**Payment Products and Services Directorate (PPSD)** Direction des produits et des services de paiement (DPSP)



#### **2005 Banking Colloquium**

#### **Misdirected Direct Deposits** (MDD)

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### Introduction

# • <u>Objective</u>

- Share information
- Create a common understanding
- Plan movement towards solutions

### **DD** Success to Date

- During fiscal year 2004-2005
  - PWGSC saved \$86.2 million in postage
  - 43,714 trees were saved
  - 2,571 tons of paper
  - More efficient process for FI's
- We all have benefited from DD

### Challenges

- Costs associated with MDD's are rising
- There is no commonly held definition of what MDDs are

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- Processes and controls need to be strengthened
- Some recent examples

### **Some Facts**

- In 1998/1999 there were 1,951 MDD's valued at \$638K
- In 2003/2004 the numbers increased to 8,014 transactions valued at \$3.7 million
- 310% increase in the numbers of MDD's
- 480% increase in value

### **Some More Facts**

- In 2002/2003 there were 21,506 trace requests
- In 2005/2006, Receiver General is averaging 2,200 per month, forecasting a volume of 26,400
- Increase of 22.8% in 3 years
- The number of DD transactions will increase 9% during the same period

# **Risk sharing**

- For amounts less than \$5K
  - FI's pay for first 60% of losses due to MDD
  - PWGSC/FI's share equally losses above 60%
- MDD's greater than \$5K or older than 3 years
  - Handled on a case by case basis

## Strategy

- Categorize types of misdirected DDs
  - Misdirected
  - Invalid Program payments
  - Fraudulent activity
- Establish criteria to monitor the number and type of MDDs
- Solicit Stakeholder support
- Form a working group
- Develop solutions
- Plan Implementation
- Monitor progress

### **Next Steps**

- Accept that change is required
- Summarize and distribute discussion
- Determine MDD definitions
- Establish a stakeholders working group
- Develop options
- Move forward with a measured approach

#### Comments

