

4. ACCOUNTABILITY AND CONTROL

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4.1 THE PASSPORT OFFICE WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE ITS ACTIVITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADJUSTMENT OF ACCOUNTS ACT, WHEREBY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MAY MAKE EXPENDITURES OUT OF THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE OPERATION OF CENTRAL AND REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICES IN CANADA AND PASSPORT SERVICES AT MISSIONS ABROAD, AND MAY SPEND ANY REVENUE RECEIVED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

4.2 THE OVERALL FINANCIAL OBJECTIVES ARE GOVERNED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE ADJUSTMENT OF ACCOUNTS ACT WHICH SPECIFY THAT THE AGGREGATE OF ALL EXPENDITURES MADE SHALL NOT EXCEED REVENUES BY MORE THAN FOUR MILLION DOLLARS AT ANY TIME. WITHIN THE LIMITS IMPOSED BY THIS DRAW-DOWN AUTHORITY, THE PASSPORT OFFICE SHALL ACHIEVE SUCH FURTHER FINANCIAL OBJECTIVES AS THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MAY REQUIRE AND AS MAY BE LAID OUT IN THE ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN.

4.3 THE PASSPORT OFFICE REMAINS ACCOUNTABLE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS THROUGH THE DEPUTY HEAD. THE NORMAL ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE MINISTER AND DEPUTY HEAD TO THE TREASURY BOARD WILL CONTINUE TO APPLY. THE ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN WILL FORM THE BASIS FOR PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY.