

**OPENING STATEMENT**

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**TO**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND ESTIMATES**

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Good afternoon Chair and members of the Committee. Thank you for inviting the Privy Council Office (PCO) to review our *2018-19 Supplementary Estimates (A)*.

My name is Matthew Shea and I am the Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Branch and the Chief Financial Officer of PCO.

I am accompanied today by Ms. Marian Campbell Jarvis, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Social Development Policy and Mr. Michael Hammond, Executive Director, Finance, Corporate Planning and Administration Directorate.

As you know, the mandate of PCO is to serve Canada and Canadians by providing professional, non-partisan advice and support to the Prime Minister and Ministers within his portfolio, and to support the effective operation of Cabinet.

Like the Department of Finance and the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat, PCO is a central agency and exercises a leadership role across government departments and agencies to provide advice to the Prime Minister and Cabinet as well as to ensure the coherence and coordination of policy development and delivery.

I would like to begin with a brief overview of the *2018-19 Supplementary Estimates (A)*. PCO sought \$60.4 million overall for its core responsibility, which is to serve the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and for its internal services.

This includes:

- Additional funding related to the extension to the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls to complete the work of the Commission, which is a combination of new funding and a re-profile of unspent funds from prior years;
- Funding to support Ministers for which the Privy Council Office has responsibility, including the creation of the new Office of the Minister of Intergovernmental and Northern Affairs and Internal Trade;
- Funding to continue to support the management and oversight of an open, transparent and merit based process for Governor in Council (GIC) appointments;
- A re-profile of unused funding previously provided to PCO through Budget 2016 to strengthen perimeter security and access control for PCO buildings; and
- Funding provided to PCO from the \$25 million set aside for departments and agencies in Budget 2018 to increase support for employees dealing with pay issues in departments serviced by the Pay Centre.

This brief summary of PCO's *2018-19 Supplementary Estimates (A)* touches on a few of the means by which PCO continues to support the Clerk as head of the Public Service of Canada, the Prime Minister and Cabinet as part of a whole-of-government approach.

Mr. Chair, members of Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with this context. We would now be pleased to answer your questions.