authorities.

Chart 1: Comparison of Budgetary Authorities and Expenditures as of June 30, 2018, and

June 30, 2017 (in thousands of dollars)



Text Description

The chart presents the ODPP's year-to-date net budgetary authorities and net budgetary expenditures as of June 30 for the fiscal years 2018-19 and 2017-18. The chart also shows the net vote authorities and the revenues netted against expenditures for the same period.

As of June 30, 2018, the net budgetary authorities were \$181.5 million and the net budgetary expenditures were \$42.9 million. For the same period in the previous fiscal year, net budgetary authorities and net budgetary expenditures were \$181.4 million and \$42.7 million, respectively.

As of June 30, 2018, the net vote authorities were \$22.7 million and the revenues netted against expenditures were \$0. For the same period in the previous fiscal year, net vote authorities and revenues netted against expenditures were \$22.7 million and \$1.7 million, respectively.

As of June 30, 2018, the total budgetary authorities, combining net budgetary authorities and net vote authorities totalled \$204.2 million, and the total budgetary expenditures, combining net budgetary expenditures and revenues netted against expenditures totalled \$47.9 million. For the same period in the previous fiscal year, the total budgetary authorities and the total budgetary expenditures totalled \$204.2 million and \$44.4 million, respectively.

D. Risks and Uncertainties

The <u>ODPP</u>'s key corporate risks are identified and assessed through an annual update of the Corporate Risk Profile. This year, a number of key risks could have financial impacts should they materialize. Strategies have been put in place to mitigate them.

The <u>PPSC</u> does not determine the number or types of cases referred to it for prosecution, nor does it control all of the levers of the criminal justice system. This contributed to a risk that the organization

may have insufficient funding to meet its prosecutorial obligations. In order to mitigate this risk, the <u>PPSC</u> continued to monitor its business practices and worked collaboratively with investigative agencies to ensure resources were managed in a cost effective manner through caseload and resource planning. Subsequent to 2017-18 year-end, the <u>PPSC</u> strengthened this strategy by implementing additional financial controls and measures, including more frequent monitoring, and renewed discussions with Central Agencies to explore options to augment available funds in alignment with the PPSC's mandate.

The funding pressures from the Public Services and Procurement Canada (<u>PSPC</u>) with respect to mandated relocations and/or renovations and the implementation of workplace 2.0 have a significant impact on the budget of the <u>ODPP</u>. The <u>ODPP</u> has developed a Strategic Real Property Plan from 2017 to 2021 that is continually reviewed to realign the funding levels of each project based on urgency.

E. Significant Changes in Relations to Operations, Personnel and Programs

No significant changes were noted during the first quarter of fiscal year 2018-19.

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Appendix A

Statement of Authorities (unaudited)

Fiscal year 2018-2019	Fiscal year 2017-2018	
Fiscal year 2018-2019	Fiscal year 2017-2018	

(in thousands of dollars)	Total available for use for the year ending Mar. 31, 2019	Used during the quarter ended June 30, 2018	Year to date used at quarterend	Total available for use for the year ending Mar. 31, 2018	Used during the quarter ended June 30, 2017	Year to date used at quarterend
Vote 1 - Net Operating expenditures	162,191	42,938	42,938	161,657	37,805	37,805
Budgetary Statutor	y Authorities:					
Contributions to employee benefit plans	17,928	4,482	4,482	18,216	4,554	4,554
Electoral expenditures	1,363	503	503	1,554	379	379
Total Budgetary statutory authorities	19,291	4,985	4,985	19,770	4,933	4,933
Total Budgetary Authorities	181,482	47,923	47,923	181,427	42,738	42,738
Non-budgetary Authorities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Authorities	181,482	47,923	47,923	181,427	42,738	42,738

^{*} Includes only Authorities available for use and granted by Parliament at quarter-end.

Appendix B

Departmental budgetary expenditures by Standard Object (unaudited)

	Fiscal year 2018-19			Fiscal year 2017-18			
(in thousands of dollars)	Planned expenditures for the year ending Mar. 31, 2019	Expended during the quarter ended June 30, 2018	Year to date used at quarterend	Planned expenditures for the year ending Mar. 31, 2018	Expended during the quarter ended June 30, 2017	Year to date used at quarterend	

Expenditures:								
Personnel	136,311	31,807	31,807		134,739	29,382	29,382	
Transportation and communications	6,659	1,093	1,093		6,983	1,025	1,025	
Information	554	85	85		511	94	94	
Professional, special & other services	49,296	13,635	13,635		53,408	12,360	12,360	
Rentals	1,623	174	174		2,127	298	298	
Repair and maintenance	5,342	179	179		1,685	50	50	
Utilities, materials and supplies	1,329	295	295		1,392	297	297	
Acquisition of machinery and equipment	518	112	112		632	62	62	
Other subsidies and payments	2,592	543	543		2,692	853	853	
Total gross budgetary expenditures	204,224	47,923	47,923		204,169	44,421	44,421	
Less Revenues netted against expenditures:								
Legal services	(22,742)	-	-		(22,742)	(1,683)	(1,683)	
Total net budgetary expenditures	181,482	47,923	47,923		181,427	42,738	42,738	

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