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Analysis Framework

3.1 Framework and Considerations

This analysis seeks to identify costs and savings directly attributable to Greening the Hill. Initiatives such as asbestos abatement and PCB removal which would have been undertaken as part of building upkeep and maintenance, regardless of the existence of this programme, have not been included. The focus is on overall environmental costs and savings, not simply the costs incurred by the House of Commons. Direct costs of environmental initiatives are reviewed, even if not incurred by the House but rather through a previously mentioned partnership.

3.2 Costing Methodology

A standard costing methodology has been developed to gather costs and savings associated with Greening the Hill initiatives.

Financial information is assembled under three headings:

- revenues collected and/or savings resulting from each initiative;
- one-time start-up costs including contractual studies and capital investment costs in order to establish a particular initiative; and
- direct operating costs required to maintain the initiative on an annual ongoing basis.

The costing methodology gathers actual costs and savings/revenues by fiscal year to cover implementation from inception in 1989 until close of the 1992-93 fiscal year. Provision was made within the methodology to project future costs and savings/revenues on an annual basis. As well, in recognition of the partnership arrangements with the National Capital Commission, Public Works Canada, and Environment Canada, the costing methodology incorporates the costs and savings for these organizations in addition to those incurred by the House of Commons.

The costing methodology focused on gathering direct costs related to particular initiatives. No attempt was made to incorporate indirect costs or overhead for each initiative. The basic assumption is that Greening the Hill initiatives have been implemented without added management overhead or indirect costs. However, salaries and overhead have been included if established as a direct result of the programme.