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Section I: Messages

A. Agency Head's Message

In the Canadian federation, with power shared between the federal government and the provinces, there is a constant need for governments to consult each other on key issues and to co-ordinate their policies and programs. One of the most important mechanisms for such consultation and co-ordination is the multilateral intergovernmental conference.

The Canadian Intergovernmental Conference Secretariat (CICS), was created by governments to provide administrative support to senior-level intergovernmental conferences. The demand for our services has increased significantly in recent years, topping 100 in 1999-2000, and we expect that it will remain at that level over the current planning period.

In 2000-2001, we will continue providing expert, impartial and cost effective administrative support services for senior level intergovernmental conferences. These services will be provided by a recently streamlined operational structure. Work will continue on the development of innovative and flexible policies and procedures and the application of the latest technological developments. These initiatives will reduce overhead costs, while maintaining the high standard of service our clients have come to expect of us.

Stuart MacKinnon
Secretary

B. Management Representation Statement

MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATION

Report on Plans and Priorities 2000-2001

I submit, for tabling in Parliament, the 2000-2001 Report on Plans and Priorities (RPP) for the Canadian Intergovernmental Conference Secretariat (CICS).

To the best of my knowledge the information:

- Accurately portrays the agency's mandate, plans, priorities, strategies and expected key results of the organization.
- Is consistent with the disclosure principles contained in the *Guidelines for Preparing a Report on Plans and Priorities*.
- Is comprehensive and accurate.
- Is based on sound underlying departmental information and management systems.

I am satisfied as to the quality assurance processes and procedures used for the RPP's production.

The planning and reporting structure on which this document is based has been approved by Treasury Board Ministers and is the basis for accountability for the results achieved with the resources and authorities provided.

André M. McArdle
Assistant Secretary
January 21, 2000

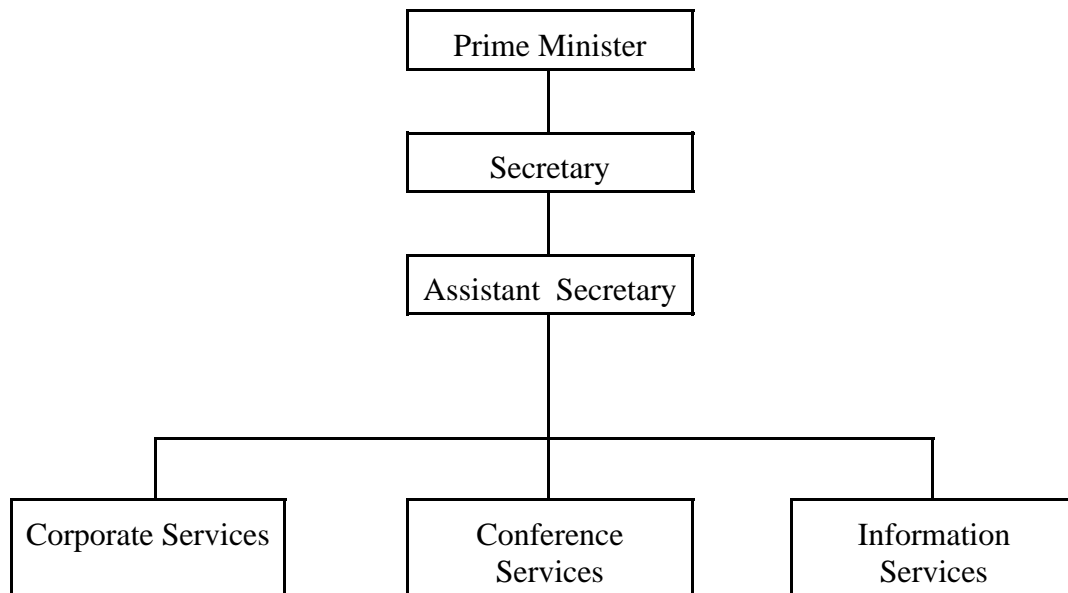
Section II: Agency Overview

A. Mandate, Roles, and Responsibilities

The Canadian Intergovernmental Conference Secretariat (CICS) was established pursuant to an agreement reached at the May 1973 First Ministers' Conference and designated a department of the federal government by an Order-in-Council dated November 29, 1973. Its one-business line mandate is to provide administrative services for the planning and conduct of First Ministers, Ministers and Deputy Ministers level federal-provincial-territorial and provincial-territorial conferences.

The CICS is an agency of both the federal and provincial governments and, as such, acts as a neutral intergovernmental body. Its budget is supported by both orders of government and its staff includes both federal and provincial public servants. The Secretary reports to all governments annually. The operations are reviewed by federal and provincial senior officials designated by their respective First Ministers. The CICS reports to Parliament through the Prime Minister.

CICS Organization Structure



CICS services include pre-conference planning and coordination; the set-up of conference site facilities; secretaryship; interpretation; the translation, printing, distribution and control of documents; preparation of records of proceedings; media relations; security;

and the provision of technical equipment and secretarial and technical assistance which includes informatics.

In addition to the above conference services which are available anywhere in Canada, a document archives is maintained by the Secretariat for the use of governments. The Secretariat has also launched in 1997 its world wide web site containing not only pertinent information on the organization and its activities but most importantly, conference communiqués released immediately after the close of each major conference we serve.

B. Agency Program Objective

The Agency Program Objective is: “Excelling in the planning, conduct, and the serving of intergovernmental conferences at the most senior levels, with the objective of relieving client departments in virtually all sectors of government activity of the numerous technical and administrative tasks associated with the planning and conduct of such conferences, thereby enabling them to concentrate on the substantive issues.”

C. External Factors Influencing the Agency

It is important to note that the CICS does not convene intergovernmental meetings. It is called upon to respond to decisions taken by governments to meet on key national or specific issues. **Decisions concerning the location of such meetings, their number in a given fiscal year, their timing and duration, are all factors beyond the control of the Secretariat.** The level of CICS expenditures for each fiscal year is, however, directly affected by these factors.

A number of significant intergovernmental issues could arise and result in a high number of meetings being held in 2000-2001. Since these cannot be predicted with any degree of certainty, supplementary funding could be required during the upcoming fiscal year under the following circumstances:

- o when there is a requirement to support an intensive round of meetings on critical national issues; or
- o when the number of conferences to be served exceeds CICS's budgetary capacity.

D. Agency Planned Spending

Canadian Intergovernmental Conference Secretariat

Agency Planned Spending

(\$ thousands)	Forecast Spending 1999-2000*	Planned Spending 2000-2001	Planned Spending 2001-2002	Planned Spending 2002-2003
Budgetary Main Estimates	3,848.8	3,666.0	3,666.0	3,666.0
Total Main Estimates	3,848.8	3,666.0	3,666.0	3,666.0
Less: Non-respendable revenue	1,044.4	1,053.5	962.0	962.0
Plus: Cost of Services received without charge	344.3	381.6	381.6	381.6
Net Cost of Program	3,148.7	2,994.1	3,085.6	3,085.6

Full time Equivalents	29	29	29	29
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* Reflects the best forecast of total planned spending to the end of the fiscal year.

Section III: Plans, Results and Resources

A. Business Line Objective

Excelling in the planning, conduct, and the serving of intergovernmental conferences at the most senior levels, with the objective of relieving client departments in virtually all sectors of government activity of the numerous technical and administrative tasks associated with the planning and conduct of such conferences, thereby enabling them to concentrate on the substantive issues.

B. Business Line Description

The Canadian Intergovernmental Conference Secretariat is a small, one program, one-business line agency that provides administrative services for the planning and conduct of senior level intergovernmental conferences that it is requested to serve in virtually every sector of government activity.

C. Key Results Commitments, Planned Results, Related Activities and Resources

Key Results Commitments	Planned Results	Related Activities	Resources (\$ thousands)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• responsive, flexible and cost-effective administrative services to conferences	The Agency will provide services to all conferences it is requested to serve at the levels of First Ministers, Ministers and Deputy Ministers.	The Secretariat will continue, on an ongoing basis, to review the quality, quantity and continued pertinence of the services it offers to its clients.	\$3,666.0
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ability to organize conferences effectively within short-term time frame			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• fully satisfactory post-conference evaluations			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• up-to-date communication and information services			

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Table 4.1 Source of Non-respendable Revenues

(\$ thousands)	Forecast Revenue 1999-2000	Planned Revenue 2000-2001	Planned Revenue 2001-2002	Planned Revenue 2002-2003
Canadian Intergovernmental Conference Secretariat				
Transfer payments from other governments	1,044.4	1,053.5	962.0	962.0
Miscellaneous Revenues	17.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	1,061.4	1,053.5	962.0	962.0

Table 4.1a: Information on the federal-provincial CICS cost-sharing formula

Determination of operating costs to be co-shared (\$ thousands)	Forecast 1999-2000	Planned 2000-2001	Planned 2001-2002	Planned 2002-2003
Main Estimates	3,089.0	3,666.0	3,666.0	3,666.0
Supplementary Estimates - 1998-1999	735.2			
- 1999-2000	759.8			
Less: Recoverable in 2000-2001	-759.8	759.8		
	3,824.2	4,419.8	3,666.0	3,666.0
Less: Items excluded from cost-sharing with the provinces				
o Contributions to federal employee benefit plans	-296.0	-303.0	-303.0	-303.0
o Translation costs	-317.0	-317.0	-317.0	-317.0
o Tenant services	-9.0	-9.0	-9.0	-9.0
o Capital	-15.0	-115.0	-115.0	-115.0
Total amount to be co-shared	3,187.2	3,675.8	2,922.0	2,922.0
Allocation of co-shared amount				
o Provincial governments (50%)	1,593.6	1,837.9	1,461.0	1,461.0
o Federal government (50%)	1,593.6	1,837.9	1,461.0	1,461.0

Table 4.1b: Information on the federal-provincial CICS cost-sharing formula

Provincial shares of CICS's projected operating costs (\$ thousands)	Popu- lation	Forecast 1999-2000	Planned 2000-2001	Planned 2001-2002	Planned 2002-2003
Newfoundland & Labrador	2.1	33.4	38.6	30.7	30.7
Nova Scotia	3.3	52.6	60.7	48.2	48.2
New Brunswick	2.7	43.0	49.6	39.5	39.5
Prince Edward Island	0.5	8.0	9.2	7.3	7.3
Quebec	25.3	403.2	465.0	369.7	369.7
Ontario	37.1	591.3	681.9	542.1	542.1
Manitoba	4.0	63.7	73.5	58.5	58.5
Saskatchewan	3.6	57.3	66.1	52.6	52.6
Alberta	9.3	148.2	170.9	135.6	135.6
British Columbia	12.1	192.9	222.4	176.8	176.8
Total		1,593.6	1,837.9	1,461.0	1,461.0

Table 4.1c: Information on the federal-provincial CICS cost-sharing formula

Federal share of CICS's operating costs (\$ thousands)	Forecast 1999-2000	Planned 2000-2001	Planned 2001-2002	Planned 2002-2003
Federal co-shared amount	1,593.6	1,837.9	1,461.0	1,461.0
Add: Adjustments				
o Contribution to Federal Employee Benefit Plans	296.0	309.0	296.0	296.0
o Translation Costs	317.0	317.0	317.0	317.0
o Tenant Services	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
o Capital	15.0	115.0	115.0	115.0
Sub-total	2,230.6	2,587.9	2,205.0	2,205.0
o Projected revenues shortfall on account of partial contributions by:				
Manitoba	33.7	43.5	28.5	28.5
Alberta	91.9	80.9	45.6	45.6
Quebec	187.9	333.7	238.4	238.4
Ontario	235.7	326.3	186.5	186.5
Total adjustments	549.2	784.4	499.0	499.0
Total estimated cost to the federal government	2,779.8	3,372.3	2,704.0	2,704.0

Table 4.2: Net Cost of Program for the Estimates Year

(\$ thousands)	Total
Net Planned Spending	3,666.0
Plus:	
<i>Services Received without Charge</i>	
Accommodation provided by Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC)--	294.5
Contributions covering employers' share of employees' insurance premiums and costs paid by TBS--	87.1
Less:	
Non-responsible Revenue	1,053.5
2000-2001 Net Cost of Program	2,994.1

Section V: Other Information

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CICS Report on Priorities and Plan	Years 1999-2000, 1998-1999
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