

# Appearance before the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs: 2019-20 Supplementary estimates (B) and main estimates Northern Affairs

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The Honourable Dan Vandal, Minister of Northern Affairs

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## Overview

### Scenario note

### Logistics

**Date:** Thursday, March 12, 2020

**Time:** 11 a.m. to noon

**Location:** TBC

**Subject:** 2019-20 Supplementary Estimates (B) & 2020-21 Main Estimates

**Notes:** It is recommended that witnesses arrive at the committee meeting room at least **15 minutes before they are scheduled to appear**.

#### **Witnesses**

- The Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations
- The Honourable Dan Vandal, Minister of Northern Affairs
- Daniel Watson, Deputy Minister
- Diane Lafleur, Associate Deputy Minister
- Serge Beaudoin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Northern Affairs
- Annie Boudreau, Chief Finances, Results & Delivery Officer

#### **Context**

The Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAN) is composed of 12 members: six Liberal, four Conservative, one BQ and one NDP. This composition can present challenges for the Government Members, as the opposition parties can work together to vote down Liberals motions.

The first INAN meeting occurred on February 25, 2020 on Departmental Activities and Priorities. DM Watson received questions on the Nunavut Devolution Final Agreement (MP Bob Zimmer, CPC), economic development (MP Jamie Schmale, CPC), discussion tables (MP Arnold Vierson, CPC), and the market for seal skin (MP Mumilaaq Qaqqaq, NDP). MP Qaqqaq also asked questions on whether the Government had policies and programs that were more geared towards Inuit and Métis. MP Qaqqaq expressed concerns that a variety of programs only seem to be applied to First Nations people.

In terms of other studies, the Committee began a study on food security on February 27, 2020. MP Viersen asked how the Nutrition North Canada program has kept up with changing technologies since its creation in 2011. MP Zimmer asked about the effectiveness of the Harvesters Support Grant. MP Sylvie Bérubé asked about the factors that contribute to food insecurity in the North. MP Schmale asked if there was anything else that could be done to put more control on local communities to help them solve their own problems faster.

In terms of future studies, the Committee also passed motions to study Treaty Commissioners and Economic Development in Indigenous communities.

#### **Meeting proceedings**

- It should be noted that Minister Marc Miller and supporting officials are appearing from noon to 1 p.m. at INAN.
- For Minister Bennett's and Minister Vandal's appearance, they each have up to 5 minutes to deliver their remarks.
- Committee members will pose their questions in the following order:
  - First round (6 minutes for each Party)
    - Conservative Party of Canada
    - Liberal Party of Canada
    - Bloc Québécois
    - New Democratic Party of Canada
  - Second round (5 minutes for each Party)
    - Conservative Party of Canada
    - Liberal Party of Canada
    - Conservative Party of Canada
    - Liberal Party of Canada
  - 2.5 minutes for the Bloc Quebecois and the New Democratic Party.

# Opening Remarks

## Notes for Remarks for The Honourable Dan Vandal Minister of Northern Affairs

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss the Government's Supplementary Estimates (B) for the 2019-2020 fiscal year as well as Main Estimates for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the Northern Affairs component of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada.

J'aimerais tout d'abord souligner que nous sommes réunis sur le territoire traditionnel du peuple algonquin.

Après un bref mot d'ouverture, je serai heureux de répondre aux questions du Comité.

Merci.

These estimates reflect our Government's commitment to creating greater economic growth and a higher quality of life in Canada's North and Arctic in a fiscally responsible manner. I am confident that these estimates demonstrate our government's plan to develop long-term opportunities that protect Canada's rich natural environment and build healthier communities while also respecting the rights and interests of Indigenous Peoples.

## Supplementary Estimates (B)

The Supplementary Estimates include an additional investment of 12.5 million dollars in Nutrition North Canada—including 8 million dollars to create a Harvesters Support Grant which is designed to be Indigenous led and will promote local harvesting foods for distribution in more than 100 isolated communities. We are continuing to work in partnership with key stakeholders & partners to ensure that the unique interests, priorities and circumstances of all Northerners, are acknowledged. In fact, we've seen first-hand how direct engagement with indigenous and community partners has resulted in significant improvements to the Nutrition North program in 2018 and 2019.

Nous sommes toujours prêts à écouter les habitants du Nord concernant l'importance de la nourriture traditionnelle et comment mieux faire face au coût croissant de la chasse et de la récolte dans les collectivités isolées.

En plus des bienfaits pour la santé des produits locaux frais, la participation aux activités de chasse et de récolte est un élément essentiel du bien-être des collectivités et de la continuité culturelle.

## 2020-21 Main Estimates

In all, the Main Estimates include 529.9 million dollars in spending related to the Northern Affairs component of the Department.

An amount of 108.5 million dollars for Nutrition North is included in the Main Estimates to continue this important initiative next fiscal year. This funding will address increased subsidy rates, and a growing list of subsidized items that includes more culturally-relevant and family-friendly items, such as the ingredients in bannock, as well as infant formula and diapers.

Almost one-half of the Main Estimates total—253.5 million dollars—is allocated to the ongoing work of the Northern Contaminated Sites Program. This includes the funding of the Northern Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program announced in Budget 2019.

As the Committee is aware, the Government of Canada is responsible for the management of a portfolio of contaminated sites across the North—the result of private sector mining-exploration and resource development activities that were abandoned by their former operators when they became insolvent. These complex projects present serious, ongoing risks to the environment and human health & safety. The Government of Canada has accepted fiscal responsibility for this historical contamination and is legally obligated to manage these sites.

Together, these and other initiatives - including 52.1 million dollars for climate change adaptation, clean energy and other measures to enhance environmental sustainability<sup>Footnote1</sup> - are intended to ensure northern lands and waters are healthy for future generations, while helping to secure jobs for Northerners and Indigenous partners.

In closing, I would note 96.6 million dollars for Northern and Arctic Governance and Partnerships, and 18.4 million dollars for Northern Regulatory and Legislative Frameworks are also included in the main estimates.

These funds will support implementation of the Arctic and Northern Policy Framework, including co-development and implementation of an Inuit Nunangat policy, as we work toward the full implementation of Inuit land claims agreements.

Je vous remercie du temps que vous m'avez accordé aujourd'hui et c'est avec plaisir que je répondrai maintenant aux questions du Comité.

Merci! Thank you!

# 2019-20 Supplementary estimates (B) investments

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### Supplementary estimates

- Supplementary Estimates presents information to Parliament on Government of Canada spending requirements not sufficiently developed in time for inclusion in the Main Estimates. Supplementary Estimates (B) is the last Estimates for 2019-20.
- Eligible items are:
  - Requirements that are expected to be approved by Treasury Board in or before January 2020;
  - Transfers between Votes within the organization and between organizations;
  - Increases to existing grants that are to be funded within the Vote; and
  - Increases to vote-netted revenues.

### 2019-20 Supplementary estimates (B)

Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Organization Summary					
		These Supplementary Estimates			
Budgetary Voted	Authorities to Date	Transfers (dollars)	Adjustments (dollars)	Total*	Proposed Authorities To Date
1b Operating expenditures	3,210,046,883	(54,061)	21,694,940	21,640,879	3,231,687,762
5b Capital expenditures	7,842,095	(600,000)	1,793,936	1,193,936	9,036,031
10b Grants and contributions	2,819,004,549	28,486,674	32,472,841	60,959,515	2,879,964,064

Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Organization Summary					
		These Supplementary Estimates			
Budgetary Voted	Authorities to Date	Transfers (dollars)	Adjustments (dollars)	Total*	Proposed Authorities To Date
25 Advancing Reconciliation by Settling Specific Claims					
30 Enhancing Indigenous Consultation and Capacity Support	1,500,000				1,500,000
35 Honouring Missing Residential School Children	7,758,176				7,758,176
40 Indigenous Youth and Reconciliation					
45 More Connectivity = More Affordable Electricity	6,000,000				6,000,000
50 Supporting Indigenous Business Development	25,777,783				25,777,783
55 Strong Arctic and Northern Communities	5,000,000				5,000,000
60b Debt Forgiveness			919,028,970	919,028,970	919,028,970
Total Voted	6,082,929,486	27,832,613	974,990,687	1,002,823,300	7,085,752,786
Total Statutory	30,032		4,253	4,253	34,285

Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Organization Summary					
		These Supplementary Estimates			
Budgetary Voted	Authorities to Date	Transfers (dollars)	Adjustments (dollars)	Total*	Proposed Authorities To Date
Total Budgetary	6,082,959,518	27,832,613	974,994,940	1,002,827,553	7,085,787,071
* Data in the Total column has not been published.					
		These Supplementary Estimates			
Non-Budgetary Voted	Authorities to Date	Transfers (dollars)	Adjustments (dollars)	Total*	Proposed Authorities To Date
L15 Loans to Indigenous claimants	24,960,346				24,960,346
L20 Loans to First Nations in British Columbia	30,400,000				30,400,000
Total Non-Budgetary	55,360,346				55,360,346
* Data in the Total column has not been published.					

- The 2019-20 Supplementary Estimates (B) reflects a net increase of \$1,002.8 million, which include \$919.0 million to forgive comprehensive land claim negotiation loans, \$56.0 million in new funding and \$27.8 million in net transfers with other government departments.
- The total budgetary authorities for 2019-20 will be \$7.1 billion.

Explanation of Requirements 2019-20 - By Vote and Key Initiatives

The net increase of \$1,002.8 million is comprised of:

- \$21.6 million in Vote 1 Operating expenditures (largely for out-of-court settlements totaling \$13.7 million, and for the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement totaling \$5.2 million);
- \$1.2 million in Vote 5 Capital expenditures (largely for the Indigenous peoples space totaling \$1.8 million, less a reallocation to Vote 1 operating of \$0.6 million);
- \$61.0 million in Vote 10 Grants and Contributions (largely for net transfers totaling \$28.5 million, for the implementation of the Qikiqtani Truth Commission's report totaling \$17.5 million, and for Nutrition North Canada totaling \$12.5 million);
- \$919.0 million in a new Vote 60 entitled Debt Forgiveness to forgive comprehensive land claim negotiation loans; and
- \$4.3K in Statutory funding for employee benefit plans.

Explanation of Requirements 2019-20 - By Vote and Key Initiatives							
Key Initiatives (in dollars)	Vote 1b Operating	Vote 5b Capital	Vote 10b Grants and Contributions	Vote 60b Debt Forgiveness	Voted Total	Statutory - EBP	Total
Voted Appropriations							
Funding to forgive comprehensive land claim negotiation loans				919,028,970	919,028,970		919,028,970
Funding to implement recommendations of the Qikiqtani Truth Commission's report			17,500,000		17,500,000		17,500,000
Funding for out-of-court settlements	13,734,483				13,734,483		13,734,483
Funding for the Nutrition North Canada Program and to introduce a Harvesters Support Grant			12,500,000		12,500,000		12,500,000
Funding for the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement	5,186,461		300,000		5,486,461		5,486,461

Explanation of Requirements 2019-20 - By Vote and Key Initiatives							
Key Initiatives (in dollars)	Vote 1b Operating	Vote 5b Capital	Vote 10b Grants and Contributions	Vote 60b Debt Forgiveness	Voted Total	Statutory - EBP	Total
Funding for Indigenous Peoples space at 100 Wellington Street	2,773,996	1,793,936	690,888		5,258,820	4,253	5,263,073
Funding for comprehensive land claims and self-government agreements			1,481,953		1,481,953		1,481,953
Total Voted Appropriations	21,694,940	1,793,936	32,472,841	919,028,970	974,990,687	4,253	974,994,940
Net Transfers (see Annex A)	(54,061)	(600,000)	28,486,674		27,832,613		27,832,613
Total	21,640,879	1,193,936	60,959,515	919,028,970	1,002,823,300	4,253	1,002,827,553
<div>Funding for the Nutrition North Canada Program and to introduce a Harvesters Support Grant: This item is for Northern Affairs</div>							
Note: A listing of the net transfers can be found in Annex A.							

Funding to forgive comprehensive land claim negotiation loans (\$919.0 million)

Objective

- To forgive outstanding comprehensive land claim negotiation loan debt held by Indigenous groups.

Outcome

- This initiative will signal Canada's commitment to furthering a rights recognition approach in its relationship with Indigenous groups by removing loan funding and debt as the longstanding barrier to concluding comprehensive land claim agreements. Indigenous peoples would benefit from increased settlement amounts through the removal of loans which would result in additional funding for these communities to invest in priorities, such as closing socio-economic gaps or investing in economic development initiatives.



**Status**

- Budget 2018 announced that the Government of Canada would replace loan funding with time- limited non-repayable contribution funding to support Indigenous participation in the negotiation of modern treaties.
- Budget 2019 proposed to forgive all outstanding comprehensive claim negotiation loans and to reimburse Indigenous governments that had already repaid these loans. It also proposed ongoing non-repayable contribution funding to continue supporting Indigenous participation in modern treaty negotiations.
- The 2019-20 Supplementary Estimates (B) includes \$919.0 million to forgive the total amount of outstanding negotiation loan debt held by Indigenous groups.
- Through future Estimates, the department will be accessing additional funding of \$490.9 million from 2020-21 to 2024-25 to reimburse the negotiation loan debt repaid by signatories to comprehensive land claims, and \$43.4 million annually to continue the non-repayable Negotiation Support Funding that supports Indigenous participation in comprehensive land claim negotiations.

**Funding to implement recommendations of the Qikiqtani Truth Commission's report (\$17.5 million)**

**Objective**

- Funding to support the design, initiation and long-term viability of programming by the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) to implement the Qikiqtani Truth Commission's Final Report recommendations across four theme areas: acknowledging and healing past wrongs; strengthening Inuit governance; strengthening Inuit culture; and creating healthy communities.

**Outcome**

- CIRNAC will provide funding to QIA for the development and initial delivery of four programs specifically designed to support individual and collective closure, healing and reconciliation. This approach responds directly to the wishes of the Qikiqtani Inuit.
- Ongoing programming will be supported through a federal investment in QIA's Saimaqatigiingniq Fund, which will enable ongoing, sustained delivery of programming by QIA to address the Qikiqtani Truth Commission's recommendations.

**Status**

- On August 14, 2019, the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations delivered an apology to Qikiqtani Inuit regarding the findings of the Commission's Final Report and signed a Memorandum of Understanding with QIA to signal a continued partnership towards implementation of the recommendations in the Final Report.
- Following the delivery of the apology and Memorandum of Understanding signing, QIA announced the funding identified as part of the federal response to the Commission's Final Report, specifically: \$5.0 million over two years, starting in 2019-20 to develop new and additional programming that promote closure and healing for community members, and an investment of \$15.0 million in 2019-20 to establish the Saimaqatigiingniq Fund.
- The intention of the Saimaqatigiiniq Fund is to support healing and reconciliation efforts with Qikiqtani Inuit, to build awareness of their lived experience, and to educate Canadians about the legacy of the Qikiqtani Truth Commission.

**Funding for out-of-court settlements (\$13.7 million)**

**Objective**

- Funding for various out-of-court settlements.

**Outcome**

- Advance Canada's overall commitment to reconciliation by paving the way for a more respectful and constructive relationship with Indigenous people.
- Consistent with the "Directive on Civil Litigation Involving Indigenous Peoples", pursue an approach to litigation that promotes resolution and settlement, and seeks opportunities to avoid litigation.

- Support the settlement of several litigations, which underscores how the resolution of past grievances outside the courts is instrumental to advance the Crown- Indigenous relationship and allows the Department to fulfill its commitments at the negotiation tables.
- In executing out of court settlements, CIRNAC takes into account the court process as well as the potential impacts of their decisions on Indigenous litigation more broadly.

### **Status**

- Settlement Agreements have been signed by relevant authorities and will need to be executed by end of fiscal year.
- CIRNAC continues to report out of court settlement payments on the Public Accounts of Canada, however, a few of them cannot be disclosed because of confidentiality clauses.

## **Funding for the Nutrition North Canada Program and to introduce a Harvesters Support Grant (\$12.5 million)**

### **Objective**

- Funding supports expansion of the Nutrition North Canada Subsidy Program by introducing a surface transportation subsidy for non-perishable items transported by winter road and sea lift, as well as introducing an increased subsidy for 24 isolated (fly-in) communities that have high needs.
- Funding also supports the creation of a Harvesters Support Grant (HSG) to support the local harvesting of country foods through traditional activities such as hunting, fishing and gathering of local wild plants and fruits for distribution in 108 isolated (fly-in) communities.

### **Outcome**

- Making healthy, nutritious food more accessible and more affordable to all isolated communities, who do not have year-round road or rail access.
- The HSG will assist traditional harvesters to collect nutrient-rich country foods that form a large part of the diet within these communities.

### **Status**

- The Fall Economic Statement 2018 provided additional funding of \$62.6 million over five years starting in 2019-20, with \$10.4 million ongoing. The 2019-20 Supplementary Estimates (B) is accessing the first year of this funding of \$12.5 million, and the remaining funding will be accessed via future Estimates.
- Specifically, the funding in 2019-20 will be used towards:
  - \$2.5 million to address the implementation of a surface transportation subsidy for non- perishable goods;
  - \$2.0 million to increase subsidies for 24 communities with high needs; and,
  - \$8.0 million for the Harvesters Support Grant, which is being delivered through Indigenous organizations mandated to deliver other complimentary federal programs in eligible communities, such as health programming or skills and employment programming.

## **Funding for the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement (\$5.5 million)**

### **Objective**

- Funding to continue to fulfill Canada's obligations under the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement.

### **Outcome**

- CIRNAC has an overall responsibility to ensure Canada's legal obligations under the Settlement Agreement are met, the completion of which contributes to achieving a fair, comprehensive, and lasting resolution to the legacy of Indian residential schools.

**Status**

- The reprofiled funding requested through the 2019-20 Supplementary Estimates (B) will be used to undertake operational activities under the Settlement Agreement until its completion, which is anticipated by March 31, 2021.

**Funding for Indigenous Peoples space at 100 Wellington Street (\$5.3 million)**

**Objective**

- Funding to support the exhibit fit-up and operations and maintenance for the short-term use of the Indigenous Peoples' Space at 100 Wellington Street in Ottawa.

**Outcome**

- Establish an Indigenous-presence at 100 Wellington Street and set the stage for the longer-term design and use through broad engagement with Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians and the creation of an Indigenous-led governance structure to manage and govern the Indigenous Peoples' Space.

**Status**

- The additional funding requested through the 2019-20 Supplementary Estimates (B) is to transform a space to accommodate the specific requirements of a tenant.

**Funding for comprehensive land claims and self-government agreements (\$1.5 million)**

**Objective**

- Funding to meet fiscal financing agreement adjustor obligations with modern treaty holders.

**Outcome**

- Canada's statutory obligations for self-government and land claim agreements are funded as outlined in the individual Self-Government and Comprehensive Land Claim Agreements.

**Status**

- Agreements are annually adjusted through the application of Canada's Final Domestic Demand Implicit Price Index (FDDIPI), as published by Statistics Canada and in certain instances for population rate adjustments.
- The additional funding requested through the 2019-20 Supplementary Estimates (B) will allow CIRNAC to address the gap between existing departmental funding levels and annual agreement obligations, resulting from the application of annual escalators.

**Annex A: Explanation of Requirements 2019-20 – Transfers**

Explanation of Requirements 2019-20 – Transfers							
Transfers (in dollars)	Vote 1b Operating	Vote 5b Capital	Vote 10b Grants and Contributions	Vote 60b Debt Forgiveness	Voted Total	Statutory - EBP	Total
Transfers from Other Organizations							
From the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Department of Indigenous Services to the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs for self-government agreements in British Columbia			15,696,185		15,696,185		15,696,185
From the Department of Indigenous Services to the Department of Crown- Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs to support Indigenous representative organizations			5,158,996		5,158,996		5,158,996
From the Department of Indigenous Services to the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs for health programs for modern treaty groups and self-governing First Nations			3,599,298		3,599,298		3,599,298
From the Department of Indigenous Services to the Department of Crown- Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs to support the First Nations Financial Management Board			2,991,859		2,991,859		2,991,859
From the Department of Indigenous Services to the Department of Crown- Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs for the Métis National Council and each of its governing members to develop capacity in the area of Métis health			400,000		400,000		400,000

Explanation of Requirements 2019-20 – Transfers							
Transfers (in dollars)	Vote 1b Operating	Vote 5b Capital	Vote 10b Grants and Contributions	Vote 60b Debt Forgiveness	Voted Total	Statutory - EBP	Total
From the Department of National Defence to the Department of Crown- Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs for the Kettle and Stony Point First Nation			250,000		250,000		250,000
From the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to the Department of Crown- Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs for the Conservation Officer Program for fisheries in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area			230,000		230,000		230,000
From the Department of National Defence to the Department of Crown- Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs to review an access agreement to the Cold Lake Air Weapons Range			100,000		100,000		100,000
From the Department of Employment and Social Development to the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs for self-governing Yukon First Nations			60,000		60,000		60,000
From the Department of Public Works and Government Services to the Department of Crown- Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs for the Timiskaming Dam-Bridge of Quebec Replacement Project			20,000		20,000		20,000
Internal Transfers							

Explanation of Requirements 2019-20 – Transfers							
Transfers (in dollars)	Vote 1b Operating	Vote 5b Capital	Vote 10b Grants and Contributions	Vote 60b Debt Forgiveness	Voted Total	Statutory - EBP	Total
Internal reallocation of resources from capital to operating for obligations under the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement	600,000	600,000					
Internal reallocation of resources from contributions (\$9,903) to the grant to support the Giant Mine Oversight Board and research for arsenic trioxide							
Internal reallocation of resources from operating expenditures to grants to settle specific and special claims	(8,436)		8,436				
Transfers to Other Organizations							
From the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans due to the deferral of the Yale First Nation Final Agreement			(28,100)		(28,100)		(28,100)
From the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs to the Department of Canadian Heritage to promote community participation in National Aboriginal Day activities	(310,000)				(310,000)		(310,000)
From the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs to the Department of Indigenous Services to manage Indigenous litigation	(335,625)				(335,625)		(335,625)

Explanation of Requirements 2019-20 – Transfers							
Transfers (in dollars)	Vote 1b Operating	Vote 5b Capital	Vote 10b Grants and Contributions	Vote 60b Debt Forgiveness	Voted Total	Statutory - EBP	Total
Total Transfers	(54,061)	(600,000)	28,486,674		27,832,613		27,832,613

Extract

Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Organization Summary				
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30 Enhancing Indigenous Consultation and Capacity Support	1,500,000			1,500,000
35 Honouring Missing Residential School Children	7,758,176			7,758,176

Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Organization Summary				
		These Supplementary Estimates		
Budgetary Voted	Authorities to Date	Transfers (dollars)	Adjustments (dollars)	Proposed Authorities To Date
45 More Connectivity = More Affordable Electricity	6,000,000			6,000,000
50 Supporting Indigenous Business Development	25,777,783			25,777,783
55 Strong Arctic and Northern Communities	5,000,000			5,000,000
60b Debt Forgiveness			919,028,970	919,028,970
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Total Statutory	30,032		4,253	34,285
Total Budgetary	6,082,959,518	27,832,613	974,994,940	7,085,787,071
		These Supplementary Estimates		
Non-Budgetary Voted	Authorities to Date	Transfers (dollars)	Adjustments (dollars)	Proposed Authorities To Date
L15 Loans to Indigenous claimants	24,960,346			24,960,346



Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Organization Summary				
		These Supplementary Estimates		
Budgetary Voted	Authorities to Date	Transfers (dollars)	Adjustments (dollars)	Proposed Authorities To Date
L20 Loans to First Nations in British Columbia	30,400,000			30,400,000
Total Non-Budgetary	55,360,346			55,360,346
Note: Additional details by organization are available on the <a href="#">Treasury Board Secretariat website</a> .				
Explanation of Requirements (dollars)				
Budgetary Voted Appropriations			Vote No.	Amount (\$)
Funding to forgive comprehensive land claim negotiation loans			Vote 60b	919,028,970
Funding to implement recommendations of the Qikiqtani Truth Commission's report			Vote 10b	17,500,000
Funding for out-of-court settlements			Vote 1b	13,734,483
Funding for the Nutrition North Canada Program and to introduce a Harvesters Support Grant			Vote 10b	12,500,000
Funding for the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement			Vote 1b	5,186,461
			Vote 10b	300,000

Explanation of Requirements (dollars)		
Budgetary Voted Appropriations	Vote No.	Amount (\$)
Total		5,486,461
Funding for Indigenous Peoples space at 100 Wellington Street	Vote 1b	2,773,996
	Vote 5b	1,793,936
	Vote 10b	690,888
Total		5,258,820
Funding for comprehensive land claims and self-government agreements	Vote 10b	1,481,953
Total Voted Appropriations		974,990,687
Total Statutory Appropriations		4,253
	Transfers	Vote No. Amount (\$)
	Transfers from Other Organizations	
	From the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Department of Indigenous Services to the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs for self-government agreements in British Columbia	Vote 10b 15,696,185

Explanation of Requirements (dollars)		
Budgetary Voted Appropriations	Vote No.	Amount (\$)
From the Department of Indigenous Services to the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs to support Indigenous representative organizations	Vote 10b	5,158,996
From the Department of Indigenous Services to the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs for health programs for modern treaty groups and self-governing First Nations	Vote 10b	3,599,298
From the Department of Indigenous Services to the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs to support the First Nations Financial Management Board	Vote 10b	2,991,859
From the Department of Indigenous Services to the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs for the Métis National Council and each of its Governing Members to develop capacity in the area of Métis health	Vote 10b	400,000
From the Department of National Defence to the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs for the Kettle and Stony Point First Nation	Vote 10b	250,000
From the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs for the Conservation Officer Program for fisheries in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area	Vote 10b	230,000
From the Department of National Defence to the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs to review an access agreement to the Cold Lake Air Weapons Range	Vote 10b	100,000
From the Department of Employment and Social Development to the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs for self-governing Yukon First Nations	Vote 10b	60,000

Explanation of Requirements (dollars)		
Budgetary Voted Appropriations	Vote No.	Amount (\$)
From the Department of Public Works and Government Services to the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs for the Timiskaming Dam-Bridge of Quebec Replacement Project	Vote 10b	20,000
Internal Transfers		
From the Department of Public Works and Government Services to the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs for the Timiskaming Dam-Bridge of Quebec Replacement Project	Vote 1b	600,000
	Vote 5b	(600,000)
Total		
Internal reallocation of resources from contributions (\$9,903) to the grant to support the Giant Mine Oversight Board and research for arsenic trioxide	Vote 10b	
Internal reallocation of resources from operating expenditures to grants to settle specific and special claims	Vote 1b	(8,436)
	Vote 10b	8,436
Total		
Transfers to Other Organizations		
From the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans due to the deferral of the Yale First Nation Final Agreement	Vote 10b	(28,100)

Explanation of Requirements (dollars)			
Budgetary Voted Appropriations		Vote No.	Amount (\$)
	From the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs to the Department of Canadian Heritage to promote community participation in National Aboriginal Day activities	Vote 1b	(310,000)
	From the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs to the Department of Indigenous Services to manage Indigenous litigation	Vote 1b	(335,625)
	Total Transfers		27,832,613
	Total Budgetary		1,002,827,553
Listing of Transfer Payments: Grants			
Grants	Estimates to Date	These Supplementary Estimates (dollars)	Revised Estimates
Grants to implement comprehensive land claims and self-government agreements and other agreements to address Section 35 Rights	145,212,323	19,557,383	164,769,706
Grant to the Qikiqtani Inuit Association to establish the Saimaqatigiingniq Fund		15,000,000	15,000,000
Grants to land claim organizations, self-government agreement holders and First Nations organizations to support harvesting of country foods		8,000,000	8,000,000

Listing of Transfer Payments: Grants			
Grants	Estimates to Date	These Supplementary Estimates (dollars)	Revised Estimates
Grant to support the Giant Mine Oversight Board and research for arsenic trioxide		9,903	9,903
Grants to First Nations to settle specific claims negotiated by Canada and/or awarded by the Specific Claims Tribunal, and to Indigenous groups to settle special claims	8,736,057	8,436	8,744,493
Listing of Transfer Payments: Contributions			
Contributions	Estimates to Date	These Supplementary Estimates (dollars)	Revised Estimates
Contributions for the purpose of consultation and policy development		4,623,787	4,623,787
Contributions to support access to healthy foods in isolated northern communities		4,500,000	4,500,000
Contributions to support the basic organizational capacity of Indigenous representative organizations		3,600,000	3,600,000
Contributions to supply public services in Indian Government Support and to build strong governance, administrative and accountability systems		2,991,859	2,991,859
Contributions to support the negotiation and implementation of Treaties, Claims and self-government agreements or initiatives	5,350,317	1,731,953	7,082,270
Federal Interlocutor's Contribution Program		646,097	646,097

Listing of Transfer Payments: Grants			
Grants	Estimates to Date	These Supplementary Estimates (dollars)	Revised Estimates
Contributions for Groups of Indian Residential School survivors who wish to resolve their claim as a group under the Independent Assessment Process		300,000	300,000
Listing of Transfer Payments: Budgetary			
Budgetary	Estimates to Date	These Supplementary Estimates (dollars)	Revised Estimates
Contributions to employee benefit plans	30,032	4,253	34,285
Annex – Items for inclusion in the Proposed Schedules to the Appropriation Bill: Supplementary Estimates (B), 2019–20			
Vote No.	Items	Amount (\$)	Total (\$)
Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs			
1b	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Operating expenditures</li><li>Expenditures on works, buildings and equipment</li><li>Authority to make expenditures – recoverable or otherwise – on work performed on property that is not federal property and on services provided in respect of that property</li><li>Authority to provide, in respect of Indian and Inuit economic development activities, for the capacity development for Indians and Inuit and the furnishing of materials and equipment</li><li>Authority to sell electric power to private consumers in remote locations when alternative local sources of supply are not available, in accordance with terms and conditions approved by the Governor in Council</li></ul>	21,694,940	

Listing of Transfer Payments: Budgetary			
Budgetary	Estimates to Date	These Supplementary Estimates (dollars)	Revised Estimates
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Authority, as referred to in paragraph 29.1(2)(a) of the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>, to expend in the fiscal year – in order to offset related expenditures that it incurs in that fiscal year – revenues that it receives in that fiscal year from the provision of internal support services under section 29.2 of that Act</li><li>The payment to each member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada who is a minister without portfolio, or a minister of State who does not preside over a ministry of State, of a salary – paid annually or pro rata for any period less than a year – that does not exceed the salary paid under the <i>Salaries Act</i>, rounded down to the nearest hundred dollars under section 67 of the <i>Parliament of Canada Act</i>, to ministers of State who preside over ministries of State</li></ul>		
5b	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Capital expenditures</li><li>Expenditures on buildings, works, land and equipment the operation, control and ownership of which<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>may be transferred to provincial governments on terms and conditions approved by the Governor in Council; or</li><li>may be transferred to Indian bands, groups of Indians or individual Indians at the discretion of the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations</li></ul></li><li>Expenditures on buildings, works, land and equipment that are on other than federal property</li><li>Authority to make recoverable expenditures on roads and related works in amounts not exceeding the shares of provincial governments of expenditures</li></ul>	1,793,936	
10b	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The grants listed in any of the Estimates for the fiscal year</li><li>Contributions</li></ul>	32,472,841	
60b	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The forgiveness, as referred to in section 24.1 of the <i>Financial Administration Act</i>, of 98 debts due to Her Majesty in Right of Canada amounting to \$919,028,970 related to comprehensive land claims</li></ul>	919,028,970	
Total			974,990,687



## Nutrition North Canada Program and to Introduce a Harvesters Support Grant

**Vote 10: \$8 million**

### Key message:

- The Government of Canada has heard from Northerners about the importance of traditional food and the rising cost of hunting and harvesting in isolated communities.
- In addition to the health benefits of enjoying nutritious, fresh, local food, participation in hunting and harvesting is key to community well-being and cultural continuity.
- In response, a new Harvesters Support Grant has been co-developed to offset the high cost of harvesting and support community food sharing initiatives.
- This new funding is expected to increase the number of harvesters and food-sharing initiatives; increasing the supply of nutritious, traditional foods available to Northerners.
- The Harvesters Support Grant will provide \$8 million to Land Claim Organizations, Self-Government entities and Indigenous organizations to support hunting and harvesting in 108 isolated communities.
- By funding Indigenous communities' actions to strengthen their own food systems, the Government of Canada is taking an important step towards reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.
- The Government of Canada is working to implement the Harvesters Support Grant for March 2020, so that communities can benefit from the funding as soon as possible.

### Background

- This spring, the Government of Canada will implement the Harvesters Support Grant which will build on Nutrition North Canada's commitment to developing additional made-in-the-North solutions.
- The Harvesters Support Grant is based on a partnership approach between Indigenous recipient organizations and the Department. In Nunavut, Harvesters Support Grant funding will be delivered by Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated. It has been designed to be Indigenous led, with a recognition that harvesting needs and practices should be driven by communities themselves.
- The goal of the Harvesters Support Grant is to support local community food sharing in isolated communities by reducing the cost of harvesting. The Grant recognizes the unique harvesting practices that differ between communities, and harvesting as an inherent right. The Harvesters Support Grant is delivered as a Grant, not a contribution to minimize administrative burden and provide more flexibility to communities. The Harvesters Support Grant divides \$8 million per year among 108 eligible communities across Canada (based on location, population, price of fuel, harvesting type, etc.).
- The Grant is being delivered in two streams: a stream for eligible communities within a settled land claim area and a stream for eligible communities outside of a land claim area/self-government agreement area. Only communities outside of a land claim or self-government area are required to submit a proposal and meet financial requirements prior to receiving Grant funds.
- The Grant has been designed to work in parallel with existing programs delivered to communities (for example, Skills and Employment Training ISETS program delivered by ESDC). The Grant requires minimal reporting requirements – no submission of receipts is required. The Government of Canada will be transparent about funds administered. All Grant amounts will be released on the Nutrition North Canada website.
- It is important to understand that communities will be driving this program, not the Government of Canada. Community leaders will determine how success resulting from this grant will be measured. Some examples could include a tracking list on how many community members utilize a community freezer, taking photos/videos at community hunts and harvests, land cultural benefits resulting from bringing community members together.
- The success of the Grant will rely on close relationships among the harvesting experts in the communities, the regional community experts and the federal process experts. The approach to the administration of the Grant requires that the Program, organizations and communities work closely to develop the story of harvesting that will be required to report on program success and to ensure program expansion.

## 2020-21 Main estimates

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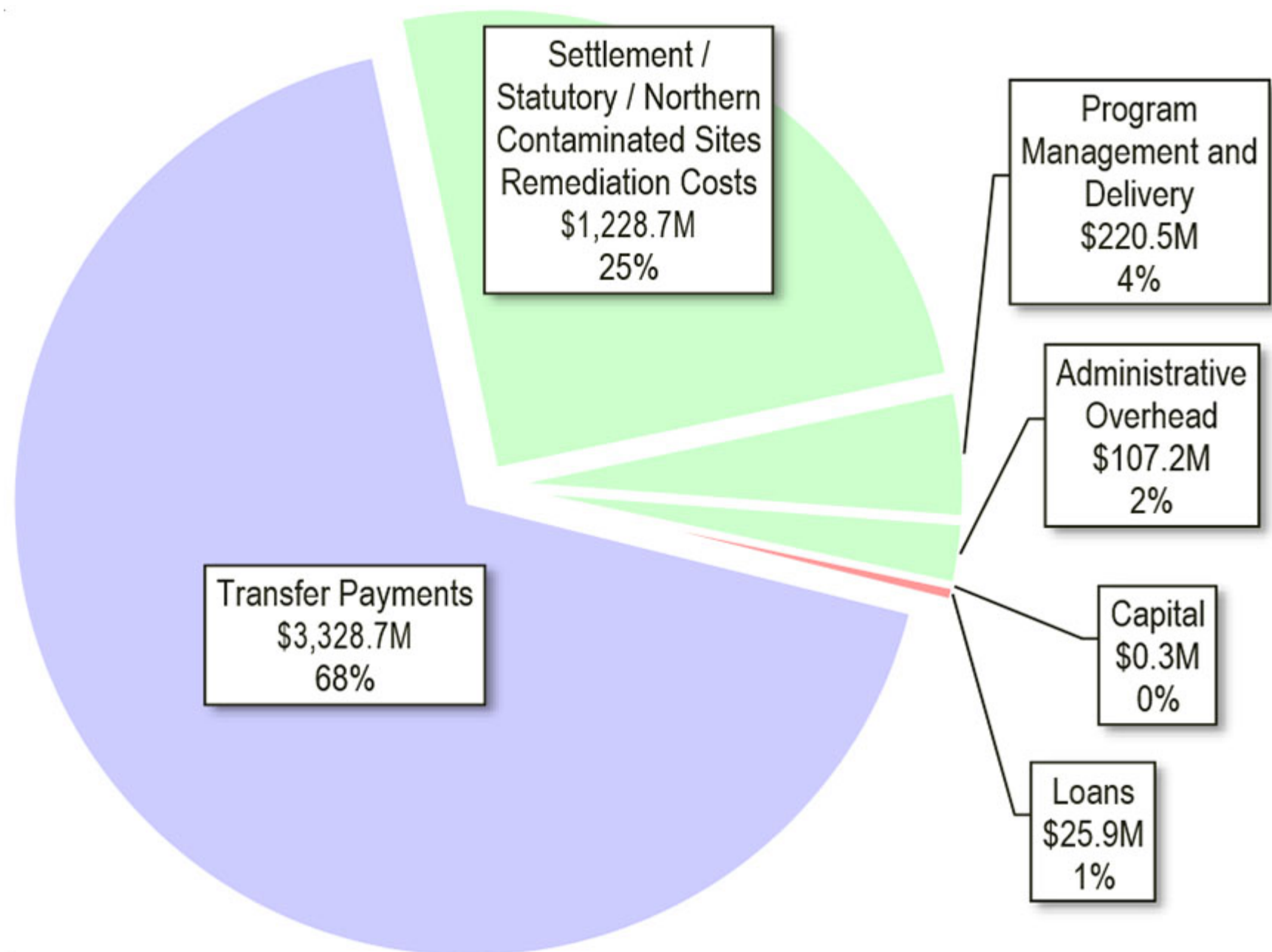
- The *Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Act* established the new department effective July 15, 2019. Note that 2020-21 will be the first Main Estimates for the new department. No information will be published in relation to the 2019-20 Main Estimates for comparison.
- The information displayed in the 'Estimates to Date' column is the funding CIRNAC received in Supplementary Estimates (A) and (B), both of which occurred after the creation of the department on July 15, 2019.
- For information, a comparison to the 2019-20 Main Estimates of the former Department Indian Affairs and Northern Development is provided in Annex A.

Organizational Estimates: Budgetary				
Budgetary Voted	2018-19 Expenditures	2019-20 Main Estimates (dollars)	2019-20 Estimates to Date (dollars)	2020-21 Main Estimates
1 - Operating expenditures			109,146,777	1,528,290,836
5 - Capital expenditures			2,032,646	268,287
10 - Grants and contributions			246,748,908	3,309,017,994
60 - Debt Forgiveness			919,028,970	
Total voted			1,276,957,301	4,837,577,117
Total Statutory			34,285	47,846,390
Total Budgetary			1,276,991,586	4,885,423,507
Organizational Estimates: Non-Budgetary				
Non-Budgetary Voted	2018-19 Expenditures	2019-20 Main Estimates (dollars)	2019-20 Estimates to Date (dollars)	2020-21 Main Estimates
L15 - Loans to Indigenous claimants				25,903,000
Total voted				25,903,000

Organizational Estimates: Budgetary					
Budgetary Voted	2018-19 Expenditures		2019-20 Main Estimates (dollars)	2019-20 Estimates to Date (dollars)	2020-21 Main Estimates
Total Non-Budgetary					25,903,000

2020-21 Main Estimates - \$4,911.3 million

- CIRNAC resources are comprised of 31% in Operating expenditures, 68% in Transfer Payments and 1% in Loans.
- Of the 31% in Operating expenditures:
  - 25% represents direct programming resources to remediate Northern Contaminated Sites as well as settle various claims, including the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, Federal Indian Day School and Sixties Scoop;
  - 4% of the budget will be used for program management and delivery including litigation management / support and delivery funding related to the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, negotiation costs, and program supports; and
  - 2% for administrative overhead.



**Operating total = \$1,556.4M**

Comprised of:

Vote 1 - Operating expenditures	1,528.3
(S) Employee benefit plans	26.1
(S) Resource royalties	1.8
(S) Others	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,556.4</b>

**Transfer Payment total = \$3,328.7M**

Comprised of:

Vote 10 - Grants and Contributions	3,309.0
(S) Comprehensive Land Claim Settlements	19.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,328.7</b>

Expenditures by Category

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2020-21 Main Estimates - \$4,911.3 million

These tables show the breakdown of expenditures by Departmental Results Framework: Crown-Indigenous Relations, Northern Affairs and Internal services, as well as the breakdown by program inventory

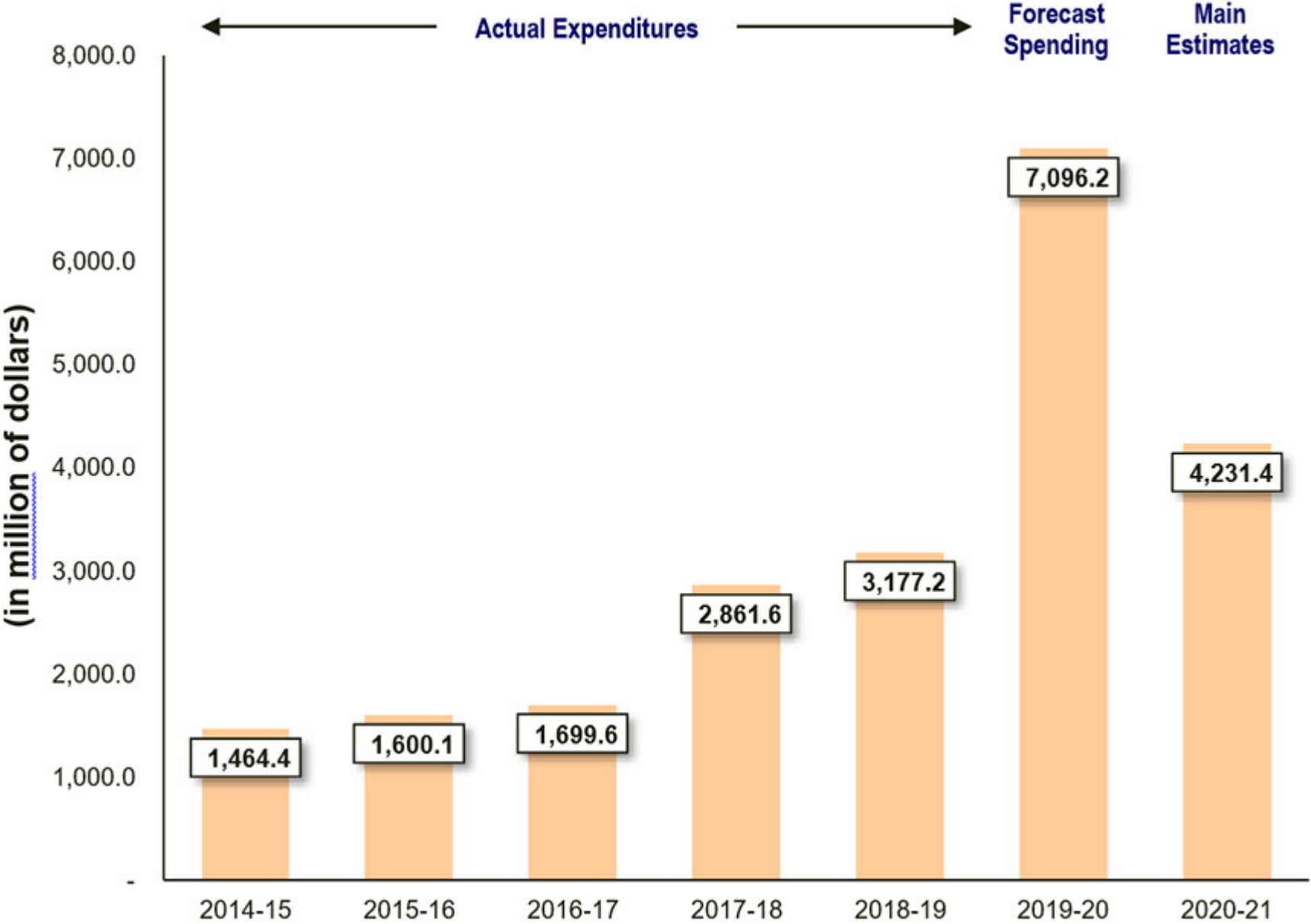
Crown-Indigenous Relations	millions of dollars
Total	4,231.4
Negotiations of Claims and Self-Government Agreements (TAG)	289.5
Specific Claims (TAG) *	1,457.0
Management and Implementation of Agreements and Treaties (Implementation Sector)	1,120.3
Consultation and Accommodation (Implementation Sector)	6.1
Consultation and Policy Development (PSD)	83.8
Federal Interlocutor's Contribution Program (PSD)	93.2
Basic Organizational Capacity (PSD)	25.3
Other Claims (PSD)	1,070.0
First Nation Jurisdiction over Land and Fiscal Management (RIA)	26.7
Residential Schools Resolution (RIA)	59.5
* Loans are included in this program Inventory	

Crown-Indigenous Relations		millions of dollars
Northern Affairs		millions of dollars
Total		529.9
Northern and Arctic Governance and Partnerships (NAO)		96.6
Climate Change Adaptation and Clean Energy (NAO)		36.8
Northern Strategic and Science Policy (NAO)		0.8
Northern Regulatory and Legislative Frameworks (NAO)		18.4
Northern and Arctic Environmental Sustainability (NAO)		15.3
Northern Contaminated Sites (NAO)		253.5
Nutrition North (NAO)		108.5
Canadian High Arctic Research Station (NAO)		0.0
Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs		millions of dollars
Internal Services		150.0

Expenditure Trend - Crown-Indigenous Relations

- The variation observed between the 2019-20 forecasted spending and 2020-21 is mainly due to:
  - Anticipated spending related to the implementation of the Federal Indian Day School settlement claims;

- One-time funding in 2019-20 to forgive comprehensive land claim negotiation loans;
- Anticipated settlements of specific claims;
- Anticipated spending related to the Sixties Scoop settlements, which are expected to be completed in 2019-20.

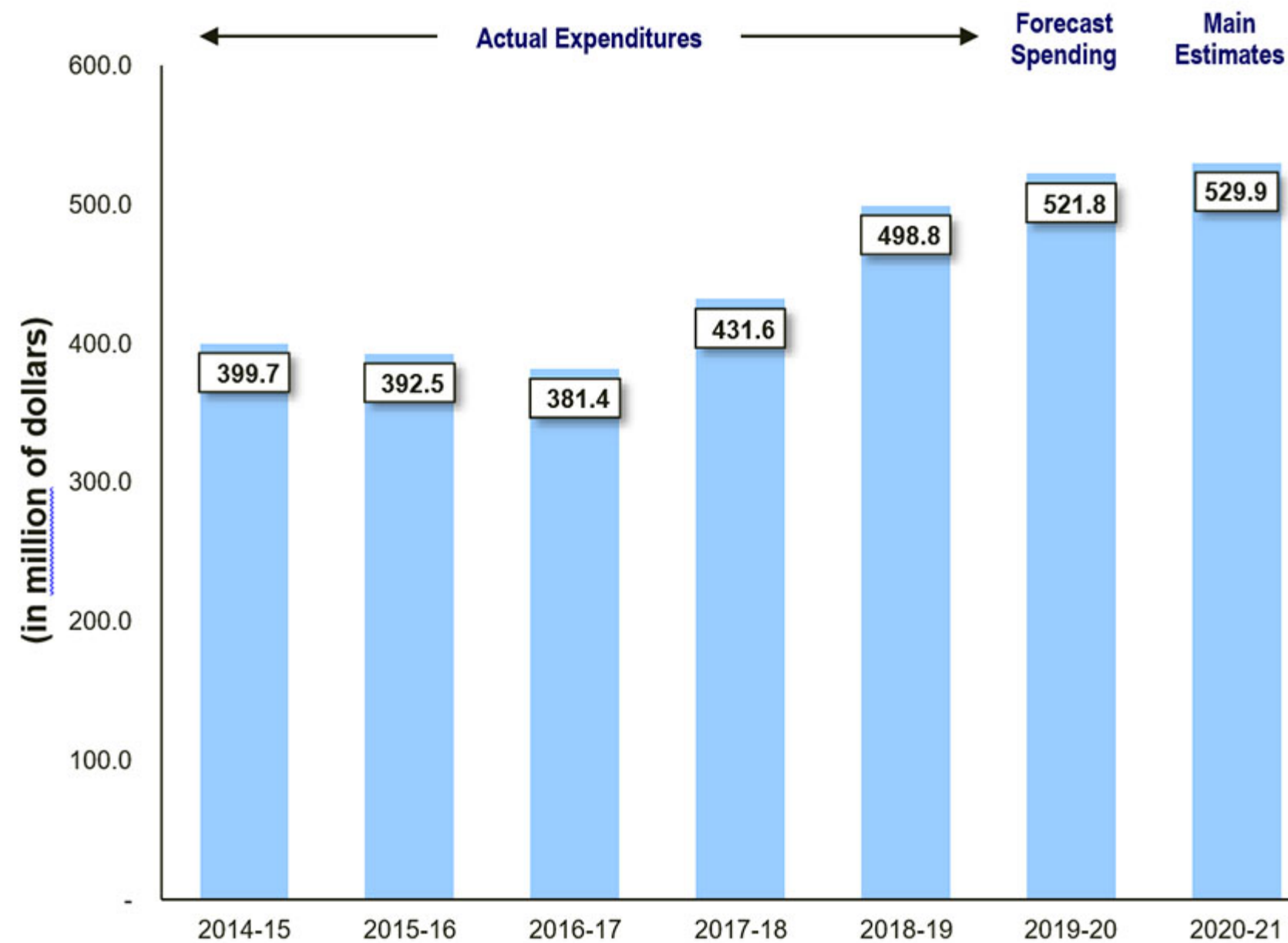


Expenditure Trend - Crown-Indigenous Relations  
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Expenditure Trend - Northern Affairs

- The variation in the expenditures trend mainly reflects:
  - Changes in approved funding levels for the Northern Contaminated Sites including the new Northern Abandoned Mined Reclamation Program; and
  - Increased funding levels for the Nutrition North Program.



Expenditure Trend - Northern Affairs  
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## Annex A – Comparison to the 2019-20 Main Estimates of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

In comparison to the former Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Developments' 2019- 20 Main Estimates of \$7,034.2 million. This decrease in funding is primarily attributable to:

- a decrease in funding for the Federal Indian Day School settlement;
- a decrease in funding for the Sixties Scoop settlement;
- net decrease in funding related to the transfer to the Department of Indigenous Services primarily for Individual Affairs and Lands and Economic Development programs as well as internal services as per Order in Council P.C. 2019-1109; and
- net increase in funding for negotiation, settlement and implementation of comprehensive claims and self-government agreements.



Organizational Estimates: Budgetary					
Budgetary Voted	2018-19 Expenditures	2019-20 Main Estimates (DIAND) (dollars)	2019-20 Estimates to Date (dollars)	2020-21 Main Estimates	Main Estimates 2020-21 vs. 2019-20
1 - Operating expenditures		3,316,984,242	109,146,777	1,528,290,836	(1,788,693,406)
5 - Capital expenditures		5,491,717	2,032,646	268,287	(5,223,430)
10 - Grants and contributions		2,625,384,706	246,748,908	3,309,017,994	683,633,288
25 - Advancing Reconciliation by Settling Specific Claims		883,000,000			(883,000,000)
30 - Enhancing Indigenous Consultation and Capacity Support		1,500,000			(1,500,000)
35 - Honouring Missing Residential School Children		7,758,176			(7,758,176)
40 - Indigenous Youth and Reconciliation		4,874,600			(4,874,600)
45 - More Connectivity = More Affordable Electricity		6,000,000			(6,000,000)
50 - Supporting Indigenous Business Development		25,777,783			(25,777,783)

Organizational Estimates: Budgetary					
Budgetary Voted	2018-19 Expenditures	2019-20 Main Estimates (DIAND) (dollars)	2019-20 Estimates to Date (dollars)	2020-21 Main Estimates	Main Estimates 2020-21 vs. 2019-20
55 - Strong Arctic and Northern Communities		5,000,000			(5,000,000)
60 - Debt Forgiveness			919,028,970		
Total voted		6,881,771,224	1,276,957,301	4,837,577,117	(2,044,194,107)
Total Statutory		96,104,385	34,285	47,846,390	(48,257,995)
Total Budgetary		6,977,875,609	1,276,991,586	4,885,423,507	(2,092,452,102)
Note: 2019-20 Main Estimates and Main Estimates 2020-21 vs. 2019-20 were not published					
Organizational Estimates: Non-Budgetary					
Non-Budgetary Voted	2018-19 Expenditures	2019-20 Main Estimates (DIAND) (dollars)	2019-20 Estimates to Date (dollars)	2020-21 Main Estimates	Main Estimates 2020-21 vs. 2019-20
L15 - Loans to Indigenous claimants		25,903,000		25,903,000	
L20 - Loans to First Nations in British Columbia		30,400,000			(30,400,000)

Organizational Estimates: Budgetary						
Budgetary Voted	2018-19 Expenditures	2019-20 Main Estimates (DIAND) (dollars)	2019-20 Estimates to Date (dollars)		2020-21 Main Estimates	Main Estimates 2020-21 vs. 2019-20
Total voted		56,303,000		25,903,000		
Total Non-Budgetary		56,303,000		25,903,000		(30,400,000)
Note: 2019-20 Main Estimates and Main Estimates 2020-21 vs. 2019-20 were not published						

Extract

Raison d'être

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) continues to renew the nation-to-nation, Inuit-Crown, government-to-government relationship between Canada and First Nations, Inuit and Métis; modernize Government of Canada structures to enable Indigenous peoples to build capacity and support their vision of self-determination; and lead the Government of Canada s work in the North.

The Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and the Minister of Northern Affairs are responsible for this organization.

Additional information can be found in the Organization's Departmental Plan.

Organizational Estimates: Budgetary				
Budgetary Voted	2018-19 Expenditures	2019-20 Main Estimates (dollars)	2019-20 Estimates to Date (dollars)	2020-21 Main Estimates
1 - Operating expenditures			109,146,777	1,528,290,836
5 - Capital expenditures			2,032,646	268,287

Organizational Estimates: Budgetary				
Budgetary Voted	2018-19 Expenditures	2019-20 Main Estimates (dollars)	2019-20 Estimates to Date (dollars)	2020-21 Main Estimates
10 - Grants and contributions			246,748,908	3,309,017,994
Items voted in prior Estimates			919,028,970	
Total voted			1,276,957,301	4,837,577,117
Total Statutory			34,285	47,846,390
Total Budgetary			1,276,991,586	4,885,423,507
Organizational Estimates: Non-Budgetary				
Non-Budgetary Voted	2018-19 Expenditures	2019-20 Main Estimates (dollars)	2019-20 Estimates to Date (dollars)	2020-21 Main Estimates
L15 - Loans to Indigenous claimants				25,903,000
Total voted				25,903,000
Total Non-Budgetary				25,903,000

2020–21 Main Estimates by Purpose: Budgetary					
Budgetary	Operating	Capital	Transfer Payments (dollars)	Revenues and other reductions	Total
Crown-Indigenous Relations	1,228,571,194		2,976,909,731		4,205,480,925
Northern Affairs	178,167,057		351,796,030		529,963,087
Internal Services	182,777,909	268,287		(33,066,701)	149,979,495
Total	1,589,516,160	268,287	3,328,705,761	(33,066,701)	4,885,423,507
2020–21 Main Estimates by Purpose: Non-Budgetary					
Non-Budgetary				Total	
Crown-Indigenous Relations				25,903,000	
Total				25,903,000	
Listing of the 2020–21 Transfer Payments: Grants					
Grants			2018–19 Expenditures (dollars)	2019–20 Main Estimates (dollars)	2020–21 Main Estimates (dollars)
Grants to First Nations to settle specific claims negotiated by Canada and/or awarded by the Specific Claims Tribunal, and to Indigenous groups to settle special claims					1,394,351,059

Listing of the 2020–21 Transfer Payments: Grants			
Grants	2018–19 Expenditures (dollars)	2019–20 Main Estimates (dollars)	2020–21 Main Estimates (dollars)
Grants to implement comprehensive land claims and self-government agreements and other agreements to address Section 35 Rights			779,131,975
Grants to reimburse treaty negotiation loans to Indigenous groups who have settled a comprehensive land claim			98,173,878
Grants to the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Nunavut for health care of Indians and Inuit			58,848,000
Grants for the Political Evolution of the Territories, particularly as it pertains to Devolution			21,200,036
Grants to land claim organizations, self-government agreement holders and First Nations organizations to support harvesting of country foods			8,000,000
Grant to support the Giant Mine Oversight Board and research for arsenic trioxide			985,784
Grants to participating First Nations and the First Nation Education Authority pursuant to the <i>First Nations Jurisdiction over Education in British Columbia Act</i>			600,000
Grant to the First Nations Finance Authority pursuant to the <i>First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act</i>			500,000
Total Statutory			19,687,767

Listing of the 2020–21 Transfer Payments: Grants			
Grants	2018–19 Expenditures (dollars)	2019–20 Main Estimates (dollars)	2020–21 Main Estimates (dollars)
Listing of the 2020–21 Transfer Payments: Contributions			
Contributions	2018–19 Expenditures (dollars)	2019–20 Main Estimates (dollars)	2020–21 Main Estimates (dollars)
Contributions to support the negotiation and implementation of Treaties, Claims and self-government agreements or initiatives			430,679,961
Contributions for promoting the safe use, development, conservation and protection of the North's natural resources, and promoting scientific development for Indigenous Peoples and the North			147,192,914
Contributions to support access to healthy foods in isolated northern communities			97,158,558
Contributions to support the construction and maintenance of community infrastructure			54,419,000
Contributions to support Métis housing			51,250,000
Contributions for the purpose of consultation and policy development			39,517,703
Federal Interlocutor's Contribution Program			39,149,830

Listing of the 2020–21 Transfer Payments: Grants			
Grants	2018–19 Expenditures (dollars)	2019–20 Main Estimates (dollars)	2020–21 Main Estimates (dollars)
Contributions to supply public services in Indian Government Support and to build strong governance, administrative and accountability systems			32,082,842
Contributions to support the basic organizational capacity of Indigenous representative organizations			24,777,716
Contributions to support the Indigenous Nation Rebuilding Initiative			20,000,000
Contributions to promote social and political development in the North and for Northerners			6,401,053
Transfer payments to the Government of Yukon for the care and maintenance, remediation and management of the closure of contaminated sites in Yukon			4,527,685
Transfer payments to the Government of Yukon for the remediation of the Marwell Tar Pit Site to support the Contaminated Sites Program			70,000
Listing of Statutory Authorities			
Budgetary	2018–19 Expenditures (dollars)	2019–20 Main Estimates (dollars)	2020–21 Main Estimates (dollars)
Contributions to employee benefit plans		34,285	26,099,305



Listing of Statutory Authorities			
Budgetary	2018–19 Expenditures (dollars)	2019–20 Main Estimates (dollars)	2020–21 Main Estimates (dollars)
Grants to Aboriginal organizations designated to receive claim settlement payments pursuant to Comprehensive Land Claim Settlement Acts			19,687,767
Payments to comprehensive claim beneficiaries in compensation for resource royalties (Comprehensive Land Claim Settlement Acts)			1,865,718
Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations – Salary and motor car allowance ( <i>Salaries Act</i> and <i>Parliament of Canada Act</i> )			89,300
Minister of Northern Affairs – Salary and motor car allowance ( <i>Salaries Act</i> and <i>Parliament of Canada Act</i> )			89,300
Grassy Narrows and Islington Bands Mercury Disability Board ( <i>Grassy Narrows and Islington Indian Bands Mercury Pollution Claims Settlement Act</i> )			15,000

Northern and Arctic Governance and Partnership

Vote: 57.97 million dollars

Key message:

Post-Secondary Education in the North

- Budget 2019 announced investments supporting Post-Secondary Education in the North: the establishment of a task force on post-secondary education in the North; Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning to support Indigenous knowledge and education; and support the construction of a new campus science building at the Yukon College (\$39.9 million over five years).
- These investments support the Arctic and Northern Policy Framework and contribute towards achieving the objective of closing the gaps in education outcomes.
- The Task-Force on Post-Secondary Education in the North has been identified as a priority in the Minister of Northern Affairs' mandate letter.
- Our Government has worked with territorial, provincial and Indigenous partners to co develop priorities for the North.
- We will work together to implement a shared vision for a strong, prosperous and sustainable Arctic.

- Our Government is committed to continue working with our partners.

### **Taltson Hydroelectricity Expansion Project**

- Budget 2019 announced investment supporting the Taltson Hydroelectricity Expansion Project (\$18 million over three years).
- This investment supports devolution in the Northwest Territories and is essential to ongoing growth and prosperity of the Northwest Territories and its citizens.
- Our government is committed to continue working collaboratively with the Government of Northwest Territories.

### **If Pressed- Provincial and Territorial Jurisdiction:**

- As the first policy framework of this scope to be co-developed with Indigenous, territorial, and provincial partners, the Arctic and Northern Policy Framework demonstrates Canada's commitment to working collaboratively.
- One of the key principles of the Framework is that the rights and jurisdictions of Canada's federal, territorial, provincial Indigenous and municipal governments will be respected.
- All Budget 2019 announcements related to the Framework reflect this principle.
- The Government of Quebec's *Plan Nord* informed the development of the Framework.

### **Background**

The Arctic and Northern Policy Framework (Framework) was launched on September 10th, 2019, following over two years of engagement and collaboration with Northerners and Canadians more broadly. The co-development of the Framework was also supported by roundtable engagements held with Arctic and Northern residents, youth and key experts and stakeholders, including industry, academics and non-governmental organizations.

The Framework sets out a long-term, strategic vision that will guide the Government of Canada's activities and investments in the Arctic to 2030 and beyond and will better align Canada's national and international policy objectives with the priorities of Indigenous peoples and Arctic and Northern residents.

The Framework is articulated around eight goals and specific to post-secondary education in the North is to nurture healthy families and communities. Within this goal, there is a very clear co-developed objective to close the gaps in education outcomes.

Budget 2019 announced investments for the implementation of a suite of post-secondary education in the North initiatives in support of the shared priorities, goals and objectives of the Framework. The outcome of the investments within the suite of post-secondary education in the North initiatives will close the gaps in education outcomes; and provide ongoing learning and skills development opportunities, including Indigenous-based knowledge and skills.

The task force on post-secondary education in the North will build on the reports and findings already completed by Northern and Arctic stakeholders.

Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning is a unique and innovative land-based program offering accredited university courses in a number of fields. The Government of Canada's investment will support the development, extension and maintenance of its suite of accredited post-secondary courses and support the transition to a full term program.

Government of Canada's investment to construct a new campus science building will help Yukon College undertake its transformation into Canada's first university north of 60°. The new science building will facilitate teaching, applied research and technology development by providing collaborative space for academia, researchers and industry.

The federal government has historically been a key partner in the development of the Northwest Territories through investments in critical infrastructure. The Taltson Project represents a new opportunity for the Government of Canada to support nation building in the North. This project also represents a key element in the GNWT's vision for a cleaner, less carbon-intensive economy. The Northwest Territories is home to 33 communities spread over a land area of approximately 1,144,111 km². The Northwest Territories is a cold region, and is dark for much of the year. As a result, Northerners require more energy than their southern neighbours to heat and light homes and businesses, to transport people and goods over great distances, and to power industries.

The Northwest Territories remains very dependent on imported fossil fuels such as diesel and gasoline. While many residents have access to hydro-electric power they often experience power shortages due to increases in both demand and frequency of drought conditions that impact hydro availability. Diesel is the main source of energy in these times. The mining sector is the key economic driver, and is reliant on diesel fuels to produce heat and to mobilize their operations. The expansion of the Taltson Hydro system would allow territorial mining operations to dramatically reduce their emissions, eliminate fuel price risk, reduce fuel haul traffic on winter roads

and reduce overall operating costs. Throughout the Northwest Territories, reduction of the reliance on diesel fuel will have the benefit of reducing the cost of power and helping to make it more economically competitive while reducing the high cost of living for residents.

## Climate Change Adaptation and Clean Energy

**Vote: \$32.6 million**

### Key message:

- Canada is proud to support community and regional clean energy projects in the North that reduce reliance on diesel for electricity and heating.
- The funding of \$32.6 million through Main Estimates 2020-21 is to support community and regional clean energy projects in the North that reduce reliance on diesel for electricity and heating. This funding will also be used:
  - For adaptation projects in northern and Indigenous communities, such as risk and vulnerability assessments, adaptation planning, and community-based climate monitoring initiatives;
  - To support meaningful engagement of Indigenous Peoples on climate policy through the National Indigenous Organizations and regional organizations;
  - And to monitor changes in climate, to plan and implement adaptation measures, to advance clean energy projects, and to engage on climate policy.
- We will continue to ensure that our partners are empowered to participate in policy and programming decisions that impact them.
- Building on the success of current programs, we will continue to support northern and Indigenous climate leaders to ensure a sustainable future for communities.

### If pressed on support for clean energy projects:

- Canada will provide \$3.75M in funding through the Northern REACHE program to Indigenous and northern communities to plan and construct renewable energy and energy efficiency projects, as well as to support capacity building. The program supports northern communities, government and organizations to reduce diesel fuel use for community heating and electricity.

### If pressed on support for climate change adaptation:

- Canada will provide \$8.8M in funding through the Climate Change Preparedness in the North program to support territorial governments and northern communities to plan for and implement adaptation measures to prepare for the impacts of climate change.
- Canada will provide \$9M in funding through the First Nation Adapt program to First Nation communities south of the 60th parallel to assess and plan for the impacts of climate change, including flooding.
- Canada will provide \$6M in funding through the Indigenous Community-Based Climate Monitoring Program to Indigenous communities, including Inuit, Métis and First Nations. The program supports Indigenous Peoples to monitor climate impacts in their communities and on their traditional lands.

### If pressed on support for Indigenous engagement:

- Canada will provide \$5M in funding through the Engaging Indigenous Peoples in Climate Policy program for the participation of the National Indigenous Organizations at bilateral distinctions-based senior level tables with the Crown as well as additional funding for regional level engagement on climate change.

### Background:

#### Climate change impacts in Indigenous and northern communities

- Northern and Indigenous communities are already experiencing the significant and complex impacts of climate change on every aspect of their lives, and are the most in need of adaptation support. Unprecedented changes in temperature, precipitation, sea ice, glaciers, permafrost, freshwater availability, ecosystem dynamics, oceans, and sea level exacerbate existing challenges and health stressors across communities.

#### CIRNAC climate change programming

- CIRNAC's suite of five climate change adaptation and clean energy programs have been recognized as best practices for working with Indigenous Peoples on climate change by ECCC and the AFN. They are:
  - **Northern REACHE** – funding for the planning and construction of renewable energy and energy efficiency projects and related capacity building in the three territories and four Inuit regions.
  - **Climate Change Preparedness in the North** – climate change adaptation program for Indigenous and northern communities in the three territories and four Inuit regions with funding for small scale implementation of adaptation measures.
  - **Indigenous Community-Based Climate Monitoring** – distinctions-based climate monitoring in Indigenous communities across the country.
  - **Engaging Indigenous Peoples in Climate Policy** – funding for the participation of the National Indigenous Organizations at bilateral distinctions-based senior-level tables with the Government of Canada with additional funding for non-affiliated groups to participate in climate change policy discussions.
  - **First Nation Adapt** – funding for climate change adaptation assessments including flood maps in First Nations south of the 60th parallel with an emphasis on impacts to infrastructure and emergency management.
- These programs aim to empower northern and Indigenous Peoples and communities to take a leadership role in climate action through participation in policy and programming. Projects are community-led, build capacity and skills and yield economic opportunities for communities.

## Northern Contaminated Sites

**Vote 1: \$130 million**

**Vote 10: \$112.3 million**

- CIRNAC is responsible for the management of more than 100 contaminated sites in the North, which are managed through the Northern Contaminated Sites Program.
- CIRNAC manages these sites to reduce, and where possible eliminate, risks to human health and safety and the environment, and to reduce federal liabilities associated with these sites.
- The remediation of abandoned mines and other contaminated sites in the North present important opportunities for employment and training for Indigenous people and Northerners.
- Through Budget 2019, the Government of Canada renewed the Federal Contaminated Sites Action Plan, led by Environment and Climate Change Canada, with \$1.16 billion in funding over five years, starting in 2020.
- For 2020-2021, the Northern Contaminated Sites Program has a funding allocation of \$16 million in Vote 1 and \$5.4 million of Vote 10 funding under the Federal Contaminated Sites Action Plan to continue to address CIRNAC's contaminated sites across the North and engage with Indigenous partners.
- Through Budget 2019, the Government of Canada also invested \$2.2 billion over the next 15 years in the Northern Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program to address remediation of CIRNAC's eight largest abandoned mine projects.
- For 2020-2021, the Northern Contaminated Sites Program has a funding allocation of \$114 million in Vote 1 and \$106.9 million in Vote 10 under the Northern Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program to continue work on CIRNAC's eight largest abandoned mine projects, including Giant and Faro, and to continue to engage with Indigenous partners.

## If pressed on the Giant Mine Remediation Program

- The purpose of the Giant Mine Remediation Project is to minimize health and safety and environmental risks at the site in accordance with legal obligations, and reduce Canada's associated liability due to the presence of contamination at the site. The greatest overall risk at the site is the 237,000 tons of arsenic trioxide dust stored underground.
- The objective of the Oversight Board is to administer and fund research to work towards finding a permanent solution for dealing with the arsenic trioxide at Giant Mine.
- The Oversight Board is made up of one representative from each signatory (Government of Canada, Government of NWT, Yellowknife Dene First Nation, City of Yellowknife, Alternatives North and North Slave Metis Alliance).
- The Oversight Board's activities help CIRNAC to meet the following outcomes identified in the Giant Mine Remediation Project Performance Information Profile that was developed for the Project in 2017:
- Short-term Outcomes:
  - Site is compliant with regulatory requirements to allow it to move to Project Implementation Phase (i.e., perform remediation activities);
  - Northern and Indigenous communities participate in engagement activities; and,
  - Northern and Indigenous communities have a greater understanding of the remediation activities planned for the project.
- Medium-term Outcomes:
  - Environmental and liability risks associated with contamination at the site are reduced; and, Northern and Indigenous communities gain socio-economic benefits associated with the remediation activities performed at the site.
- The Giant Mine Oversight Board is the only eligible recipient for funding under this Grant. For fiscal year 2020-2021, the department has \$985,784 in the Grant to Support the Giant Mine oversight board and research for arsenic trioxide. There is \$711,955 for Core funding and \$273,829 for Research.

## Background:

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) is responsible as owner of last resort in the Territories for a number of contaminated sites in the North that were abandoned by former operators. Most of these sites are abandoned mines, and CIRNAC works closely with territorial governments, Indigenous partners, and other stakeholders to remediate these sites. Since 2005, the primary source of funding has been the Federal Contaminated Sites Action Plan, a 15-year program administered by Environment and Climate Change Canada and the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat, which has been renewed with an additional five years of funding (\$1.16 billion) starting in 2020. CIRNAC will utilize this funding in order to address the contamination at its smaller-scale sites. Budget 2019 also provided CIRNAC's Northern Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program with \$2.2 billion in funding over 15 years starting in 2020 in order to remediate the eight largest abandoned mines in the Yukon and the Northwest Territories. These eight projects are the Faro, United Keno Hill, Mount Nansen, Ketz River, and Clinton Creek mines in the Yukon; and in the Northwest Territories, the Giant, Cantung, and Great Bear Lake group of mines.

## Nutrition North

**Vote: \$103.5 million**

### Key message:

- Nutrition North Canada helps make perishable and nutritious foods more affordable and accessible to residents of eligible isolated northern communities that lack year-round road, rail or marine access.
- The \$103.5 million in funding through Main Estimates will help subsidize perishable foods flown in by air. It will also subsidize non-perishable and essential items brought in by seasonal sealift, barge or winter road.
- We have revised the Nutrition North list of subsidized food to include non-food items including diapers and non-prescription drugs, and lowered the cost of the Revised Northern Food Basket by \$4.41 since the launch of the program in 2011.
- The Harvesters Support Grant will also increase access to traditional foods.

## Background:

- Since the program was established in 2011, there has been a steady increase in the NNC subsidized foods shipped to communities. In 2018-19, over 30 million kg of nutritious food was shipped and sold at subsidized rates. This represents a 49% increase from March 2011 to March 2019.
- Over this time, NNC has helped maintain food prices in isolated communities. On average, in communities eligible for Nutrition North Canada, the cost of the Revised Northern Food Basket (A nutritious diet for a family of four for one week) in March 2019 was 1.03% less expensive than in March 2011, prior to the launch of the program.
- During the past several months, the Government of Canada moved forward with a number of important changes to Nutrition North Canada to ensure the program is more relevant for Northerners.
- Recent examples of NNC updates include:
  - Increased subsidy rates on all items in all NNC's 116 eligible communities.
  - An expanded list of subsidized items that includes more culturally relevant and family friendly items, like the ingredients in bread and bannock, infant formula, feminine hygiene products and diapers.
  - A new surface transportation subsidy that is now also lowering the cost of non-perishable items shipped by sealift (and winter roads further south).
- This spring, the Government of Canada will implement the Harvesters Support Program which will build on Nutrition North Canada's commitment to developing additional made-in-the-North solutions.
- The Harvesters Support Grant is based on a partnership approach between Indigenous recipient organizations and the Department. In Nunavut, Harvesters Support Grant funding will be delivered by Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated. It has been designed to be Indigenous led, with a recognition that harvesting needs and practices should be driven by communities themselves.
- Direct engagement with Indigenous and community partners has resulted in significant improvements to the Nutrition North Canada program in 2018 and 2019. Based upon newly released data by Statistics Canada, there has been a 13% increase in the number of homes in Nunavut which are considered food secure. We are confident that the direction the Nutrition North Canada program is taking, with the guidance of our community partners, will result in continued progress.

# Hot issues

## Minister of Northern Affairs' Mandate

- As the Minister of Northern Affairs, and the first to be solely dedicated to the North, on December 13, 2019, I received my mandate letter from the Prime Minister, inclusive of the following commitments for Northern Affairs:
  - support work to co-develop and implement an *Inuit Nunangat policy*, and fully implement *Inuit land claims agreements*;
  - implement the *Arctic and Northern Policy Framework* to create a future where Northern and Arctic people are thriving, strong and safe;
  - and, continue to work on the *Nunavut Devolution Final Agreement*.
- It is my responsibility to lead the Government's work to create more economic opportunity and a higher quality of life in Canada's North, while also acting in support of our sovereignty and national interest. This requires collaboration with a wide range of partners, from other federal departments, to territorial and Indigenous governments.
- Other commitments within my mandate include following through on:
  - support for the construction and ongoing operation of a **treatment facility in Nunavut**;
  - giving consideration to the recommendations to come from the **Task Force on post-secondary education** in Canada's Arctic and Northern regions;
  - supporting **territorial planning for hydroelectricity** projects;
  - and, finalizing creation of the **Northern Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program** to clean up the largest and most high-risk sites, among others.
- While not specifically mentioned within the mandate letter, the issue of climate change underpins absolutely everything we do within the Northern Affairs Organization. As the entire world experiences the stress of climate change, it is the Arctic that is undergoing the most rapid transformation; warming at three times the global rate. Significant changes to the physical landscape in the North are impacting communities.
- Guided by traditional knowledge and science, communities are monitoring coastal erosion and thawing permafrost and drafting strategies to adapt. Communities are introducing renewable energy to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and move towards a green energy future.
- Another key issue for Northern Affairs is that of improving access to affordable, nutritious food for Northerners. We have revised the Nutrition North List of subsidized food and reaffirmed our commitment to help lowering the costs associated with traditional hunting and harvesting activities through a new Harvester's Support Grant.
- In my role as Minister of Northern Affairs, I am committed to addressing the need to remove obstacles to ensure we create a level playing field for future generations of Northerners. I will listen to Northerners, especially Indigenous, territorial and provincial partners, and I will stand up for northern issues, Arctic issues and northern and Arctic interests.

## Arctic and Northern Policy Framework

### Key Messages:

- We launched the Arctic and Northern Policy Framework with our partners in September 2019, and are now moving from co-development into co-implementation.
- The Government has worked with territorial, provincial and Indigenous partners to co-develop priorities for the North.
- Northerners have told us that they want Arctic peoples and communities at the centre of the Framework; we have listened.
- The next phase of the Framework will focus on co-development of implementation and governance, moving towards more integrated federal-territorial-provincial and Indigenous approaches to challenges and opportunities in Canada's Arctic and North.
- We will work together to implement a shared vision for a strong, prosperous and sustainable Arctic.

### Climate Change

- The Government has been very clear: climate change and its impacts are real.
- We are working with Northerners, industry, and territorial and provincial partners to find innovative and effective solutions that address unique challenges in a rapidly changing Arctic.
- Initiatives supporting the co-developed Arctic and Northern Policy Framework will benefit families, build vibrant communities, and grow sustainable economies in the face of these challenges.

### Background

The Arctic and Northern Policy Framework (Framework) was launched on September 10th, 2019, following over two years of engagement and collaboration with Northerners and Canadians. It is the first major federal framework to be co-developed with provincial, territorial, and Indigenous partners. The co-development of the Framework was also supported by roundtable engagements held with Arctic and Northern residents, youth and key experts and stakeholders, including industry, academics and non-governmental organizations.

The Framework sets out a long-term, strategic vision that will guide the Government of Canada's activities and investments in the Arctic to 2030 and beyond and will better align Canada's national and international policy objectives with the priorities of Indigenous peoples and Arctic and Northern residents. The Framework currently includes the co-developed Arctic and Northern Policy Statement; chapters on foreign policy as well as safety, security and defense; and chapters authored by Indigenous and territorial partners. Additional partner chapters may be released at a later date.

The Framework is articulated around eight goals: nurture healthy families and communities; invest in the energy, transportation and communications infrastructure that northern and Arctic governments, economies and communities need; create jobs, foster innovation and grow Arctic and northern economies; support science, knowledge and research that is meaningful for communities and for decision-making; face the effects of climate change and support healthy ecosystems in the Arctic and North; ensure that Canada and our northern and Arctic residents are safe, secure and well-defended; restore Canada's place as an international Arctic leader and advance reconciliation and improve relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

A pan-territorial chapter co-authored by the three Territorial Governments, as well as the chapters of the governments of Northwest Territories and Nunavut, and an Inuit Nunangat chapter, were also released on September 10th. These outline the priorities and aspirations of those partners and are intended to inform the next phase of collaboration and implementation.

The next phase of the Framework will focus on co-development of implementation and governance, moving towards more integrated federal-territorial-provincial and Indigenous approaches to challenges and opportunities in Canada's Arctic and North.

## **Northern Contaminated Sites Program**

### **Key Messages:**

- Our Government is committed to the protection of human health and safety and the environment, as well as the development of economic opportunities for Northerners and Indigenous partners.
- This is why our Government has renewed the Federal Contaminated Sites Action Plan, and made significant investments in the new Northern Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program.
- Both are intended to ensure lands and waters are healthy for future generations and will help to secure jobs for Northerners and Indigenous partners.
- We will continue to collaborate with communities, Indigenous partners, the Territories and interested stakeholders to protect Canadians and the environment.

### **If pressed on the Northern Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program**

- The Government of Canada is investing \$2.2 billion over the next 15 years in the Northern Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program to address remediation of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's eight largest abandoned mine projects.
- The long-term remediation contracts that can be secured through this program will result in a significant improvement to the ongoing protection of human health and safety and the environment for Northerners and Indigenous peoples, by ensuring that these large abandoned mine projects are cleaned up.

### **If pressed on Federal Contaminated Sites Action Plan renewal**

- The Government of Canada has renewed the Federal Contaminated Sites Action Plan, led by Environment and Climate Change Canada, with \$1.16 billion in funding over five years, starting in 2020.
- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada will be able to access this funding to address its smaller-scale contaminated sites. To-date, with funding from this program, we have completed the remediation of 59 sites.

### **If pressed on the Giant Mine Remediation Project**

- Our Government continues to work with the Government of the Northwest Territories, Indigenous partners, and other stakeholders to advance the cleanup and remediation of Giant Mine.
- The Government submitted its application for a water licence and land use permit for Giant Mine on April 1, 2019. It is anticipated that the licence and permit will be received by August 2020. The water licence and land use permit are required so that remediation can begin in 2021, as per the current project schedule.

### **If pressed on the Giant Mine Oversight Board**

- The Government continues to work with the Government of the Northwest Territories, Indigenous partners, and other stakeholders to advance the remediation plan while managing risks to human health and the environment.
- We continue to engage as we develop and execute the remediation plan. We welcome views from interested parties, including the independent Giant Mine Oversight Board, to foster a strong and lasting trust moving forward.

#### **If pressed on Giant Mine Socio-Economic Benefits**

- In 2018-19, there were 138 Northerners working on site, representing 65% of the workforce, and 70 Indigenous persons, representing 34% of the workforce.
- The project team is working closely with our partners to ensure the contracting process uses all tools available to maximize benefits for Northerners and Indigenous peoples.

#### **If pressed on Giant Mine Apology and Compensation**

- The Department recognizes this issue is of great importance to the Yellowknives Dene First Nation.
- Senior officials from the Department have spoken with the Chiefs to discuss how best to engage the community, especially the Elders.
- The Department is reviewing and assessing the historical record and will respond more formally when this work is complete.
- The Department remains committed to working with the Yellowknives Dene First Nation in support of reconciliation.

#### **If pressed on contamination off the Giant Mine site**

- The health and safety of Canadians and the environment is a priority for our Government.
- The Government of the Northwest Territories is supported by Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada and other federal departments to proactively manage this public concern. Together, we are ensuring that the public, local and Indigenous governments and agencies, and visitors are fully informed of potential risks to human health.

#### **If pressed on discharge of treated mine water from the Giant Mine site without a licence**

- The Government of Canada is committed to adhering all applicable regulatory requirements.
- Presently, the treatment and discharge of water is in accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resources Management Act* and *Fisheries Act* to ensure ongoing protection of human health and safety and the environment. The Government submitted its application for a water licence and land use permit for the Giant Mine on April 1, 2019. It is anticipated that the licence and permit will be received by August 2020.

#### **If pressed on the Giant Mine Health Effects Monitoring Program**

- The Health Effects Monitoring Program, is an additional step being led by researchers from the University of Ottawa, in conjunction with Health Canada, the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Yellowknives Dene First Nation.
- The results of the study demonstrated that levels of exposure to arsenic for children and adults are well below the reference level derived from the Canadian Health Measure Survey (of 21µg/L).
- Summary results were shared with the public during three community meetings in May and June 2019.
- Youth participants (ages 3 to 17 in 2017) will be invited to participate in a follow-up study in 2022-23, and a follow-up study for all participants is planned for 2027-28.

#### **If pressed on the Faro Mine Remediation Project, Yukon Territory**

- The health and safety of Canadians and the environment is a priority for our Government.
- The Government continues to work in partnership with the Government of Yukon, and Indigenous partners to advance the long-term remediation plan while managing immediate risks to both human health and the environment. We hope to have all approvals in place for implementation of the final closure plan in 2024.

#### **If pressed on the Governance Transition from the Yukon Government to Canada**



- The Department is working with Territorial and Indigenous partners to adjust the Project governance structure to ensure success. This is part of our Government's due diligence in implementing good project management practices.

### **If pressed on the increases in spending at Faro**

- While our Government continues to work in partnership with the Government of Yukon and Indigenous partners to advance the long-term remediation plan, we are now doing construction work to stabilize the site and to manage immediate risks. The overall increase in yearly spending is attributed to these planned works.

### **If pressed on increases to the Faro Mine Remediation Project's timelines for clean-up**

- We submitted the plans for the complete remediation of the Faro mine site to the Executive Committee of the Yukon Environmental and Socio economic Assessment Board in May 2019; the first step of the regulatory process. Community consultations formed part of the Project Proposal which was developed with Indigenous partners. Permitting usually takes approximately four to five years; therefore, we hope to have all approvals in place for implementation of the final closure plan in 2024.

### **If pressed on legal action under the *Yukon Health and Safety Act* against Parsons Inc and one of their employees at the Faro Mine**

- We are aware of allegations filed in Court to the effect that Parsons and one of its employees have committed offences under Yukon's Occupational Health and Safety Act; we also know that a trial is being scheduled to take place later this year in the Yukon regarding these allegations. CIRNAC officials continue to monitor this matter with a view to ensuring that Parsons and its employees are complying with the Occupational Health and Safety Act while providing services to Canada.

## **Background**

**NORTHERN CONTAMINATED SITES** – Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) is responsible as owner of last resort in the Territories for a number of contaminated sites in the North, that were abandoned by former operators. Most of these sites are abandoned mines. CIRNAC works closely with territorial governments, Indigenous partners, and other stakeholders to remediate these sites. Since 2005, the primary source of funding has been the Federal Contaminated Sites Action Plan (FCSAP), a 15-year program administered by Environment and Climate Change Canada and the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat, which has been renewed with an additional five years of funding (\$1.16 billion) starting in 2020. CIRNAC will utilize the FCSAP funding in order to address the contamination at its smaller scale sites across Canada, while the larger abandoned mine projects will be funded through the CIRNAC Northern Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program. Budget 2019 provided CIRNAC's Northern Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program with \$2.2 billion in funding over 15 years starting in 2020 in order to remediate the eight largest abandoned mines in the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

**GIANT MINE** – The Government of Canada became responsible for the Giant Mine, a former gold mine in Yellowknife, when its owner went bankrupt in 1999. CIRNAC has worked with the government of the Northwest Territories, Yellowknives Dene First Nation, the Yellowknife community, and other stakeholders to carry out care and maintenance activities and plan its remediation. Current work is focused on the water licence and land use permit regulatory process required for the remediation, which is expected to start in 2021.

**FARO MINE** – The Faro Mine is a former lead-zinc mine in the Yukon and is now one of the largest contaminated sites in Canada. Currently, CIRNAC is concluding negotiations with the government of Yukon and affected Yukon First Nations to transfer the site to full federal control. The Yukon Devolution Transfer Agreement left Canada financially liable for remediation of the Faro Mine with the Government of Yukon responsible for the management of the remediation project. This joint governance model has been ineffective for the management of a complex, high-risk, and large-scale project. In order to align the project management to best practices and effectively manage the risks, the Government of Yukon and the Government of Canada have negotiated a transition agreement to alter the roles of each government and transition the site to full federal control. This structure will allow Canada to exercise more control at the project management level and provide key decision making that will influence the projects' scope, schedule and budget. Site activities over the next two years will focus on construction of advanced remediation works, finalizing the conceptual remediation plan, working through the environmental assessment and completing ongoing care and maintenance.

**UNITED KENO HILL MINE** - The United Keno Hill Mines Site is located in the Yukon Territory, and is a collection of over 50 individual silver producing mines. The Project is currently undergoing environmental assessment by the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board. Pending necessary approvals and licenses, construction is scheduled for 2021-2026.

**KETZA RIVER MINE** - The Ketza River Mine is located in the Yukon Territory, and is an abandoned gold mine produced 3.1 million grams of gold and approximately 342,000 tonnes of process tailings during operation (1988-1990). Ongoing care and maintenance activities for the Ketza River are managed by the Yukon Government. Contracts for this work are awarded with preference given to Indigenous and Northern contractors and suppliers.

CLINTON CREEK MINE - The Clinton Creek Mine is located in the Yukon Territory and is an abandoned asbestos mine that was operated by Cassiar Mining Corporation from 1968 until the depletion of economic ore reserves in 1978. The mill produced nearly 100,000 tonnes of asbestos annually, resulting in 60 million tonnes of waste rock, and 10 million tonnes of asbestos tailings on site.

MOUNT NANSEN MINE – The Mount Nansen Mine is located in the Yukon Territory and is an abandoned gold mine that ceased operation in 1999, producing a total of 41,500 oz. of gold and 234,200 oz. of silver. There is about 300,000 m3 of tailings with the potential to generate acid and contaminated soil on site.

GREAT BEAR LAKE REMEDIATION – The Great Bear Lake Remediation Project is located in the Northwest Territories and includes four former industrial properties which are now abandoned and the responsibility of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC). The sites include the Silver Bear Mines, Contact Lake Mine, El Bonanza/Bonanza Mine, and Sawmill Bay.

CANTUNG MINE – The Cantung Mine Remediation Project is located in the Northwest Territories, and is an abandoned Tungsten Mine. Under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act, the court-appointed Monitor, Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc. manages the site with funding from CIRNAC since 2015. The site is currently in care & maintenance and undergoing remediation planning, and Canada is working with the Government of the Northwest Territories in a joint sales and marketing process for the Cantung and Mactung properties.