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These numbers will not reconcile precisely with other published financial reports as listed below, due to timing of the information, the level of detailed reporting across the various programs and focus on program spending only. Departmental regular operating budget and expenditures are not included under program spending. Forecasts may not correspond to approved departmental budget amounts. In these cases, funding adjustments may be sought through future Estimates cycles to ensure appropriate funding so that all Veterans receive their rightful benefits and services.

More detail on the Department's expenditure plan and actual expenditures can be found as follows:

1. The [Departmental Plan](#) (DP) (previously known as the Report on Plans and Priorities) Departmental Plan describes departmental priorities, strategic outcomes, programs, expected results and associated resource requirements, covering a three-year period beginning with the year indicated in the title of the report.
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3. [Quarterly Financial Reports](#) (QFR) for departments and agencies consist of financial tables comparing planned and actual expenditures for both the quarter and year-to-date, as well as comparative information for the preceding fiscal year. Each report includes spending authorities granted through the Main and Supplementary Estimates, as well as any allotment transfers approved by Treasury Board that have become available for use by the institution at the end of the quarter.
4. The [Public Accounts of Canada](#) is the report of the Government of Canada prepared annually by the Receiver General. The report covers the financial transactions of the Government during the year.

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Summary of Program Recipients

Program	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Percentage Change	2017-18 Dec YTD	2017-18 Forecast	Forecasted Percentage Change
Traditional Programs							
Disability Pensions	132,310	124,148	116,031	-6.5%	111,108	108,800	-6.2%
Treatment Benefits ¹	84,083	81,689	79,964	-2.1%	n/a ²	79,700	-0.3%
Veterans Independence Program (VIP)	96,722	93,558	90,854	-2.9%	n/a ²	89,300	-1.7%
War Veterans Allowance	2,798	2,445	2,151	-12.0%	1,932	1,970	-8.4%
New Veterans Charter Programs							
Disability Awards	50,723	57,315	63,599	11.0%	67,274	70,100	10.2%
Rehabilitation & New Veterans Charter (NVC) Support Services	7,340	8,651	11,787	36.3%	12,908	14,400	22.2%
Earnings Loss	4,823	5,746	11,625	102.3%	14,262	15,100	29.9%
Career Impact Allowance (CIA)	2,293	3,743	6,011	60.6%	7,280	8,500	41.4%
Canadian Forces Income Support	43	55	64	16.4%	79	90	40.6%
Supplementary Retirement Benefit	21	34	76	123.5%	66	100	31.6%
Career Transition Services/Grant	232	409	644	57.5%	714	690	7.1%
Retirement Income Security Benefit (RISB)	n/a ³	41	72	75.6%	111	120	66.7%
Critical Injury Benefit	n/a ³	114	36	-68.4%	9	30	-16.7%
Family Caregiver Relief Benefit (FCRB)	n/a ³	178	277	55.6%	325	390	40.8%

¹ Included in Other Health Purchased Services (OHPS)

² n/a - Program recipients are only reported on an annual basis

³ n/a - Program was implemented in 2015-16

Summary of Program Expenditures

Program (in \$ millions)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Percentage Change	2017-18 Dec YTD	2017-18 Forecast ¹	Forecasted Percentage Change
Traditional Programs							
Disability Pensions	\$1,473.4	\$1,404.3	\$1,331.1	-5.2%	\$966.6	\$1,275.8	-4.2%
Other Health Purchased Services (incl. Treatment Benefit)	\$480.9	\$517.1	\$590.1	14.1%	\$406.9	\$662.1	12.2%
Veterans Independence Program	\$363.1	\$352.6	\$350.2	-0.7%	\$250.4	\$355.2	1.4%
War Veterans Allowance	\$8.5	\$7.5	\$6.5	-13.3%	\$4.6	\$6.0	-7.7%
New Veterans Charter Programs							
Disability Awards	\$472.6	\$660.0	\$700.0	6.1%	\$1,294.2	\$1,677.0	139.6%
Rehabilitation & NVC Support Services	\$21.2	\$26.8	\$33.5	25.0%	\$29.8	\$46.7	39.4%
Earnings Loss	\$156.4	\$180.3	\$269.9	49.7%	\$305.5	\$392.9	45.6%
Career Impact Allowance	\$34.2	\$51.5	\$79.7	54.8%	\$88.1	\$118.1	48.2%
Canadian Forces Income Support	\$0.6	\$0.9	\$1.1	22.2%	\$1.1	\$1.5	36.4%
Supplementary Retirement Benefit	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.3	200.0%	\$0.3	\$0.5	66.7%
Career Transition Services/Grant ²	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	-20.8%	\$0.0	\$0.0	126.3%
Retirement Income Security Benefit	n/a ³	\$0.3	\$0.5	66.7%	\$0.7	\$1.1	120.0%
Critical Injury Benefit	n/a ³	\$7.9	\$2.5	-68.4%	\$0.9	\$2.2	-12.0%
Family Caregiver Relief Benefit	n/a ³	\$1.3	\$2.1	61.5%	\$2.2	\$2.9	38.1%

¹ VAC Client and Expenditure Forecast 2018-19, prepared in October 2017 by the Statistics Directorate, Finance

² Some expenditures are too low to round to millions. Actuals can be found on Table 7.1.

³ n/a - Program was implemented in 2015-16

Analysis of VAC Facts and Figures

As of March 31, 2017, VAC estimated the total Veteran population in Canada to be 658,400, consisting of 58,100 War Service (WS) Veterans and 600,300 Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Veterans. Both the WS and CAF Veteran populations are forecasted to decline through the next five years, but the decline in WS Veterans is expected to outpace the decline in CAF Veterans.

Veterans served by VAC account for approximately 18% of the Veteran population in Canada. As of March 31, 2017 VAC served 25,016 (43%) of the WS Veteran population and 93,123 (16%) of the CAF Veteran population. In addition, VAC provided benefits to 51,471 WS survivors, 9,560 CAF survivors, and administers benefits on behalf of 13,427 RCMP members or former members and their survivors.

Overall, total VAC clients (Veterans and survivors) decreased by 1.4% in 2016-17; this trend is expected to continue. The forecasted decrease is the result of expected decreases in WS Veteran (-20%) and WS survivor (-7%) clients. CAF Veteran and survivor clients are expected to increase by 5% over the next year.

VAC Program Trends

Overall, VAC's program expenditures increased in 2016-17 by 5%, from \$3,237.9 million in 2015-16 to \$3,398.2 million in 2016-17. Expenditures are expected to increase by 29.3% in 2017-18 to \$4,393.0 million and this trend is expected to continue over the next five years.

Traditional Programs

Total expenditures for traditional programs serving WS Veterans and Survivors - Disability Pensions, and War Veterans Allowance (WVA) have declined in recent years. The decline is mainly due to decreasing numbers of WS Veterans and survivors. Expenditures for the Veterans Independence Program (VIP) have declined for the same reason.

While expenditures in Other Health Purchased Services (OHPS) had been declining until 2014-15, expenditures increased in 2016-17. The increase was driven by an increase in use of Treatment Benefits.

New Veterans Charter (NVC) Programs

NVC clients and expenditures have increased each year since implementation of the NVC on April 1, 2006. Clients and expenditures for every NVC program including the three largest [Disability Awards (DA), Earnings Loss Benefits (ELB), and Career Impact Allowance (CIA)], are expected to increase throughout the forecast period, except for Critical Injury Benefit (CIB), which was introduced in 2015-16.

Analysis of VAC Facts and Figures .../cont'd

Highlights of 2017-18 Trends

Earnings Loss Benefit

On October 1, 2016, VAC began issuing Earnings Loss Benefits (ELB) at 90% of pre-release salary instead of 75% which had been in place since 2006. This change had an immediate impact as all recipients who were already in receipt of ELB received increases, and many who were not in receipt due to other income started receiving payments. Monthly expenditures for the first six months of 2016-17 were less than \$20 million each month. Monthly expenditures since the changes have averaged \$25 million.

Enhancements to the Earnings Loss Program have increased the demand on the Rehabilitation Program as a Veteran is required to be in the Rehabilitation Program to be eligible for Earnings Loss Benefits. Rehabilitation and Earnings Loss clients were 11,787 and 11,625 respectively as of March 31, 2017, exceeding the forecasted numbers of 9,900 and 7,400 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017.

Career Impact Allowance (CIA)

In April 2017, the Permanent Impairment Allowance (PIA) was renamed to Career Impact Allowance (CIA) in order to better reflect the program intent of providing compensation for loss of earnings capacity due to a service related injury or illness.

The first significant growth in CIA occurred in 2011, when VAC introduced changes to allow individuals in receipt of a Disability Pension to qualify for CIA; prior to that, only clients with a Disability Award could qualify. VAC also introduced a \$1,000 monthly supplement to those CIA clients who were also deemed to have a Diminished Earnings Capacity (DEC). As of March 2017, about 57% of CIA clients were in receipt of the supplement. CIA expenditures for 2016-17 came in under the forecasted amount of \$86.6 million.

As of April 1, 2017, a new grading scheme was implemented for CIA, which gave access to higher grade levels for some clients. The result is that a greater proportion of clients are in Grades 1 and 2 than previous to the change. Grade 1 increased from 0.5% to approximately 1% of CIA clients upon implementation of the new grading system. Grade 2 clients increased from 9.4% to approximately one-third or 33% of CIA clients. This resulted in a smaller ratio of clients in the lowest paying grade 3, changing from 90.1% to approximately two-thirds or 66%. This is in effect for all current and future clients, and will contribute to higher expenditures. It is expected that awareness of this change may also generate more interest in the benefit from those not currently in receipt of CIA, resulting in a gradual increase in clients, as there has been no change to current eligibility.

Other Health Purchased Services (OHPS)

OHPS expenditures increased by \$73 million from 2015-16 to 2016-17. This increase was attributable to increased Treatment Benefits and payments for cannabis for medical purposes, a trend which is expected to continue in 2017-18.

Disability Awards

During 2016-17, Disability Award (DA) payments were \$700 million which was an increase of 6% from \$660 million in 2015-16. This increase in expenditures was due to an 11% increase in DA clients from 2015-16 and an increase in average expenditures. DA clients are forecast to increase by another 10% in 2017-18. Expenditures are forecast to be \$1,677.0 million in 2017-18. Included in the 2017-18 DA expenditure forecast is an increase in the maximum DA to \$360,000 as of April 1, 2017 and one-time retrospective payments that amount to an estimated \$723.1 million and will be paid by March 31, 2018.

Chapter 1 : Demographics

The estimated Veteran population tables below include all Veterans who are VAC clients, as well as those who are not.

War Service Veteran population estimates are based on the 1971 Statistics Canada Census, the 1988 Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey and are updated annually using survival rates from Statistics Canada life tables.

CAF Veteran population estimates are based on the 2003 Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS) conducted by Statistics Canada. The information is updated annually with release information from the Department of National Defence and survival rates from Statistics Canada life tables.

Table 1.1 Estimated Veteran Population by Province

Province	War Service Veterans (Second World War, Korean War)	Canadian Armed Forces Veterans (Regular and Primary Reserve)	Total Estimated Veterans
Newfoundland & Labrador	300	15,300	15,600
Prince Edward Island	400	3,700	4,100
Nova Scotia	3,000	39,000	42,000
New Brunswick	2,300	28,500	30,800
Quebec	4,500	116,800	121,300
Ontario	24,400	215,300	239,700
Manitoba	2,500	19,000	21,500
Saskatchewan	1,900	14,700	16,600
Alberta	5,000	65,000	70,000
British Columbia	12,700	81,100	93,800
Territories	0	1,900	1,900
Foreign Countries	1,000	n/a	1,000
Total: Estimated Canadian Veteran Population¹	58,100	600,300	658,400

¹Totals may not add due to rounding.

Source: Statistics Directorate: 2017 Population Estimates

Table 1.2 Estimated Veteran Population by Average Age

Type of Service	Average Age	March 2017
Second World War Veterans	92	50,300
Korean War Veterans	85	7,700
Total Estimated War Service Veteran Population	91	58,100
Canadian Armed Forces - Regular Forces	60	318,100
Canadian Armed Forces - Primary Reserves	55	282,300
Total Estimated Canadian Armed Forces Veteran Population	57	600,300
Total Estimated Canadian Veteran Population	n/a	658,400

Source: Statistics Directorate: 2017 Population Estimates

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Since November 2010, the Department has been serving more modern-day Canadian Armed Forces Veterans than traditional War Service Veterans.

Table 1.3 Veterans and survivors served by VAC (Unique)

VAC Unique Veterans and Survivors by Type	Actuals as of March 31, 2017					Average Age (March 31, 2017)	YTD Dec 2017
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17		
War Service	49,201	42,239	35,449	29,740	25,016	92	21,156
Canadian Armed Forces (CAF)	76,446	80,577	83,872	88,301	93,123	60	93,573
Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)	9,969	10,475	11,005	11,743	12,482	60	13,197
Subtotal: Veterans	135,616	133,291	130,326	129,784	130,621	66	127,926
War Service	65,759	62,712	59,136	55,371	51,471	87	48,232
CAF	8,016	8,467	8,876	9,257	9,560	73	10,839
RCMP	685	743	816	877	945	72	1,011
Subtotal: Survivors	74,460	71,922	68,828	65,505	61,976	85	60,082
Total: VAC Veterans and Survivors	210,076	205,213	199,154	195,289	192,597	72	188,008

Source: Statistics Directorate, Client Cube, Dec 2017

VAC Unique Veterans and Survivors by Type	Forecast ¹				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
War Service	20,000	16,000	12,500	9,700	7,400
CAF	98,100	102,900	107,400	111,700	115,800
RCMP	13,300	14,100	14,900	15,700	16,400
Subtotal: Veterans	131,400	133,000	134,800	137,100	139,600
War Service	47,600	43,700	39,700	36,700	33,500
CAF	10,000	10,500	11,000	12,100	13,300
RCMP	1,100	1,200	1,300	1,700	2,000
Subtotal: Survivors	58,700	55,400	52,000	50,500	48,800
Total: VAC Veterans and Survivors²	190,100	188,300	186,800	187,600	188,400

¹VAC Client and Expenditure Forecast 2018-19, prepared in October 2017 by the Statistics Directorate, Finance.

²Totals may not add due to rounding.

Table 1.4 Total Number of Veterans by Gender, Service Type, and Age - Dec 2017

All Veterans by Gender	War Service	CAF	RCMP	Total	% Total
Male	17,843	84,034	11,443	113,320	89%
Female	3,313	9,539	1,754	14,606	11%
Total	21,156	93,573	13,197	127,926	100%

Veterans by Age	Total Male Veterans					Total Female Veterans				
	War Service	CAF	RCMP	Total	% Male	War Service	CAF	RCMP	Total	% Female
29 and under	0	1,792	29	1,821	1%	0	290	21	311	0%
30-39	0	7,722	668	8,390	7%	0	1,379	240	1,619	1%
40-49	0	11,820	1,386	13,206	10%	0	2,275	563	2,838	2%
50-59	0	20,296	2,441	22,737	18%	0	3,297	601	3,898	3%
60-69	0	13,218	3,795	17,013	13%	0	1,163	291	1,454	1%
70-79	7	16,677	2,266	18,950	15%	74	516	33	623	0%
80-89	2,610	12,096	826	15,532	12%	369	569	5	943	1%
90+	15,226	413	32	15,671	12%	2,870	50	0	2,920	2%
Total	17,843	84,034	11,443	113,320	89%	3,313	9,539	1,754	14,606	11%

Source: Statistics Directorate, Client Cube, Dec 2017

Table 1.5 Veterans served by Area Office as of December 2017

The table below provides a breakdown of Veterans by VAC Area Office and lists Veterans who have active case plans with a departmental Case Manager.

Area Office	Veterans			Total	Veterans with Active Case Plans ¹
	War Service	CAF	RCMP		
Halifax	970	10,817	974	12,761	1,391
Sydney	164	1,034	101	1,299	182
Nova Scotia	1,134	11,851	1,075	14,060	1,573
Campbellton	198	932	109	1,239	91
Charlottetown	162	1,014	181	1,357	144
Saint John	643	6,879	634	8,156	984
NB, PEI and Gaspésie	1,003	8,825	924	10,752	1,219
Corner Brook	53	505	75	633	149
St John's	155	1,478	314	1,947	346
Newfoundland and Labrador	208	1,983	389	2,580	495
Quebec	303	7,185	114	7,602	1,542
Eastern Quebec	303	7,185	114	7,602	1,542
Gatineau	107	1,756	222	2,085	297
Montreal	927	2,929	346	4,202	538
St-Jean-sur-Richelieu	184	1,854	110	2,148	284
Western Quebec	1,218	6,539	678	8,435	1,119
North Bay	362	1,460	26	1,848	289
Ottawa	959	6,738	972	8,669	872
Pembroke	182	3,174	119	3,475	491
Thunder Bay	292	523	22	837	87
North Eastern Ontario and Nunavut	1,795	11,895	1,139	14,829	1,739
Kingston	400	3,708	114	4,222	424
Peterborough	573	877	38	1,488	84
Toronto	2,194	1,886	109	4,189	428
Trenton	244	2,775	29	3,048	268
Central Ontario	3,411	9,246	290	12,947	1,204
Hamilton	839	1,576	80	2,495	244
London	544	1,197	71	1,812	185
Mississauga	1,860	3,884	251	5,995	379
Windsor	538	1,298	55	1,891	190
South Western Ontario	3,781	7,955	457	12,193	998
Brandon	235	946	171	1,352	144
Regina	329	631	472	1,432	81
Saskatoon	432	663	296	1,391	91
Winnipeg	686	2,136	378	3,200	274
Manitoba and Saskatchewan	1,682	4,376	1,317	7,375	590
Calgary	1,085	4,424	1,303	6,812	488
Edmonton	660	5,644	920	7,224	672
Alberta and Northwest Territories	1,745	10,068	2,223	14,036	1,160
Kelowna	438	1,038	668	2,144	112
Penticton	622	1,496	821	2,939	120
Prince George	120	374	224	718	45
Surrey	1,039	1,877	1,311	4,227	242
Vancouver	939	1,097	491	2,527	142
BC Mainland and Yukon	3,158	5,882	3,515	12,555	661
Victoria	1,427	6,726	1,008	9,161	658
Vancouver Island and the Islands	1,427	6,726	1,008	9,161	658
Foreign Countries	291	1,042	68	1,401	94
Total	21,156	93,573	13,197	127,926	13,052

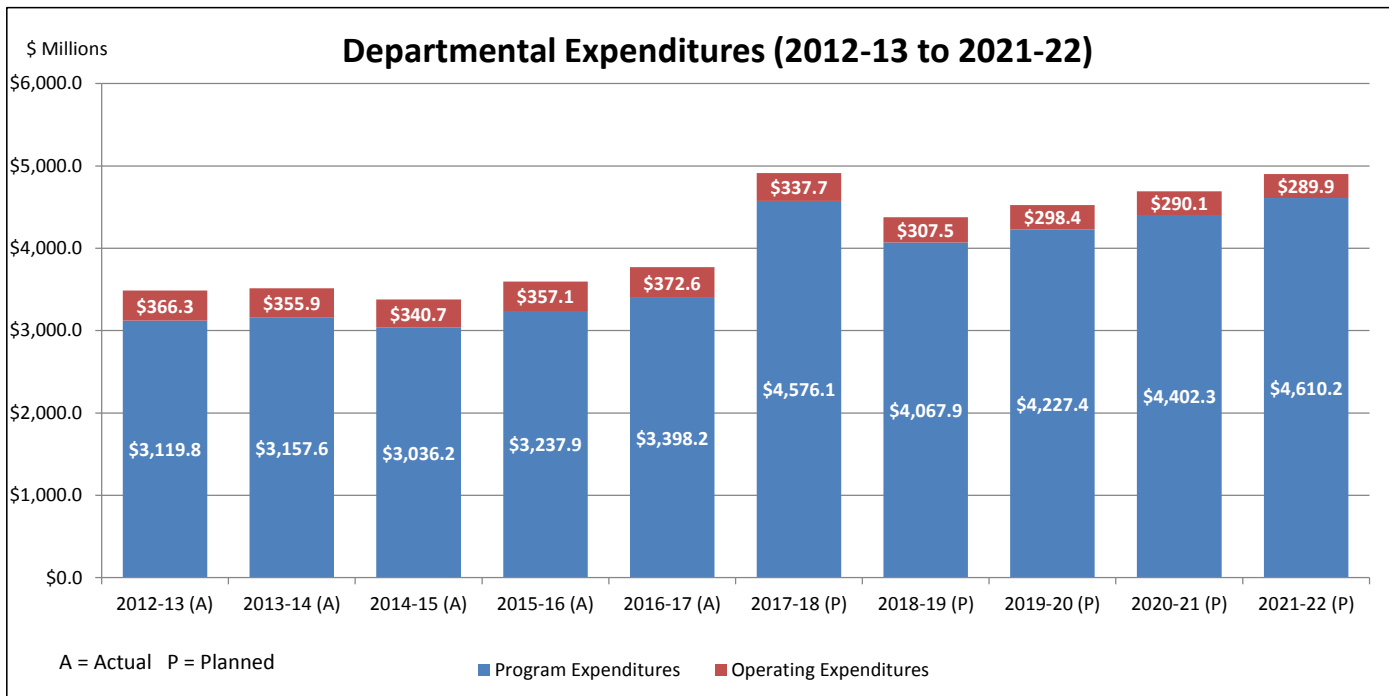
¹A Case Plan is a set of organized interventions/actions accompanied by a chronological listing of scheduled follow ups and monitoring, which respond to the unmet needs and desired goals of the Veteran.

Source: Statistics Directorate, Client Cube, Dec 2017 & 05.210.06.01 Case Management (CM) - Clients with Open Case Plans

Chapter 2: Departmental Spending

Table 2.1 Program and Operating Expenditures

The information below illustrates departmental spending (actual and planned).



Expenditures (in \$ millions)	Actual				
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Total Program ¹	\$3,119.8	\$3,157.6	\$3,036.2	\$3,237.9	\$3,398.2
Total Operating ²	\$366.3	\$355.9	\$340.7	\$357.1	\$372.6
Total: Actual Expenditures³	\$3,486.2	\$3,513.6	\$3,376.9	\$3,595.0	\$3,770.8

Source: Public Accounts of Canada

Expenditures (in \$ millions)	Planned				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Total Program ¹	\$4,576.1	\$4,067.9	\$4,227.4	\$4,402.3	\$4,610.2
Total Operating ²	\$337.7	\$307.5	\$298.4	\$290.1	\$289.9
Total: Planned Expenditures	\$4,913.8	\$4,375.4	\$4,525.8	\$4,692.4	\$4,900.1

Source: Figures provided by Financial Planning / Statistics Directorate, Finance Division

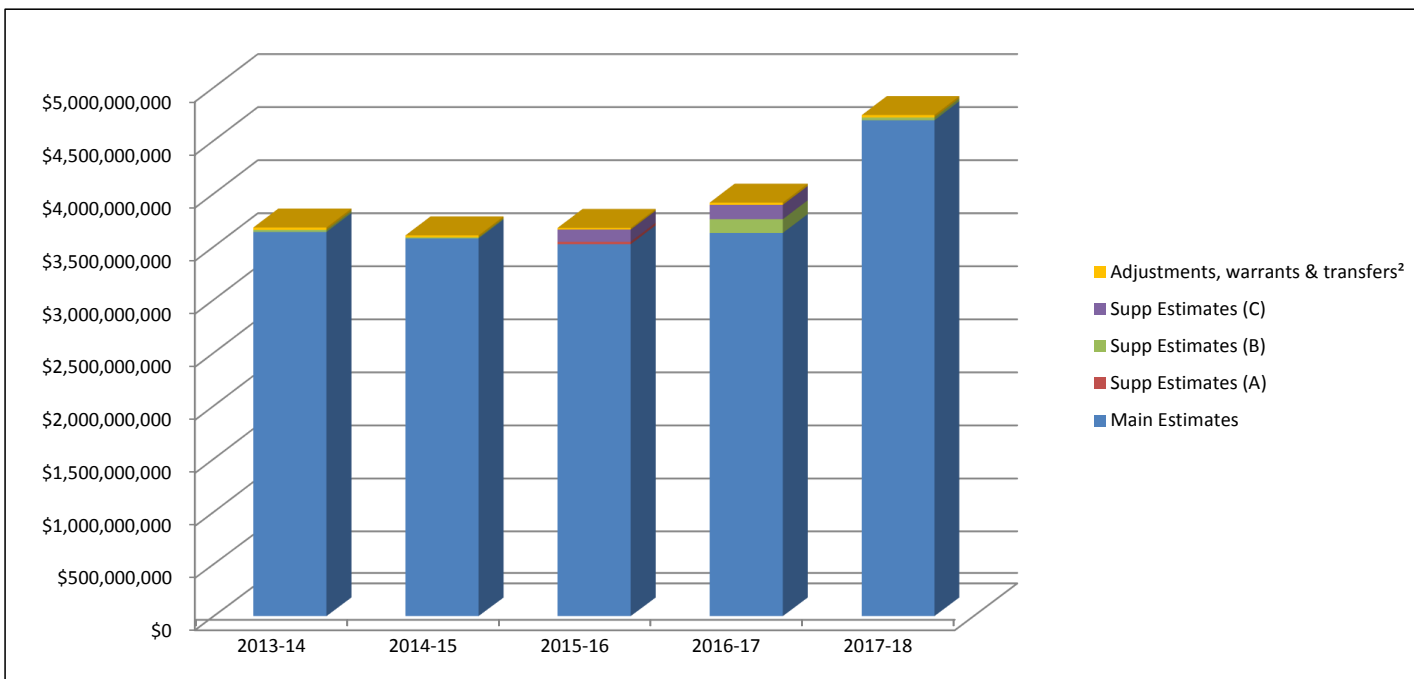
¹ Includes Grants and Contributions, Other Health Purchased Services (OHPS) and New Veterans Charter Support Services.

² Includes: salary & wages, operating, special benefits (Agent Orange, Merchant Navy), Ste. Anne's Hospital (previously reported in OHPS), Remembrance Vignette, Statutory Vote, and Capital (Ste. Anne's renovations). Operating does not include benefits provided to Veterans under Vote 1 operating i.e. New Veterans Charter support services and OHPS. Responsibility for SAH has been transferred to the province of Quebec as of April 1, 2016.

³ Totals may not add due to rounding.

Table 2.2 Departmental Budget

Veterans Affairs Canada's budget for 2017-18 is currently **\$4.74 billion**¹. Approximately 93% of the Department's budget represents payments to Veterans, their families and other program recipients.



	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18 ¹
Main Estimates	\$3,637,899,334	\$3,576,978,766	\$3,522,078,175	\$3,628,281,702	\$4,691,399,582
% change from Previous Year	2.0%	-1.7%	-1.5%	3.0%	29.0%
Supp Estimates (A)	-	-	\$23,779,759	-	-
Supp Estimates (B)	\$20,189,404	\$10,850,080	-	\$129,961,829	\$26,113,870
Supp Estimates (C)	\$103,811	-	\$114,410,854	\$134,848,828	-
Adjustments, warrants & transfers ²	\$21,784,870	\$17,611,671	\$15,694,995	\$21,338,217	\$22,018,468
Total Authorities	\$3,679,977,419	\$3,605,440,517	\$3,675,963,783	\$3,914,430,576	\$4,739,531,920
% Increase from Previous Year	0.6%	-2.0%	1.9%	6.5%	21.1%

¹As of December 31, 2017.

²Includes transfers from Treasury Board (i.e. compensation adjustments, operating budget carry forward, government-wide initiatives, etc.).

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Chapter 3: Program Expenditure Overview

The information below provides a breakdown of departmental spending by program.

Table 3.1 Expenditures by Program

Expenditures By Program (in \$ millions)	Actual as of March 31, 2017					YTD
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Dec 2017
Disability Pensions	\$1,633.8	\$1,562.9	\$1,473.4	\$1,404.3	\$1,331.1	\$966.6
Disability Awards ¹	\$427.6	\$461.4	\$472.6	\$660.0	\$700.0	\$1,294.2
Other Health Purchased Services	\$521.6	\$503.6	\$480.9	\$517.1	\$590.1	\$406.9
Veterans Independence Program (Includes Housekeeping & Grounds Maintenance)	\$380.1	\$429.6	\$363.1	\$352.6	\$350.2	\$250.4
Earnings Loss	\$94.7	\$127.2	\$156.4	\$180.3	\$269.9	\$305.5
Career Impact Allowance (CIA) ²	\$10.4	\$22.2	\$34.2	\$51.5	\$79.7	\$88.1
Canadian Forces Income Support	\$0.2	\$0.3	\$0.6	\$0.9	\$1.1	\$1.1
Supplementary Retirement Benefit	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.3	\$0.3
War Veterans Allowance	\$9.5	\$8.5	\$8.5	\$7.5	\$6.5	\$4.6
Rehabilitation and New Veterans Charter Support Services	\$18.4	\$18.5	\$21.2	\$26.8	\$33.5	\$29.8
Career Transition Services ³	\$1.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Retirement Income Security Benefit	-	-	-	\$0.3	\$0.5	\$0.7
Critical Injury Benefit	-	-	-	\$7.9	\$2.5	\$0.9
Family Caregiver Relief Benefit	-	-	-	\$1.3	\$2.1	\$2.2
Subtotal: Program Expenditures	\$3,097.3	\$3,134.2	\$3,011.0	\$3,210.6	\$3,367.5	\$3,351.3
Other Program Expenditures ⁴	\$22.5	\$23.4	\$25.2	\$27.3	\$30.7	\$26.7
Total Program Expenditures	\$3,119.8	\$3,157.6	\$3,036.2	\$3,237.9	\$3,398.2	\$3,378.0

Expenditures By Program (in \$ millions)	Forecast ⁵				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Disability Pensions	\$1,275.8	\$1,227.1	\$1,175.7	\$1,134.6	\$1,104.8
Disability Awards ^{1,6}	\$1,677.0	\$1,042.5	\$1,099.1	\$1,177.3	\$1,257.3
Other Health Purchased Services	\$662.1	\$698.4	\$739.7	\$771.0	\$813.4
Veterans Independence Program (Includes Housekeeping & Grounds Maintenance)	\$355.2	\$354.7	\$355.0	\$348.2	\$354.2
Earnings Loss	\$392.9	\$499.1	\$575.0	\$647.3	\$713.6
Career Impact Allowance (CIA) ²	\$118.1	\$147.4	\$175.4	\$209.8	\$245.7
Canadian Forces Income Support	\$1.5	\$2.1	\$2.8	\$3.5	\$4.3
Supplementary Retirement Benefit	\$0.5	\$0.6	\$0.8	\$0.9	\$1.1
War Veterans Allowance	\$6.0	\$5.5	\$5.1	\$4.7	\$4.4
Rehabilitation and New Veterans Charter Support Services ⁶	\$46.7	\$58.8	\$67.1	\$73.2	\$79.2
Career Transition Services ³	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Retirement Income Security Benefit	\$1.1	\$1.4	\$1.9	\$2.3	\$2.9
Critical Injury Benefit	\$2.2	\$1.6	\$1.2	\$0.9	\$0.7
Family Caregiver Relief Benefit	\$2.9	\$0.1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Subtotal: Program Expenditures	\$4,542.0	\$4,039.3	\$4,198.8	\$4,373.7	\$4,581.6
Other Program Expenditures ⁴	\$34.1	\$28.6	\$28.6	\$28.6	\$28.6
Total Program Expenditures	\$4,576.1	\$4,067.9	\$4,227.4	\$4,402.3	\$4,610.2

¹ Includes Financial Counseling expenditures.

² Includes CIA Supplement.

³ Some expenditures are too low to round to millions. Actuals can be found on Table 7.1

⁴ Includes Other Grants & Contributions such as Last Post Fund, Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Treatment Allowances, Assistance Fund, Education Assistance, Gallantry Awards, and Flying Accidents. Also includes Partnership Contributions.

⁵ VAC Client and Expenditure Forecast 2018-19, prepared in October 2017 by the Statistics Directorate, Finance.

⁶ Includes Planned Program Amendments from 2017. i.e. program changes

Sources: Finance Division, Financial Planning

Chapter 4: Disability Benefits

Disability benefits are financial payments provided to individuals who have a service-related disability. There are two types of disability benefits: Disability Pensions and Disability Awards.

Table 4.1 Disability Benefits Recipients

Disability Benefits Recipients	Actuals as of March 31, 2017					YTD
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Dec 2017
Veterans	112,396	111,208	109,207	109,154	109,338	108,721
Survivors	62,366	60,352	57,975	55,112	51,999	50,748
Subtotal: Veterans & Survivors	174,762	171,560	167,182	164,266	161,337	159,469
RCMP	10,649	11,213	11,815	12,610	13,424	14,133
Total	185,411	182,773	178,997	176,876	174,761	173,602

Disability Pensions

The Disability Pension Program recognizes and compensates eligible Veterans as well as Canadian Armed Forces members who applied and were eligible for a disability pension prior to April 1, 2006, and their survivors, dependants and civilians for the effects of a service-related disability and/or death. Compensation is provided in the form of a monthly disability pension. Disability pensioners who are hospitalized or receiving outpatient care for a pensioned condition are eligible to receive an additional allowance for that period.

This program also recognizes and compensates those in receipt of a disability pension for the distinct effects that disabilities may have on clothing, on an individual's ability to perform personal care, and exceptional health needs. This is provided through a monthly allowance. This program is now delivered through grants.

Table 4.2 Disability Pension Recipients

Disability Pension Recipients ¹	Actuals as of March 31, 2017					YTD
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Dec 2017
Veterans	86,487	80,681	74,943	69,739	64,804	61,314
Survivors	61,901	59,810	57,367	54,409	51,227	49,794
Total Recipients	148,388	140,491	132,310	124,148	116,031	111,108
Attendance Allowance	10,097	8,984	7,753	7,096	6,732	
Exceptional Incapacity Allowance	1,662	1,642	1,548	1,491	1,524	
Clothing Allowance	1,514	1,461	1,379	1,359	1,369	

Disability Pension Recipients ¹	Forecast ²				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Veterans	60,500	56,600	53,000	49,800	47,000
Survivors	48,300	45,500	42,400	41,100	39,400
Total Recipients	108,800	102,100	95,400	90,900	86,400
Attendance Allowance	6,200	5,700	5,300	4,900	4,500
Exceptional Incapacity Allowance	1,500	1,400	1,300	1,300	1,200
Clothing Allowance	1,300	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,100

¹ Excludes RCMP.

² VAC Client and Expenditure Forecast 2018-19, prepared in October 2017 by the Statistics Directorate, Finance.

Table 4.3 Disability Pension Expenditures

Disability Pension Expenditures (in \$ millions)	Actuals as of March 31, 2017 ¹					YTD
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Dec 2017
Veteran Pensions	\$947.1	\$903.5	\$810.7	\$768.8	\$729.0	n/a ²
Survivor Pensions	\$571.3	\$555.0	\$567.5	\$548.2	\$517.2	n/a ²
Subtotal: Pensions	\$1,518.4	\$1,458.5	\$1,378.2	\$1,317.1	\$1,246.2	n/a ²
Total Special Awards	\$116.3	\$106.3	\$96.5	\$88.6	\$85.5	n/a ²
Total Pensions and Special Awards (Includes Adjustments)³	\$1,634.6	\$1,563.6	\$1,474.1	\$1,405.7	\$1,331.7	\$966.6

Disability Pension Expenditures (in \$ millions)	Forecast ⁴				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Veteran Pensions	\$697.5	\$672.1	\$646.6	\$624.2	\$605.8
Survivor Pensions	\$496.2	\$477.8	\$456.6	\$442.2	\$434.5
Subtotal: Pensions	\$1,193.7	\$1,149.9	\$1,103.2	\$1,066.4	\$1,040.3
Total Special Awards	\$82.1	\$77.2	\$72.5	\$68.2	\$64.4
Total Pensions and Special Awards⁵	\$1,275.8	\$1,227.1	\$1,175.7	\$1,134.6	\$1,104.8

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² Disability Pension and Special Award breakdown provided at fiscal year end only.

³ Includes Gallantry Awards & Flying Accidents, therefore numbers differ from table 3.1.

⁴ VAC Client and Expenditure Forecast 2018-19, prepared in October 2017 by the Statistics Directorate, Finance.

⁵ Excludes Gallantry Awards & Flying Accidents.

Disability Awards

Under the New Veterans Charter in effect since April 1, 2006, this program recognizes and compensates eligible Canadian Armed Forces members and Veterans, and in some cases surviving spouses/common-law partners and surviving children, for death, detention and non-economic effects of service related disability including pain and suffering, functional loss and the effects of permanent impairment on the lives of Canadian Armed Forces members, Veterans and their families. As of April 1, 2017, the maximum award is \$360,000, depending on the extent of disability. Disability Awards may be paid as a lump-sum payment, annual payments over the number of years of the member/Veteran's choosing, or a combination of these two payment options.

Table 4.4 Disability Award Recipients¹

Disability Awards	Actuals as of March 31, 2017					YTD Dec 2017
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	
Veterans	38,912	44,765	49,372	55,698	61,759	65,249
Survivors	681	850	999	1,186	1,373	1,503
Subtotal	39,593	45,615	50,371	56,884	63,132	66,752
Death Benefits	263	324	352	431	467	522
Total Awards	39,856	45,939	50,723	57,315	63,599	67,274

Disability Awards	Forecast ²				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Disability Awards	69,560	75,990	82,210	88,530	94,640
Death Benefits	540	610	690	770	860
Total Awards	70,100	76,600	82,900	89,300	95,500

¹ Cumulative number of DA recipients active as of March 31st (does not include deceased recipients) although not necessarily in receipt of an award payment in a particular fiscal year.

² VAC Client and Expenditure Forecast 2018-19, prepared in October 2017 by the Statistics Directorate, Finance.

Table 4.5 Disability Award Expenditures

Disability Award Expenditures (in \$ millions)	Actuals as of March 31, 2017					YTD Dec 2017 ¹
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	
Disability Awards	\$419.1	\$451.5	\$461.6	\$643.0	\$690.0	n/a ²
Death Benefits	\$8.5	\$9.8	\$11.2	\$17.0	\$10.0	n/a ²
Total Awards³	\$427.6	\$461.4	\$472.6	\$660.0	\$700.0	\$1,294.2

Disability Award Expenditures (in \$ millions)	Forecast ⁴				
	2017-18 ¹	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Disability Awards	\$1,664.3	\$1,028.7	\$1,084.3	\$1,161.5	\$1,240.4
Death Benefits	\$12.7	\$13.8	\$14.8	\$15.8	\$16.9
Total Awards	\$1,677.0	\$1,042.5	\$1,099.1	\$1,177.3	\$1,257.3

¹ Includes retrospective lump sum DA payments as well as DA max rate adjustments.

² Disability Award and Death Benefit breakdown provided at fiscal year end only.

³ Totals may not add due to rounding.

⁴ VAC Client and Expenditure Forecast 2018-19, prepared in October 2017 by the Statistics Directorate, Finance.

Disability Award and Disability Pension Duals

The table below provides a breakdown of Veterans and Survivors for those who receive both a Disability Pension and a Disability Award.

Table 4.6 Disability Award and Disability Pension Duals¹

Dual Recipients	Actuals as of March 31, 2017					YTD Dec 2017
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	
Veterans	13,003	14,267	15,108	16,283	17,225	17,842
Survivors	479	603	743	914	1,068	1,071
Total	13,482	14,870	15,851	17,197	18,293	18,913

¹ Please note that the above clients are included in tables 4.1 and 4.2

Disability Benefit Recipients

The table below indicates the disability class (percentage paid out) to Veterans and survivors in receipt of Disability Pension/Award as of December 31, 2017.

The links below provide the rate tables for which the percentages are paid at:

Disability Award - http://www.veterans.gc.ca/pdf/services/disability-award/disaward_17.pdf

Disability Pension - <http://www.veterans.gc.ca/pdf/services/disability-pension/Disability-Pension-Rates-2017.pdf>

Table 4.7 Recipients by Disability Class as of December 31, 2017

Disability Class	Veterans				Survivors
	Disability Pension (DP) Only	Disability Pension & Award	Disability Award Only	Total Disability	Disability Benefits
Class 1 (98%-100%)	1,525	1,919	789	4,233	4,913
Class 2 (93%-97%)	253	400	175	828	224
Class 3 (88%-92%)	333	441	223	997	301
Class 4 (83%-87%)	410	498	279	1,187	338
Class 5 (78%-82%)	548	561	381	1,490	632
Class 6 (73%-77%)	707	621	417	1,745	575
Class 7 (68%-72%)	789	656	492	1,937	790
Class 8 (63%-67%)	851	708	647	2,206	805
Class 9 (58%-62%)	1,184	749	675	2,608	1,199
Class 10 (53%-57%)	1,191	826	851	2,868	1,135
Class 11 (48%-52%)	1,776	847	1,047	3,670	2,254
Class 12 (43%-47%)	1,620	925	1,152	3,697	1,197
Class 13 (38%-42%)	2,594	987	1,462	5,043	2,311
Class 14 (33%-37%)	2,796	1,167	1,733	5,696	2,422
Class 15 (28%-32%)	4,409	1,268	2,554	8,231	3,835
Class 16 (23%-27%)	5,280	1,351	3,266	9,897	4,690
Class 17 (18%-22%)	6,284	1,353	4,105	11,742	5,680
Class 18 (13%-17%)	5,812	1,300	5,855	12,967	4,529
Class 19 (8%-12%)	8,172	959	9,876	19,007	5,628
Class 20 (5%-7%)	7,124	284	7,817	15,225	6,267
Class 21 (1%-4%)	2,781	22	3,611	6,414	72
Nil Assessments	151	0	0	151	1881
Not Available	0	0	0	0	85
Total	56,590	17,842	47,407	121,839	51,763

Source: Statistics Directorate, Client Cube, Dec 2017

Table 4.8 Most Common Medical Conditions¹ (Fiscal Year 2016-17)

The table below is based on the number of Veterans who received a favourable decision for the medical condition related to their service.

Ranking	All Veterans	Canadian Armed Forces Veterans	RCMP Veterans	Afghanistan Veterans ²
1	Hearing Loss	Hearing Loss	Hearing Loss	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
2	Tinnitus	Tinnitus	Tinnitus	Tinnitus
3	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder	Hearing Loss
4	Lumbar Disc Disease	Lumbar Disc Disease	Lumbar Disc Disease	Depressive Disorders, including Dysthymia and Major Depression
5	Osteoarthritis Knee	Osteoarthritis Knee	Osteoarthritis Knee	Lumbar Disc Disease
6	Internal Derangement Knee	Internal Derangement Knee	Cervical Disc Disease	Erectile Dysfunction
7	Cervical Disc Disease	Cervical Disc Disease	Internal Derangement Knee	Anxiety Disorders, including Panic Disorder
8	Depressive Disorders, including Dysthymia and Major Depression	Osteoarthritis Lumbar Spine	Depressive Disorders, including Dysthymia and Major Depression	Adjustment Disorder
9	Osteoarthritis Lumbar Spine	Chronic Mechanical Low Back Pain	Osteoarthritis Lumbar Spine	Chronic Mechanical Low Back Pain
10	Chronic Mechanical Low Back Pain	Plantar Fasciitis	Rotator Cuff Disease	Cervical Disc Disease

¹Based on the number of Veterans who have been ruled that the medical condition is related to their service.

²Afghanistan Veterans are also included under CAF Veterans.

Source: Listing provided by Statistics Directorate

Table 4.9 Most Common Conditions - First Applications Completed (Fiscal Year 2016-17)

The table below represents the number of decisions for fiscal year 2016-17 for each medical condition. Decisions are based on evidence presented and legislated eligibility requirements.

Medical Conditions	Favourable Decisions		Unfavourable Decisions		Total Decisions
	# of Favourable Decisions	% of Favourable Decisions	# of Unfavourable Decisions	% of Unfavourable Decisions	
Tinnitus	4,957	83%	997	17%	5,954
Hearing Loss	3,717	64%	2,088	36%	5,805
Post Traumatic Stress Disorder	1,769	94%	105	6%	1,874
Osteoarthritis Knee	938	84%	182	16%	1,120
Lumbar Disc Disease	737	86%	120	14%	857
Depressive Disorders	495	78%	140	22%	635
Osteoarthritis Hip	456	80%	112	20%	568
Osteoarthritis Lumbar Spine	382	86%	60	14%	442
Cervical Disc Disease	327	77%	97	23%	424
Chronic Mechanical Low Back Pain	276	79%	74	21%	350

Source: 425 - Top 10 Conditions

Table 4.10 Disability Benefits (First Application) Decisions and Favourable Rates

The table below provides the number of decisions rendered on first applications. Note that one application may have multiple conditions listed.

First Applications	Actuals as of March 31, 2017					YTD Dec 2017
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	
Applications						
Favourable (Approved) Decisions	12,709	11,891	11,450	17,174	15,445	11,416
Unfavourable (Denied) Decisions	5,538	5,017	2,948	3,279	3,242	2,005
Total Applications - Decisions Rendered ¹	18,247	16,908	14,398	20,453	18,687	13,421
Favourable Rate (Dockets) %	70%	70%	80%	84%	83%	85%
Medical Conditions						
Favourable (Approved) Conditions	18,156	17,133	16,360	24,802	22,567	16,438
Unfavourable (Denied) Conditions	13,802	12,677	8,371	8,543	8,281	5,032
Total Conditions - Decisions Rendered	31,958	29,810	24,732	33,345	30,848	21,470
Favourable Rate (Conditions) %	57%	58%	66%	74%	73%	77%

¹ An application can contain one or more than one condition.

Source: Favourable Rate for First Applications, Departmental Reviews and Medical Reassessments, Statistics Directorate

Critical Injury Benefit (CIB)

The Critical Injury Benefit provides a tax-free lump sum award of \$70,000 for Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members and Veterans who sustained a service-related injury (or developed an acute disease) that occurred as a result of a sudden and single incident after March 31, 2006. This benefit is in recognition of the immediate pain and suffering experienced after the traumatic incident.

Table 4.11 Critical Injury Benefit Recipients and Expenditures

Critical Injury Benefit (CIB)	Actuals as of March 31, 2017		YTD Dec 2017
	2015-16	2016-17	
Recipients ¹	114	36	9
Total Expenditures (in \$ millions)	\$7.9	\$2.5	\$0.9

¹ Recipients is based on completed application date.

Critical Injury Benefit (CIB)	Forecast ¹				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Recipients	30	20	20	10	10
Total Expenditures (in \$ millions)	\$2.2	\$1.6	\$1.2	\$0.9	\$0.7

¹VAC Client and Expenditure Forecast 2018-19, prepared in October 2017 by the Statistics Directorate, Finance.

Chapter 5: Health Care Programs

Treatment Benefits and Services

In recognition of their service to the country, the Treatment Benefits and Services Program provides eligible Veterans, certain Reserve Force personnel, civilians, and their survivors and dependants and the other individuals with access to appropriate treatment benefits for their health needs. Treatment benefits include medical, surgical or dental examinations or treatment; surgical or prosthetic devices and aids and their maintenance; home adaptations to accommodate the use of devices or aids; preventative health care; pharmaceuticals; and travel and other expenses incurred to access these benefits.

Table 5.1 Treatment Benefits Recipients

Treatment Benefits Recipients	Actuals as of March 31, 2017				
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
War Service Veterans	54,986	47,889	41,018	34,593	28,266
Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Veterans	37,632	40,622	43,065	47,096	51,698
Total	92,618	88,511	84,083	81,689	79,964

Treatment Benefits Recipients	Forecast ¹				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
War Service Veterans	23,100	18,800	15,000	11,800	9,200
Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Veterans	56,600	61,600	66,800	72,200	77,900
Total	79,700	80,400	81,800	84,000	87,100

¹ VAC Client and Expenditure Forecast 2018-19, prepared in October 2017 by the Statistics Directorate, Finance.

Table 5.2 Treatment Benefits and Other Health Purchased Services Expenditures¹

The tables below provide the actual and forecasted expenditure breakdown by Program of Choice (POC) and Other Health Purchased Services (OHPS).

Treatment Benefits and OHPS Expenditures (in \$ millions)	Actuals as of March 31, 2017				
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
POC 1 - Aids for Daily Living	\$2.4	\$2.1	\$1.8	\$1.7	\$1.7
POC 2 - Ambulance Services	\$2.0	\$1.8	\$1.5	\$1.7	\$1.3
POC 3 - Audio Program	\$41.5	\$40.9	\$36.7	\$40.8	\$44.6
POC 4 - Dental Services	\$15.9	\$14.4	\$12.6	\$12.1	\$11.4
POC 5 - Hospital Services	\$3.4	\$3.1	\$4.0	\$5.4	\$10.4
POC 6 - Medical Services	\$0.7	\$0.9	\$1.0	\$1.8	\$3.1
POC 7 - Medical Supplies	\$5.6	\$5.5	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$4.9
POC 8 - Nursing Services	\$10.2	\$9.3	\$8.2	\$7.8	\$7.6
POC 9 - Oxygen Therapy	\$2.5	\$2.2	\$1.9	\$1.7	\$2.0
POC 10 - Prescription Drugs	\$91.8	\$82.7	\$79.7	\$91.6	\$134.6
POC 11 - Prosthetics & Orthotics	\$2.5	\$2.4	\$2.5	\$2.8	\$3.5
POC 12 - Related Health Services	\$31.8	\$34.9	\$36.9	\$49.2	\$58.8
POC 13 - Special Equipment	\$28.4	\$25.3	\$22.4	\$22.0	\$20.7
POC 14 - Vision Care	\$5.1	\$4.3	\$3.8	\$4.2	\$3.6
Subtotal: Treatment Benefits Expenditures²	\$243.8	\$229.8	\$218.0	\$247.8	\$308.0
Remainder of OHPS					
Non-Departmental Hospital Charges (Long Term Care)	\$208.3	\$203.6	\$195.8	\$195.0	\$203.4
Veterans Travel	\$17.3	\$17.8	\$17.0	\$17.6	\$18.2
Other Remainder of OHPS ³	\$52.2	\$52.4	\$50.1	\$56.7	\$60.4
Subtotal: OHPS Expenditures	\$277.8	\$273.7	\$262.9	\$269.3	\$282.0
Total: Treatment Benefits and OHPS Expenditures	\$521.6	\$503.6	\$480.9	\$517.1	\$590.1

Treatment Benefits and OHPS Expenditures (in \$ millions)	Forecast ⁴				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
POC 1 - Aids for Daily Living	\$1.7	\$1.8	\$1.9	\$2.1	\$2.5
POC 2 - Ambulance Services	\$1.2	\$1.1	\$0.9	\$0.8	\$0.7
POC 3 - Audio Program	\$48.2	\$50.5	\$53.4	\$56.8	\$60.9
POC 4 - Dental Services	\$10.7	\$9.9	\$9.3	\$8.8	\$8.5
POC 5 - Hospital Services	\$20.4	\$22.7	\$25.3	\$28.0	\$31.1
POC 6 - Medical Services	\$5.1	\$5.7	\$6.3	\$7.0	\$7.8
POC 7 - Medical Supplies	\$4.8	\$4.7	\$4.6	\$4.7	\$4.9
POC 8 - Nursing Services	\$7.2	\$6.9	\$6.6	\$6.4	\$6.3
POC 9 - Oxygen Therapy	\$2.1	\$2.1	\$2.2	\$2.4	\$2.6
POC 10 - Prescription Drugs	\$164.0	\$170.0	\$178.3	\$189.5	\$205.4
POC 11 - Prosthetics & Orthotics	\$4.4	\$4.8	\$5.2	\$5.6	\$6.2
POC 12 - Related Health Services	\$68.1	\$78.8	\$91.4	\$106.5	\$124.5
POC 13 - Special Equipment	\$20.8	\$20.6	\$20.8	\$21.5	\$22.8
POC 14 - Vision Care	\$4.0	\$3.8	\$3.6	\$3.5	\$3.4
Subtotal: Treatment Benefits Expenditures²	\$359.9	\$380.5	\$406.8	\$440.4	\$484.0
Remainder of OHPS					
Non-Departmental Hospital Charges (Long Term Care)	\$200.4	\$194.5	\$188.5	\$182.2	\$177.3
Veterans Travel	\$20.5	\$22.9	\$25.7	\$29.0	\$32.7
Other Remainder of OHPS ³	\$81.2	\$100.5	\$118.7	\$119.5	\$119.5
Subtotal: OHPS Expenditures	\$302.2	\$317.9	\$332.9	\$330.6	\$329.4
Total: Treatment Benefits and OHPS Expenditures	\$662.1	\$698.4	\$739.7	\$771.0	\$813.4

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² Treatment Benefit expenditures include an adjustment to match FreeBalance.

³ Other Remainder of OHPS includes: Health Professionals; Federal Health Claims Processing Services; Operational Stress Injury Clinics; and other related services expenditures such as Medical Opinions, Foreign Government Recovery Expenditures and Medicare Premiums.

⁴ VAC Client and Expenditure Forecast 2018-19, prepared in October 2017 by the Statistics Directorate, Finance.

Veterans Independence Program

The Veterans Independence Program (VIP) provides funding to eligible Veterans, certain Reserve Force personnel, civilians, as well as survivors and primary caregivers so that they can access home and community care and support services to meet their physical, mental and social needs. This assistance allows them to remain healthy and independent in their own homes and communities. The services and benefits which may be funded include home care services and personal care (housekeeping, access to nutrition, grounds maintenance, ambulatory) home adaptations and transportation services. VIP housekeeping and/or grounds maintenance services are available to eligible survivors and primary caregivers.

Table 5.3 Veterans Independence Program Recipients

VIP Recipients	Actuals as of March 31, 2017				
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
War Service Veterans	40,494	35,380	30,430	25,675	21,497
Canadian Armed Forces Veterans	24,122	26,449	28,194	30,420	32,912
Subtotal: Veterans	64,616	61,829	58,624	56,095	54,409
Survivors	38,379	39,766	38,098	37,463	36,445
Total VIP Recipients	102,995	101,595	96,722	93,558	90,854

VIP Recipients	Forecast ²				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
War Service Veterans	17,600	14,100	11,100	7,200	5,500
Canadian Armed Forces Veterans	35,800	37,700	39,400	41,000	42,700
Subtotal: Veterans	53,400	51,800	50,500	48,300	48,100
Survivors	35,900	35,100	34,000	32,700	31,300
Total VIP Recipients¹	89,300	86,800	84,500	81,000	79,400

¹Totals may not add due to rounding.

²VAC Client and Expenditure Forecast 2018-19, prepared in October 2017 by the Statistics Directorate, Finance.

Table 5.4 Veterans Independence Program Expenditures¹

The tables below provide the actual and forecasted expenditure breakdown by the services and benefits included in the Veterans Independence Program.

VIP Expenditures (in \$ millions)	Actuals as of March 31, 2017				
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Ambulatory Care	\$0.9	\$0.8	\$0.6	\$0.6	\$0.4
Health and Support Services	\$0.4	\$0.5	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.9
Access to Nutrition	\$8.7	\$7.8	\$7.2	\$6.4	\$6.0
Personal Care	\$25.1	\$24.9	\$23.0	\$23.2	\$25.0
Housekeeping	\$208.6	\$75.9	\$0.4	\$0.0	\$0.0
Grounds Maintenance	\$50.1	\$19.9	\$0.1	\$0.0	\$0.0
Transportation Services	\$1.6	\$1.3	\$1.0	\$0.8	\$0.7
Home Adaptations	\$0.7	\$0.6	\$0.8	\$0.9	\$1.5
Adult Residential Care	\$0.1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Intermediate Care	\$55.5	\$52.5	\$49.0	\$48.9	\$46.7
Subtotal: Contributions	\$351.7	\$184.1	\$82.6	\$81.2	\$81.3
Housekeeping & Grounds Maintenance Grants ²	\$28.4	\$245.6	\$280.5	\$271.3	\$268.8
Total: VIP Expenditures	\$380.1	\$429.6	\$363.1	\$352.6	\$350.2

VIP Expenditures (in \$ millions)	Forecast ³				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Ambulatory Care	\$0.5	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4	\$0.4
Health and Support Services	\$1.0	\$1.0	\$1.0	\$1.0	\$1.0
Access to Nutrition	\$5.7	\$5.2	\$4.9	\$4.2	\$4.0
Personal Care	\$23.8	\$22.1	\$20.7	\$18.3	\$17.9
Transportation Services	\$0.6	\$0.5	\$0.4	\$0.3	\$0.3
Home Adaptations	\$1.6	\$1.7	\$1.8	\$1.9	\$2.0
Adult Residential Care	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Intermediate Care	\$46.2	\$44.8	\$44.0	\$41.4	\$42.2
Subtotal: Contributions	\$79.3	\$75.8	\$73.2	\$67.5	\$67.8
Housekeeping (Grants)	\$208.0	\$208.6	\$209.2	\$206.4	\$209.0
Grounds Maintenance (Grants)	\$68.0	\$70.3	\$72.7	\$74.5	\$77.5
Subtotal: Grants	\$276.0	\$279.0	\$281.9	\$280.8	\$286.5
Total: VIP Expenditures	\$355.3	\$354.8	\$355.1	\$348.3	\$354.3

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² On January 1, 2013, the housekeeping and grounds maintenance services began converting from a reimbursement to a grant program. The conversion of clients to the grant took approximately twelve-months, but expenditures under the reimbursement program continued into 2014-15 as under the Veterans Health Care Regulations (VHCR). Clients have up to 18 months to submit receipts.

³ VAC Client and Expenditure Forecast 2018-19, prepared in October 2017 by the Statistics Directorate, Finance.

Long Term Care

Through the Long Term Care Program and the Intermediate Care component of the Veterans Independence Program, the Department provides financial support to eligible war Veterans and Canadian Armed Forces Veterans who need long term/nursing home care, or short term (respite) care.

These programs work in collaboration with provincial, regional or local health authorities and long-term care facilities to ensure Veterans are supported in an appropriate long term care setting that meets their individual needs.

To be eligible for financial support, Veterans must be assessed as needing long-term care by a health care professional as well as meet service eligibility requirements.

Eligible Veterans may qualify for financial support in two types of long term care settings:

Community beds located in nursing homes and other residential/long term care facilities found in many communities across Canada. Depending on Veteran eligibility, these beds can be funded through either OHPS or VIP.

Contract beds, also referred to as priority access beds, which are allocated to more than 160 health care facilities where the Department has a contractual arrangement with the province, health authority, and/or facility to provide priority access to a designated number of beds for war Veterans. These beds are funded exclusively through the OHPS allotment.

The type of setting in which Veterans can receive departmental support varies depending on type and location of military service, income, health care need, and whether their need for long term care is linked to a service related disability/illness.

Some nursing homes and other residential/long-term care facilities provide care to Veterans in contract as well as community beds within the same facility.

Table 5.5 Long Term Care (LTC) Recipients and Expenditures

Care Settings	Actuals as of March 31, 2017					YTD
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Dec 2017
Veterans in Departmental Beds	349	340	325	302	n/a ¹	n/a ¹
Veterans in Contract Beds (LTC funded)	2,557	2,450	2,252	2,178	2,157	1,938
Veterans in Community Beds (LTC funded)	2,316	2,011	1,796	1,522	1,247	1,317
Veterans in Community Beds (VIP funded)	3,299	2,858	2,536	2,439	2,326	2,099
Total : Veterans in LTC Beds	8,521	7,659	6,909	6,441	5,730	5,354
Veterans in Departmental Beds	\$68.7	\$63.0	\$63.8	\$70.8	n/a ¹	n/a ³
Veterans in Contract Beds (LTC funded)	\$174.5	\$174.9	\$170.7	\$171.0	\$183.1	n/a ³
Veterans in Community Beds (LTC funded)	\$33.8	\$28.7	\$25.1	\$24.0	\$20.3	n/a ³
Veterans in Community Beds (VIP funded)	\$55.7	\$52.5	\$49.1	\$48.9	\$46.7	n/a ³
Subtotal : LTC Facility Funding	\$332.7	\$319.1	\$308.7	\$314.7	\$250.1	n/a³
Additional Funding: Ste. Anne's Hospital	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$55.7 ²	n/a ³
Total: LTC Expenditures	\$332.7	\$319.1	\$308.7	\$314.7	\$305.8	n/a³

Care Settings	Forecast ⁴				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Veterans in Contract Beds (LTC funded)	2,040	1,871	1,669	1,317	1,021
Veterans in Community Beds (LTC funded)	1,080	925	778	618	487
Veterans in Community Beds (VIP funded)	2,144	2,010	1,908	1,817	1,771
Total: Forecasted Veterans in LTC Beds	5,264	4,806	4,355	3,752	3,279
Veterans in Contract Beds (LTC funded)	\$183.2	\$179.3	\$175.2	\$171.0	\$168.2
Veterans in Community Beds (LTC funded)	\$17.2	\$15.2	\$13.3	\$11.2	\$9.1
Veterans in Community Beds (VIP funded)	\$46.2	\$44.8	\$44.0	\$41.4	\$42.2
Total: Forecasted LTC Funding	\$246.6	\$239.3	\$232.5	\$223.6	\$219.5

Note: Contract Beds are funded through OHPS, while Community Beds are funded through OHPS and VIP.

¹ Responsibility for departmental beds at SAH transferred to the Province of Quebec as of April 1, 2016, and are now contract beds.

² The \$55.7 M paid to SAH is part of negotiated transfer costs; per diems for eligible Veteran Residents are captured under Contract Beds.

³ Actual expenditures are only available at fiscal year end.

⁴ Long Term Care Forecast 2018-19, prepared in October 2017 by the Statistics Directorate, Finance.

Rehabilitation and NVC Support Services

The Rehabilitation Program provides needs-based access to medical, psychosocial and vocational rehabilitation and assistance services to eligible Canadian Armed Forces Veterans who have been medically released, or have rehabilitation needs primarily related to service, to assist them and their families to re-establish in civilian life. Under certain circumstances, survivors and spouses of eligible Veterans may be eligible to receive vocational assistance services and rehabilitation services.

Table 5.6 Rehabilitation Program: Eligible Recipients¹ and Expenditures

Rehabilitation Recipients & Expenditures	Actuals as of March 31, 2017					YTD
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Dec 2017
Veterans	5,754	6,265	7,175	8,478	11,600	12,739
Survivors/Spouses	112	146	165	173	187	169
Total Rehabilitation Recipients	5,866	6,411	7,340	8,651	11,787	12,908
Rehabilitation Expenditures (in \$ millions) ²	\$18.4	\$18.5	\$21.2	\$26.8	\$33.5	\$29.8

Rehabilitation Recipients & Expenditures	Forecast ³				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Veterans	14,200	16,500	18,400	19,900	21,200
Survivors/Spouses	200	200	200	200	200
Total Rehabilitation Recipients	14,400	16,700	18,600	20,100	21,400
Rehabilitation Expenditures (in \$ millions) ^{2,4}	\$46.7	\$58.8	\$67.1	\$73.2	\$79.2

¹ Recipients refer to those with a status of 'eligible' as of March 31st or quarter end (may not be receiving VAC funding).

² Rehabilitation Expenditures include New Veterans Charter Support Services and are for the full year or quarter end.

³ VAC Client and Expenditure Forecast 2018-19, prepared in October 2017 by the Statistics Directorate, Finance.

⁴ The delivery method for Career Transition Services will change on April 1, 2018. Expenditures are reported under Rehabilitation and NVC Support Services beginning in 2018-19.

Family Caregiver Relief Benefit (FCRB)

The Family Caregiver Relief Benefit provides eligible Veterans with a grant to recognize the vital role of informal caregivers towards the Veteran's health and well-being. This additional support is designed to allow caregivers to more easily maintain their own health and resilience; in some cases, enabling them to rest, take a break to attend to their own well-being. This new grant provides eligible Canadian Armed Forces Veterans with an annual tax-free grant of \$7,332.

Table 5.7 Family Caregiver Relief Benefit Recipients and Expenditures¹

Family Caregiver Relief Benefit (FCRB)	Actuals as of March 31, 2017		YTD
	2015-16	2016-17	Dec 2017
Recipients ²	178	277	325
Total Expenditures (in \$ millions)	\$1.3	\$2.1	\$2.2

Family Caregiver Relief Benefit (FCRB)	Forecast ³				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Recipients	390	20	-	-	-
Total Expenditures (in \$ millions)	\$2.9	\$0.1	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0

¹ The Family Caregiver Relief Benefit will be replaced by the Caregiver Recognition Benefit as of April 1, 2018.

² Recipients refer to those who have received a payment within a year of the reporting date.

³ VAC Client and Expenditure Forecast 2018-19, prepared in October 2017 by the Statistics Directorate, Finance.

Chapter 6: Financial Benefits

The Financial Benefits Program provides economic support to eligible Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Veterans, survivors, spouses/common-law partners and dependants for the economic impact that a military career ending and/or service -related injury or death can have on a Veteran's ability to earn income, advance in a career or save for retirement. Support is provided to those approved for the Rehabilitation Program; those who have completed the program and have not yet found employment; those who were eligible for the program but are unable to participate due to permanent and severe impairment; and those who have received a disability award for a physical or mental condition which causes permanent and severe impairments for which rehabilitation services have been approved. Compensation is provided in the form of monthly income support payments.

Earnings Loss Benefit

The Earnings Loss Benefit Program recognizes the economic impact a military career-ending or service related disability may have on a Canadian Armed Forces Veteran's ability to earn income following release from the Canadian Armed Forces. To meet their basic needs, eligible CAF Veterans participating in the Veterans Affairs' Rehabilitation Program are provided with temporary income replacement in the form of a monthly allowance so that a participant's income does not fall below 90% of gross pre-release military salary. Where a Veteran who had been participating in the Rehabilitation Program is not able to participate in suitable gainful employment, the support continues until the Veteran reaches the age of 65.

Table 6.1 Earnings Loss Recipients¹ and Expenditures

Earnings Loss Recipients and Expenditures	Actuals as of March 31, 2017					YTD Dec 2017
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	
Temporary	2,564	2,709	2,963	3,435	7,375	8,923
Extended	1,024	1,506	1,860	2,311	4,250	5,339
Total: Recipients (Veterans and Survivors)	3,588	4,215	4,823	5,746	11,625	14,262
Expenditures (in \$ millions) ²	\$94.7	\$127.2	\$156.4	\$180.3	\$269.9	\$305.5

Earnings Loss Recipients and Expenditures	Forecast ³				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Temporary	9,000	10,500	11,600	12,600	13,400
Extended	6,000	7,200	8,400	9,600	10,900
Total: Recipients (Veterans and Survivors) ⁴	15,100	17,700	20,000	22,200	24,300
Expenditures (in \$ millions)	\$392.9	\$499.1	\$575.0	\$647.3	\$713.6

¹ Earnings Loss recipients refers to Veterans and survivors with a status of 'In-Pay' at March 31st or quarter end.

² Total for 2014-2015 includes payments made under the Budget Implementation Act.

³ VAC Client and Expenditure Forecast 2018-19, prepared in October 2017 by the Statistics Directorate, Finance.

⁴ Totals may not add due to rounding.

Career Impact Allowance (CIA)

The Career Impact Allowance Program recognizes the economic impact on employment potential and career advancement caused by severe and permanent service-related disabilities. The program ensures that eligible Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Veterans with severe permanent impairments have an income sufficient to meet basic needs. A monthly allowance is payable to CAF Veterans who received a Disability Award for physical or mental health problems that are creating a permanent and severe impairment and for which rehabilitation services have been approved. As of April 1, 2017, a new grading scheme was implemented for CIA, which gave access to higher grade levels for some clients. The result is that a greater proportion of clients are in Grades 1 and 2 than previous to the change.

Table 6.2 Career Impact Allowance Recipients and Expenditures

CIA Recipients and Expenditures	Actuals as of March 31, 2017					YTD Dec 2017
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	
Recipients (Veterans)	941	1,647	2,293	3,743	6,011	7,280
Recipients Receiving CIA Supplement	727	1,320	1,755	2,482	3,410	4,100
Expenditures (in \$ millions)	\$10.4	\$22.2	\$34.2	\$51.5	\$79.7	\$88.1

CIA Recipients and Expenditures	Forecast ¹				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Recipients (Veterans)	8,500	10,800	13,000	15,300	17,600
Recipients Receiving CIA Supplement	4,500	5,300	5,900	6,900	7,900
Expenditures (in \$ millions)	\$118.1	\$147.4	\$175.4	\$209.8	\$245.7

¹ VAC Client and Expenditure Forecast 2018-19, prepared in October 2017 by the Statistics Directorate, Finance.

Supplementary Retirement Benefit (SRB) Program

The Supplementary Retirement Benefit Program compensates eligible Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Veterans for lost opportunities to contribute to retirement pensions because they are unable to work following their release from the Canadian Armed Forces. Veterans must have been assessed as totally and permanently incapacitated during their participation in Veterans Affairs' Rehabilitation Program and eligible for extended Earnings Loss benefits. The benefit, a lump-sum payment equal to 2% of the total amount of Earnings Loss benefits that was paid to the Veteran before income offsets, is generally paid when the Veteran reaches the age of 65. Survivors of Veterans who die as a result of a service-related injury or disease are also eligible for this benefit, payable after the Veteran would have reached the age of 65 years.

Table 6.3 Supplementary Retirement Benefit Recipients and Expenditures

Supplementary Retirement Benefit Recipients and Expenditures	Actuals as of March 31, 2017					YTD Dec 2017
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	
Recipients (Veterans)	8	15	21	34	76	66
Expenditures (\$ thousands)	\$20	\$36	\$52	\$111	\$306	\$267

Supplementary Retirement Benefit Recipients and Expenditures	Forecast ¹				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Recipients (Veterans)	100	100	120	120	150
Expenditures (\$ thousands)	\$504	\$588	\$794	\$855	\$1,127

¹ VAC Client and Expenditure Forecast 2018-19, prepared in October 2017 by the Statistics Directorate, Finance.

Retirement Income Support Benefit (RISB)

The Retirement Income Security Benefit provides eligible Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Veterans and survivors with life-long financial stability for moderately to severe disabled individuals through a monthly income security payment beginning at age 65. This benefit tops up a Veteran's total annual income to at least 70% of what he or she received in financial benefits from VAC.

Table 6.4 Retirement Income Support Benefit Recipients and Expenditures

Retirement Income Support Benefit (RISB)	Actuals as of March 31, 2017		YTD Dec 2017
	2015-16	2016-17	
Recipients	41	72	111
Expenditures (in \$ millions)	\$0.3	\$0.5	\$0.7

Retirement Income Support Benefit (RISB)	Forecast ¹				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Recipients	120	160	210	260	310
Expenditures (in \$ millions)	\$1.1	\$1.4	\$1.9	\$2.3	\$2.9

¹ VAC Client and Expenditure Forecast 2018-19, prepared in October 2017 by the Statistics Directorate, Finance.

Canadian Forces Income Support (CFIS) Program

The Canadian Armed Forces Income Support Benefit ensures that eligible Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Veterans have a minimum level of income to meet basic needs while they are engaged in job search activities. The program provides a monthly temporary income support to low income CAF Veterans who have completed the Veterans Affairs' Rehabilitation Program and are capable of achieving suitable gainful employment but have not yet obtained employment. This program is also available to survivors or orphans of Veterans in certain circumstances.

Table 6.5 Canadian Forces Income Support Recipients and Expenditures

Canadian Forces Income Support - Recipients and Expenditures	Actuals as of March 31, 2017					YTD Dec 2017
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	
Recipients (Veterans)	12	23	43	55	64	79
Expenditures (in \$ millions)	\$0.2	\$0.3	\$0.6	\$0.9	\$1.1	\$1.1

Canadian Forces Income Support - Recipients and Expenditures	Forecast ¹				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Recipients (Veterans)	90	130	160	200	240
Expenditures (in \$ millions)	\$1.5	\$2.1	\$2.8	\$3.5	\$4.3

¹ VAC Client and Expenditure Forecast 2018-19, prepared in October 2017 by the Statistics Directorate, Finance.

War Veterans Allowance Program (WVA)

The War Veterans Allowance Program is a form of financial assistance available to eligible Veterans, Merchant Navy Veterans, qualified civilians and their survivors, dependants and orphans. In recognition of war service, qualified persons are provided with a regular, monthly income to meet basic needs. Eligibility for War Veterans Allowance is determined by the war time service of a Veteran or qualified civilian, the age or health, family income and residency. As well, as surviving spouse, a surviving common-law partner or orphan may qualify for War Veterans Allowance.

Table 6.6 War Veterans Allowance Recipients

WVA Recipients	Actuals as of March 31, 2017					YTD Dec 2017
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	
Veterans	596	667	527	404	355	321
Survivors	2,898	2,577	2,271	2,041	1,796	1,611
Total Recipients	3,494	3,244	2,798	2,445	2,151	1,932

WVA Recipients	Forecast ¹				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Veterans	300	250	200	160	120
Survivors	1,670	1,540	1,420	1,300	1,190
Total Recipients	1,970	1,790	1,620	1,460	1,310

¹ VAC Client and Expenditure Forecast 2018-19, prepared in October 2017 by the Statistics Directorate, Finance.

Table 6.7 War Veterans Allowance Expenditures¹

WVA Expenditures (in \$ millions)	Actuals as of March 31, 2017					YTD Dec 2017
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	
Veterans	\$1.4	\$1.3	\$1.2	\$1.0	\$1.0	n/a ²
Survivors	\$8.0	\$7.2	\$6.7	\$6.0	\$5.5	n/a ²
Budget Implementation Act Payments	-	-	\$0.7	\$0.5	-	n/a ²
Total Expenditures	\$9.5	\$8.5	\$8.5	\$7.5	\$6.5	\$4.6

WVA Expenditures (in \$ millions)	Forecast ³				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Veterans	\$0.9	\$0.8	\$0.6	\$0.5	\$0.4
Survivors	\$5.1	\$4.8	\$4.5	\$4.2	\$3.9
Total Expenditures	\$6.0	\$5.5	\$5.1	\$4.7	\$4.4

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² Expenditure breakdown provided at fiscal year end only.

³ VAC Client and Expenditure Forecast 2018-19, prepared in October 2017 by the Statistics Directorate, Finance.

Chapter 7: Career Transition Services (CTS)

The Career Transition Services Program supports the transition to civilian life of eligible Veterans and survivors by providing access to services that will assist them in having the knowledge, skills and plan necessary to prepare for and obtain suitable civilian employment. Veterans Affairs Canada will reimburse eligible Veterans and survivors for these services, up to a lifetime maximum of \$1,000 including taxes.

Table 7.1 Career Transition Services Recipients and Expenditures¹

Career Transition Services - Recipients and Expenditures	Actuals as of March 31, 2017					YTD Dec 2017
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	
Recipients (Veterans)	27	92	232	409	644	714
Expenditures (in \$ thousands)	\$1,003	\$12	\$13	\$24	\$19	\$27

Career Transition Services - Recipients and Expenditures	Forecast ²				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Recipients (Veterans)	690	-	-	-	-
Expenditures (in \$ thousands) ²	\$43	-	-	-	-

¹ The delivery method for Career Transition Services will change on April 1, 2018. Expenditures will be reported under Rehabilitation and NVC Support Services beginning in 2018-19.

² VAC Client and Expenditure Forecast 2018-19, prepared in October 2017 by the Statistics Directorate, Finance.

Chapter 8: Mental Health

Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) provides a wide range of mental health services and support for Veterans and their families. The tables below outline the increasing number of Veterans in receipt of Disability benefits for a Mental Health condition.

Table 8.1 Veterans in Receipt of Disability Benefits with Psychiatric Disability

	Actuals as of March 31, 2017					YTD Dec 2017
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	
War Service	1,863	1,591	1,323	1,114	925	801
Canadian Armed Forces (CAF)	12,016	13,385	14,847	16,850	18,826	20,829
Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)	2,794	3,094	3,469	3,937	4,469	4,928
Missing Service Code	-	1	2	1	1	3
Total: Veterans (in receipt of disability benefits) with a Psychiatric diagnosis (incl. Post-traumatic Stress Disorder [PTSD])	16,673	18,071	19,641	21,902	24,221	26,561
War Service	1,162	1,003	856	743	622	541
CAF	8,557	9,576	10,695	12,075	13,342	14,645
RCMP	2,236	2,496	2,819	3,233	3,658	4,041
Missing Service Code	-	1	2	1	1	2
Total: Veterans (in receipt of disability benefits) with a PTSD diagnosis	11,955	13,076	14,372	16,052	17,623	19,229

Table 8.2 Veterans with Mental Health Conditions by Age and Gender as of December 2017

Age	Male ¹	Female	Total	% by Age
Under 30	481	99	580	2%
30 - 39	3,569	632	4,201	16%
40 - 49	5,757	1,172	6,929	26%
50 - 59	7,474	1,400	8,874	33%
60 - 69	3,333	385	3,718	14%
70 or More	2,214	45	2,259	9%
Total	22,828	3,733	26,561	100%
% by Gender	86%	14%	100%	

¹ Includes numbers for those with an unknown gender.

Table 8.3 Mental Health - Quick Facts as of December 2017

QUICK FACTS
21% of all Veterans in receipt of VAC benefits have disability benefits for a service-related psychiatric diagnosis.
72% of Veterans in receipt of disability benefits for a mental health condition have PTSD.
59% of Veterans in receipt of disability benefits for a mental health condition are married or have a common law partner.
30% of Veterans in receipt of disability benefits for a mental health condition are also eligible for Rehabilitation program.
41% of Veterans in receipt of disability benefits for a mental health condition are in receipt of Veterans Independence Program (VIP) benefits.

Source: Statistics Directorate, Mental Health Cube 05.93.06.07

Chapter 9: Afghanistan Veterans

The Canadian flag was lowered for the last time in Afghanistan on March 12, 2014. This mission involved the deployment of more than 40,000 Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) personnel—the largest deployment since the Second World War.

The following tables provide demographic details regarding Afghanistan Veterans (including RCMP) in receipt of Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) benefits and services.

Table 9.1 Afghanistan Deployed Members (Unique)

Service Type	As of March 2014
Regular Forces Members	34,640
Primary Reserves Members	5,386
Total	40,026

Source: Canadian Armed Forces - Strategic Joint Staff, Deployment Data 2001 - 2013, March 31, 2014

Table 9.2 Afghanistan Veterans (including RCMP) in Receipt of VAC Benefits

	Actuals as of March 31, 2017					YTD Dec 2017	% of CAF Veteran Population
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17		
Afghanistan Service identified ¹	8,945	10,459	11,909	13,583	14,978	15,964	3%
Veterans in receipt of disability benefits related to Afghanistan service ² (included in above total)	5,427	6,376	7,293	8,339	9,357	10,158	2%

Table 9.3 Afghanistan Veterans (including RCMP) by Age - December 2017

Age Band	Afghanistan Service Identified ¹	% by Age	Veterans in receipt of Disability Benefits related to Afghanistan ²	% by Age
Under 30	528	3%	392	4%
30 - 39	4,699	29%	3,549	35%
40 - 49	5,370	34%	3,412	34%
50 or more	5,367	34%	2,805	28%
Total	15,964	100%	10,158	100%

¹ Service Identified indicates that VAC is aware of the Veteran's CAF or Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) service in Afghanistan; however, their benefits may or may not be related to that service.

² Disability benefits related to Afghanistan CAF or RCMP service indicates the Veteran has received at least one disability benefit which can be directly related to their service in Afghanistan.

Table 9.4 Afghanistan Veterans in Receipt of Disability Benefits¹ by Disability Class - December 2017

Disability Class	Disability Pension & Awards	Percentage
78% and above	1,814	18%
53%-77%	2,087	21%
28%-52%	2,577	25%
5%-27%	3,333	33%
1%-4%	225	2%
Entitlement Only	122	1%
Total	10,158	100%

¹Disability benefits for Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) or Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) service can be directly related to their service in Afghanistan.

Table 9.5 Afghanistan Veterans in Receipt of Disability Benefits¹ - Mental Health Conditions

Afghanistan Veterans in Receipt of Disability Benefits	March 2014	March 2015	March 2016	March 2017	YTD Dec 2017
For Mental Health Conditions	3,572	4,269	5,048	5,800	6,458
For Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	2,977	3,578	4,243	4,833	5,385

¹Mental Health disability benefits for Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) or Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) service can be directly related to their service in Afghanistan.

Source: Statistics Directorate, Finance - Mental Health Conditions (40422 Afghanistan)

Table 9.6 Afghanistan Veterans - Quick Facts - December 2017

QUICK FACTS
73% of deployed members had 1 tour of Afghanistan, 21% had 2 tours and 6% had 3 or more.
90% of Afghanistan deployed members were males, 10% females.
17% of Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Veterans in receipt of VAC benefits have Afghanistan Service.
11% of CAF Veterans in receipt of VAC benefits have a disability benefit related to service in Afghanistan.
64% of CAF Veterans, with a disability benefit related to service in Afghanistan, are in receipt of a VAC pension/award for a Mental Health condition.
53% of CAF Veterans, with a disability benefit related to service in Afghanistan, are in receipt of a VAC pension/award for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).
16% of members deployed to Afghanistan, are in receipt of a VAC pension/award for a Mental Health condition related to their service in Afghanistan.
13% of members deployed to Afghanistan, are in receipt of a VAC pension/award for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) related to their service in Afghanistan.

Source: Statistics Directorate, Finance - Afghanistan Cube 05.55.06.02

Chapter 10: Service Delivery

Table 10.1 Case Managed Veterans as of December 2017

Table 10.1 represents the volume of Veterans who were receiving one-on-one Case Management Services and the number of case managers providing this service.

Area	Assigned Case Managers	Case Managed Veterans	Average Veterans per Case Manager
Newfoundland and Labrador	16.0	495	30.9
New Brunswick, PEI and the Gaspésie	31.0	1,219	39.3
Nova Scotia	45.0	1,573	35.0
Eastern Quebec	53.0	1,542	29.1
Western Quebec	38.0	1,119	29.4
North Eastern Ontario and Nunavut ¹	61.0	1,833	30.0
Central Ontario	36.0	1,204	33.4
South Western Ontario	33.0	998	30.2
Saskatchewan/Manitoba	17.0	590	34.7
Alberta and Northwest Territories	32.0	1,160	36.3
BC Mainland and the Yukon	24.0	661	27.5
Vancouver Island and the Islands	21.0	658	31.3
National Total	407.0	13,052	32.1

¹ North Eastern Ontario and Nunavut includes Foreign Countries Case Managed Veterans.

10.2 Telephony Results - National Contact Centre Network (NCCN) and Medavie

Table 10.2 represents the annual call volumes received, answered and abandoned through VAC's toll free line (1-866-522-2122). The response rate percentage (%) calculates what portion of calls received get answered, and the Grade of Service percentage (%) calculates what portion of calls are answered within 2 minutes.

Results	2014-15	2015-16 ¹	% Change 2014-15 to 2015-16	2016-17 ¹	% Change 2015-16 to 2016-17	YTD Dec 2017 ¹
Calls Offered	588,872	588,854	0.0%	592,874	0.7%	437,351
Calls Answered	561,598	556,673	-0.9%	543,446	-2.4%	394,171
Calls Abandoned	27,274	30,749	12.7%	49,428	60.7%	43,180
% Response Rate	95%	95%		92%		90%
% NCCN Grade of Service ²	75%	77%		66%		70%
% Medavie Grade of Service ³				74%		73%

¹ Calls Offered includes Medavie Calls transferred to Second Level or dropped.

² NCCN Grade of Service identifies the portion (%) of calls that are answered within the 2 minute service standard.

³ Medavie Grade of Service identifies the portion (%) of calls that are answered within the 45 second service standard.

My VAC Account

My VAC Account is a secure, authenticated web application that allows Veterans, CAF and RCMP members to access VAC services from anywhere, and at any time. Family members who are receiving benefits directly from VAC can also sign up for My VAC Account.

Through My VAC Account, Veterans can apply online for VAC benefits and services, upload documents to support applications, track the status of applications, receive online correspondence (forms and letters), view a summary of VAC benefits, and connect directly with VAC staff through secure messaging.

Table 10.3 My VAC Account Users

My VAC Account Users	Actuals as of March 31, 2017	YTD Dec 2017	% Change 2016-17 to YTD
	2016-17		
Total number of My VAC Account Users	50,671	67,259	32.7%

Source: 05.220.06.07 - My VAC Account active users

Table 10.4 My VAC Account Usage (session logins)

My VAC Account Usage	Actuals as of March 31, 2017	YTD Dec 2017	% Change 2016-17 to YTD
	2016-17		
Total number of session logins	1,185,837	1,309,288	10.4%

Source: 05.220.07.01 - My VAC Account Count Sessions by Month

Chapter 11: Appeals - Disability Pensions and Awards

Bureau of Pensions Advocates (BPA)

The Bureau of Pensions Advocates (BPA) is a nation-wide legal organization within Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC), whose main function is to provide free advice and representation for individuals dissatisfied with decisions rendered by VAC with respect to their claims for entitlement to disability pension or disability award, or any assessment awarded for their pensioned conditions. The Bureau was formed in 1971, giving Veterans Affairs' clients across the country the services of lawyers who afford them the same solicitor-client privilege as lawyers in private practice.

Table 11.1 Total Cases Completed by Bureau of Pensions Advocates

Case Type	March 2013	March 2014	March 2015	March 2016	March 2017	YTD Dec 2017
Departmental Reviews ¹ Completed	1,847	1,973	2,072	2,017	2,168	1,632
Cases Presented to VRAB ²	4,423	4,496	3,638	3,469	3,255	1,970
Cases Counseled Out ³	5,166	4,736	4,147	4,763	5,210	3,958
Total Cases completed by BPA	11,436	11,205	9,857	10,249	10,633	7,560

¹ Departmental Review: If clients produce new evidence after receiving a decision with which they are dissatisfied, it may be possible to have the decision reviewed again by VAC through a written submission called a Departmental Review.

² Cases Presented to Veterans Review and Appeal Board (VRAB): If clients are dissatisfied with a decision from the Department or from the Veterans Review and Appeal Board (VRAB), they have the right to appeal the decision to VRAB. The Bureau's Advocates will provide legal advice to clients in the preparation of their appeal and will represent them before the Review or Appeal panel.

³ Cases Counseled Out: If an Advocate, on a detailed review of the documentation, comes to the conclusion that a claim is not meritorious, clients will be counseled in this regard. However, the ultimate decision rests with the client as to whether or not to proceed. "Cases Counseled Out" are those claims where clients accept their Advocate's advice against proceeding to Departmental Review or VRAB.

Source: Bureau of Pensions Advocates - CSDN

Chapter 12: Human Resources

Table 12.1 Historical Full Time Equivalents (FTE) Numbers

The following table displays the number of Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) that were utilized by Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) each fiscal year since 1994-95.

Fiscal Year	FTEs in Department ^{1,2}
1994-95	3,297
1995-96	3,137
1996-97	3,056
1997-98	3,042
1998-99	3,037
1999-00	3,154
2000-01	3,212
2001-02	3,403
2002-03	3,394
2003-04	3,350
2004-05	3,354
2005-06	3,544
2006-07	3,555
2007-08	3,717
2008-09	3,904
2009-10	3,840
2010-11	3,753
2011-12	3,623
2012-13	3,370
2013-14	3,085
2014-15	2,907
2015-16 ³	3,010 (with Sainte Anne's Hospital [SAH]) 2,272 (excluding SAH)
2016-17	2,635

Note: As of March 31, 2017, there were 119 VAC employees who have self-identified as being current or former Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members.

¹ Year end reports (up to 2004-05 through 2015-16); Prior to 2004-05, FTEs as reported in the Departmental Performance Reports (DPR).

² FTE data does not include employees from Veterans Review and Appeal Board (VRAB).

³ At March 31, 2016, SAH was still part of VAC. As of April 1, 2016, the responsibility was transferred to the province of Québec. In table 12.1, all data for previous years include SAH.