



**Office of the Commissioner for
Federal Judicial Affairs Canada**

**Quarterly Financial Report
for the quarter ended
December 31, 2024**

Statement outlining results, risks, and significant changes in operations, personnel, and program

1. Introduction

This Quarterly Financial Report (QFR) has been prepared by management as required by section 65.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* and in the form and manner prescribed by the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat. This QFR should be read in conjunction with the Main Estimates and Supplementary Estimates. It has not been subject to an external audit or review.

1.1 Mandate

The Office of the Commissioner for Federal Judicial Affairs (FJA) Canada was created in 1978 under the authority of the *Judges Act* to safeguard the independence of the judiciary and in order to put federally appointed judges at arm's length from the administration of the Department of Justice. FJA's mandate extends to promoting better administration of justice and providing support for the federal judiciary.

FJA administers three distinct and separate components that are funded from different sources. Statutory funding is allocated for the judges' salaries, allowances and annuities, and surviving beneficiaries' benefits. Voted appropriations are provided in two separate votes to support the administrative activities of FJA and the Canadian Judicial Council (CJC).

Under the Departmental Results Framework, the organization's core responsibility is to provide support to federally appointed judges. In addition to Internal Services, the organization is broken down into three program activities: payments pursuant to the *Judges Act*, FJA, and CJC.

Further details about FJA's authority, mandate, and programs can be found below and in FJA's Departmental Plan, Main Estimates and Supplementary Estimates located on FJA's and the Treasury Board's websites at www.fja-cmf.gc.ca and www.tbs-sct.gc.ca.

1.2 Basis of Presentation

This quarterly report has been prepared using an expenditure basis of accounting. The accompanying Statement of Authorities includes FJA's spending authorities granted by Parliament and those used by the department consistent with the Main Estimates for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. This quarterly report has been prepared using a special purpose financial reporting framework designed to meet financial information needs with respect to the use of spending authorities.

The authority of Parliament is required before money can be spent by the Government. Approvals are given in the form of annually approved limits through appropriation acts or through legislation in the form of statutory spending authority for specific purposes.

When Parliament is dissolved for the purposes of a general election, section 30 of the *Financial Administration Act* authorizes the Governor General, under certain conditions, to issue a special warrant authorizing the Government to withdraw funds from the Consolidated Revenue Fund. A special warrant is deemed to be an appropriation for the fiscal year in which it is issued.

FJA uses the full accrual method of accounting to prepare and present its annual departmental financial statements that are part of the departmental results reporting process. However, the spending authorities voted by Parliament remain on an expenditure basis.

2. Highlights of fiscal quarter and fiscal year to date (YTD) results

FJA is financed by the Government through Parliamentary Appropriations (e.g. Statutory Authorities for payments pursuant to the *Judges Act* and Employee Benefits Plans (EBP) and Voted Authorities to support the administration of FJA and CJC).

Vote-netting is a means of funding selected programs or activities wherein Parliament authorizes FJA to apply revenues collected towards costs directly incurred for specific activities. FJA has the authority to spend revenues received during the year arising from the provision of administrative services.

This QFR reflects the results of the current fiscal period in relation to the authorities available as at December 31, 2024.

Changes to Departmental Authorities

As at December 31, 2024, the total authorities available to FJA are \$56.1 million higher compared with the same quarter last fiscal year. This net increase is comprised of:

- An increase of \$54.7 million in statutory authorities for judges' salaries, allowances and annuities, as well as for contributions to employee benefit plans.
- An increase of \$1.4 million in voted authorities for the department's operating budget.

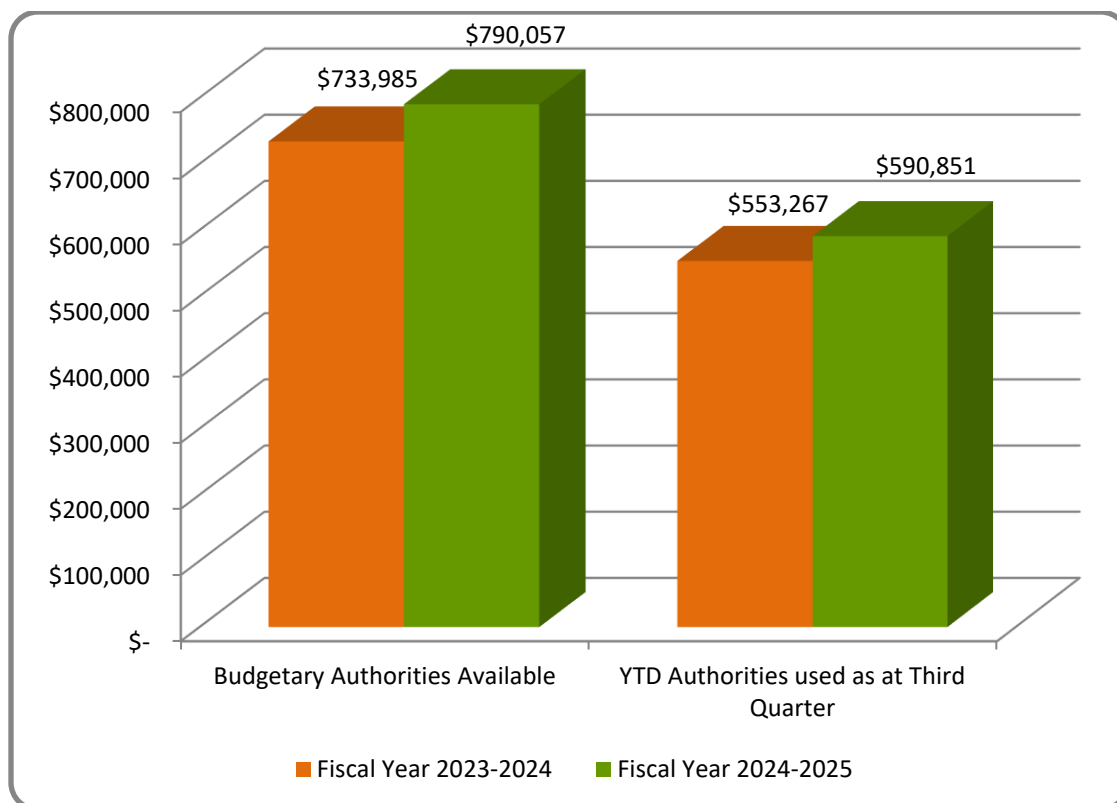
Changes to Budgetary Expenditures

As at December 31, 2024, the department's total net budgetary expenditures increased by \$37.6 million (a \$37.9 million increase in Statutory Expenditures for payments pursuant to the *Judges Act* and EBP, and a \$0.3 million decrease in Voted Expenditures

to support the administration of FJA and CJC) compared with the same quarter last fiscal year. This variance is comprised of:

- A year-to-date net increase of \$34.7 million in personnel expenditures (including EBP).
- A year-to-date net increase of \$1.6 million in professional services expenditures.
- A year-to-date net increase of \$1.6 million in transportation and telecommunications expenditures.
- An overall net decrease of \$0.3 million for all other non-salary expenditures.

Figure 1: Comparison of Authorities Granted and Used (in thousands of dollars)



The chart illustrates the variation in thousands of dollars of the annual budgetary authorities granted and used as at December 31, 2023 and 2024.

As at December 31, 2023 and 2024, FJA's total authorities available were \$733,984,788 in 2023-2024 and \$790,056,865 in 2024-2025. Authorities used as at the third quarter totalled \$553,266,913 in 2023-2024 and \$590,851,238 in 2024-2025.

3. Risks and Uncertainties

FJA's environment is complex due to the range of services it provides and the large number of clients served. Recognizing this context, FJA has developed a risk profile and actively monitors internal and external risks through its management team.

FJA continues agile management of its resources to shift and reallocate resources to adapt to emerging needs as required.

4. Significant changes in relation to operations, personnel and programs

As at December 31, 2024, the significant increase in expenses related to transportation and professional services compared with the same quarter last fiscal year is primarily attributable to court-related travel and attendance at conferences, impacted by the increase in airfare, hotel rates (including accommodation and large room rentals) and other such costs.

5. Approval by Senior Officials

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Marc A. Giroux
Commissioner

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Errolyn Humphreys
Chief Financial Officer

Ottawa, Canada
Date: February 21, 2025

Statement of Authorities (unaudited)

Fiscal year 2024-2025 (in thousands of dollars)

	Total available for use for the year ending March 31, 2025*	Used during the quarter ended December 31, 2024	Year- to-date used at quarter-end
Vote 1 – FJA – Operating expenditures	12,211	2,810	7,964
Vote 5 – CJC – Operating expenditures	3,009	1,042	1,916
Less: Vote 1 – FJA – Revenues	(275)	-	-
Net operating expenditures	14,945	3,852	9,880
Statutory authorities – EBP	1,049	263	787
Statutory authorities – Judges salaries, allowances and annuities	774,063	196,701	580,184
Total budgetary authorities	\$ 790,057	\$ 200,816	\$ 590,851

*Includes only Authorities available for use and granted by Parliament at quarter-end.

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Fiscal year 2023-2024 (in thousands of dollars)

	Total available for use for the year ending March 31, 2024*	Used during the quarter ended December 31, 2023	Year- to-date used at quarter-end
Vote 1 – FJA – Operating expenditures	11,008	3,083	8,626
Vote 5 – CJC – Operating expenditures	2,872	589	1,536
Less: Vote 1 – FJA – Revenues	(275)	-	-
Net operating expenditures	13,606	3,672	10,162
Statutory authorities – EBP	1,064	266	798
Statutory authorities – Judges salaries, allowances and annuities	719,315	184,777	542,307
Total budgetary authorities	\$ 733,985	\$ 188,715	\$ 553,267

*Includes only Authorities available for use and granted by Parliament at quarter-end.

Departmental budgetary expenditures by Standard Object (unaudited)

Fiscal year 2024-2025 (in thousands of dollars)

	Planned expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2025	Expended during the quarter ended December 31, 2024	Year-to-date used at quarter-end
Expenditures			
Personnel - including EBP	737,936	186,272	548,944
Transportation and communications	21,943	6,874	19,045
Information	142	24	85
Professional and special services	21,145	5,881	15,340
Rentals	1,306	206	625
Repair and maintenance	124	68	95
Utilities, materials and supplies	66	10	16
Acquisition of machinery and equipment	53	14	27
Other subsidies and payments	7,617	1,467	6,674
Total gross budgetary expenditures	790,332	200,816	590,851
Less revenues netted against expenditures			
Revenues	(275)	-	-
Total net budgetary expenditures	\$ 790,057	\$ 200,816	\$ 590,851

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Fiscal year 2023-2024 (in thousands of dollars)

	Planned expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2024	Expended during the quarter ended December 31, 2023	Year-to-date used at quarter-end
Expenditures			
Personnel - including EBP	684,098	174,871	514,221
Transportation and communications	22,321	6,642	17,494
Information	143	25	70
Professional and special services	16,683	5,131	13,766
Rentals	793	140	585
Repair and maintenance	47	4	19
Utilities, materials and supplies	64	-	3
Acquisition of machinery and equipment	463	148	185
Other subsidies and payments	9,648	1,754	6,924
Total gross budgetary expenditures	734,260	188,715	553,267
Less revenues netted against expenditures			
Revenues	(275)	-	-
Total net budgetary expenditures	\$ 733,985	\$ 188,715	\$ 553,267