

# Security Intelligence Review Committee

## Quarterly Financial Report

Statement outlining results, risks and significant changes in operations,  
personnel and program  
For the quarter ended June 30, 2015

### INTRODUCTION

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This quarterly report has been prepared by management as required by section 65.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* and in the form and manner prescribed by the Treasury Board Accounting Standard 1.3. This quarterly financial report should be read in conjunction with the *Main Estimates* and previous *Quarterly Financial Reports*.

A summary description of the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC) program activities can be found in Part II of the *Main Estimates*. For information on the mandate of SIRC, please visit its website at <http://www.sirc-csars.gc.ca>.

This quarterly report has not been subject to an external audit or review.

### BASIS OF PRESENTATION

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This quarterly report has been prepared by management using an expenditure basis of accounting. The accompanying Statement of Authorities includes the department's spending authorities granted by Parliament and those used by the department, consistent with the *Main Estimates* for the 2015-16 fiscal year. This quarterly report has been prepared using a special purpose financial reporting framework (cash basis) designed to meet financial information needs with respect to the use of spending authorities.

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

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

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

### HIGHLIGHTS OF FISCAL QUARTER AND FISCAL YEAR TO DATE (YTD) RESULTS

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This section highlights the significant items that contributed to the net increase or decrease in authorities available for the year and actual expenditures for the quarter ended June 30, 2015.

## **Statement of Authorities**

### **Authorities available for use:**

SIRC's total authorities for 2015-16 remained fairly stable when compared to 2014-15. The slight increase of \$9,569 (or .34%) is explained by funding received for ongoing impacts of salary increases resulting from collective agreements that took effect prior to 2014 and 2015 budget freeze and adjustment to EBP, offset by a decrease for the implementation of various government-wide initiatives, including the continued consolidation of pay services, the implementation of the Canada School of Public Service's new business model, the elimination of wasteful spending on late fees and interest charges to suppliers, and the Web Renewal Initiative.

### **Authorities used during the quarter:**

Overall, SIRC's 2015-16 expenditures for the quarter ended June 30, 2015 have decreased by \$18 thousands when compared to the 2014-15 expenditures for the same quarter. Further information related to this decrease is provided in the section below addressing the Statement of Departmental Budgetary Expenditures by Standard Object.

## **Statement of Departmental Budgetary Expenditures by Standard Object**

### **Authorities available for use:**

Please refer to the explanation provided under the Statement of Authorities section for related information.

### **Authorities used during the quarter:**

The decrease of \$18 thousands in the year-to-date used at quarter-end is mainly explained by:

#### *Other subsidies and payments*

A decrease of \$67 thousands is primarily due to a one-time transition payment that took place in the first quarter of 2014-15 for implementing salary payment in arrears by the Government of Canada.

#### *Personnel and Transportation and communications*

The increase in personnel of \$26 thousands and in transportation and communications of \$23 thousands are mainly due to staffing of a new position and costs to meet an increase in the complexity and volume of workload to adjust to CSIS' expanded mandate.

## RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

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This *Departmental Quarterly Financial Report* (QFR) reflects the results of the current fiscal period in relation to the *2015-16 Main Estimates* (full supply was released on June 19, 2015). SIRC did not request any funding through the *2015-16 Supplementary Estimates (A)*.

SIRC continues to adapt its operations to the rapid pace of change in the security intelligence environment and turnover at the committee member level which could have significant impacts on SIRC's investigations of complaints.

## SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN RELATION TO OPERATIONS, PERSONNEL AND PROGRAMS

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SIRC was pleased to welcome a new Chair, the Honourable Pierre Blais, P.C., as well as two new Committee Members, the Honourable Ian Holloway, P.C., C.D., Q.C. and the Honourable Marie-Lucie Morin, P.C. The Committee is now at full complement. The *Economic Action Plan 2015* provided additional funding to SIRC to prepare itself for its renewal in light of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service's expanded mandate.

Approved by Senior Officials: (original signed by)

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Hon. Pierre Blais, P.C.  
Chair

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Michael E. Doucet  
Executive Director  
Chief Financial Officer

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Date: August 29, 2015



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STATEMENT OF AUTHORITIES (unaudited) (note 2)

	Fiscal year 2015-2016		Fiscal year 2014-2015		
	Total available for use for the year ending March 31, 2016 (note 1)	Used during the quarter ended June 30, 2015	Total available for the year ending March 31, 2015 (note 1)	Used during the quarter ended June 30, 2014	Year to date used at quarter end
(In thousands of dollars)					
Vote 1 - Net operating expenditures	2,479	564	2,478	558	558
Contributions to employee benefit plans	317	53	309	77	77
Total budgetary authorities	2,796	617	2,787	635	635
<b>TOTAL AUTHORITIES</b>	2,796	617	2,787	635	635

Note 1: Includes only Authorities available for use and granted by Parliament at quarter-end

Note 2: Details may not add to totals due to rounding

