

- 5.2 In exceptional circumstances, where a panel determines that a case is of such an urgent or complex nature as to warrant the provision of additional financial assistance, the Centre may provide additional financial assistance up to \$ 25,000 at each stage of litigation.
- 5.3 Where a panel determines that a case warrants the additional financial assistance referred to in Clause 5.2, the Centre shall require the taxation, or a similar procedure, of the account for all legal expenses for the level of court for which the additional financial assistance is provided. The Centre shall also notify and provide the Minister with the reasons and supporting documentation for such additional financial assistance.
- 5.4 The Centre shall ensure that an amount of not less than \$500,000 is available per fiscal year for commitments for language cases, if there is a sufficient number of such cases that warrant financial assistance.
- 5.5 Where a panel determines that a case involves only in part issues concerning language or equality rights, the Centre may provide partial financial assistance proportionate to the importance of the linguistic or equality issues to the entire case, provided that the part of the case to receive financial assistance meets the objective in Clause 1 and the criteria set out in Clause 3.1.

6. MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF COMMITMENT

- 6.1 For the purposes of this Agreement, funds are committed for a case at the time that a panel, referred to in Clause 4, approves a case.
- 6.2 The Centre shall ensure that the funds committed for cases, including impact studies, during each fiscal year do not exceed \$2,000,000, except in circumstances described in Clause 6.3.
- 6.3 Funds committed for cases, including impact studies, may exceed \$2,000,000 per fiscal year only if funds are transferred from the "administration" category of expenses to the "cases" category of expenses.

7. MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION

7.1 Contribution

Subject to the appropriation of funds by Parliament, to the maintenance of current and forecasted program budget and to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Minister agrees to pay a contribution for the allowable expenditures incurred for cases approved for financial assistance, including impact studies, and the administration of the Program.