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Introduction

The purpose of this survey

The purpose of this survey is to collect comprehensive business and economic information on medical cannabis produces. The federal government will use data from this survey to better understand this industry, its relationship with the rest of the Canadian economy and how it will adapt to any future changes in cannabis legalization.

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- Please print in ink.
- Report dollar amounts in Canadian dollars.
- When precise figures are not available, please provide your best estimates.
- Report to this questionnaire from a "fiscal year" perspective. That is, for each question in this questionnaire, the specified year (e.g, 2016) represents the 2016 fiscal year of this business. Not to be confused with the calendar year.
- Enter "0", if there is no value to report.

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| 1. | In what year was this business first established? |
| | C010101 |
| | Year |
| | If this business was established in 2017, go to question 20. |
| | |
| 2. | For this survey, please report information for this business's most recent 12-month fiscal period. |
| | Note: For this survey, the end date should fall between April 1, 2016 and March 31, 2017. |
| | C020101 YYYY MM DD C020201 YYYY MM DD |
| | Start date End date |
| | Start date End date |
| | Please complete this survey for the "fiscal period" reported above. |
| | This period will be referred to as "fiscal year" 2016 throughout the questionnaire. |
| 3. | In 2016, did this business have medical cannabis-related production (e.g., growing, processing, researching, etc.) |
| | or sales activities? |
| | |
| | Yes Ves |
| | |
| | If this business did not have medical cannabis production or sales in fiscal year 2016 -> go to question 20. |
| | |
| 4. | If applicable, what other business activities did this business engage in 2016 (e.g., production of tobacco, marketing, research |
| | and development of non-medical cannabis, other pharmaceuticals, etc.)? |
| | C040101 |
| | C040101 C040201 |
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| | C040301 |
| | C040401 |
| | |
| | C040501 |
| | |
| | OR |
| | |
| | No other activities |
| 5. | How many employees did this business have in fiscal year 2016? |
| | Include all employees who received a T4 for 2016. Consider seasonal, casual or part-time employees as regular employees. |
| | 0050101 |
| | Employees |
| | |

6. In 2016, how many employees spent at least fifty percent (50%) of their time working on medical cannabis-related activities based on the following job categories?

Medical cannabis related activities refers to any business activities related to medical cannabis development, growing, harvesting, processing, packaging, storage, distribution, sales, etc.

Round up to a whole number, e.g., 1.5 employees = 2 employees.

| Job category | Number of employees |
|---|---------------------|
| Admin | |
| Administration, management or finance | C060101 |
| Marketing (e.g., branding, consultation, etc.) | C060201 |
| Sales | C060301 |
| Production | |
| Research and development | C060401 |
| Engineering | C060501 |
| Cultivation & harvesting | C060601 |
| Processing/Manufacturing | C060701 |
| Quality assurance/control (including Heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC)) | C060801 |
| Packaging | C060901 |
| Shipping, delivery & transportation | C061001 |
| Other | |
| Security | C061101 |
| Other — specify : | C069901 |
| Total | C067701 |
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Business activities

7. Identify all of this business's locations that were involved in the production (e.g., growing, processing, researching, etc.) of medical cannabis in 2016. Also provide the number of months each location was in production in 2016.

| Location name | Address | Municipality | Province | Postal code | Number of months in production in 2016 |
|-------------------|---------|--------------|----------|----------------|---|
| 1. C070101 | C070102 | C070103 | C070104 | C070105 | C070106 |
| 2. c070201 | C070202 | C070203 | C070204 | C070205 | C070206 |
| 3. c070301 | C070302 | C070303 | C070304 | C070305 | C070306 |
| 4. C070401 | C070402 | C070403 | C070404 | C070405 | C070406 |
| 5. co7o501 | C070502 | C077(03) | C070504 | C070505 | C070506 |

8. In 2016, what was the active medical cannabis cultivation **area** and unused potential cultivation **area** for each of the locations identified above?

Potential cultivation area includes licensed or unlicensed area available but unused in 2016.

| Location name | Active area | Unused area | Unit of measure |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| | C080102 | C080103 | C080104 1 ft^{2} 2 m^{2} |
| 2. 080201 | C080202 | C080203 | ^{C080204} ¹ ft ² ² m ² |
| 3. 0000001 | C080302 | C080303 | ^{C080304} ¹ ft ² ² m ² |
| 4. ^{C080401} | C080402 | C080403 | ^{C080404} ¹ ft ² ² m ² |
| 5. cososoi | C080502 | C080503 | ^{C080504} ¹ ft ² ² m ² |

9. In 2016, indicate the medical cannabis-related activities that were carried out at each of the previously identified locations.

Medical cannabis related activities refers to any business activities related to medical cannabis development, growing, harvesting, processing, packaging, storage, distribution, sales, etc.

Exclude any type of activities that are not related to medical cannabis activities (e.g., other crop production or sales, etc.). Select all that apply.

| Activities | Location 1 | Location 2 | Location 3 | Location 4 | Location 5 |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | C090101 | C090102 | C090103 | C090104 | C090105 |
| Research and development | | | | | |
| | C090201 | C090202 | C090203 | C090204 | C090205 |
| Growing cannabis | | | | | |
| | C090301 | C090302 | C090303 | C090304 | C090305 |
| Cannabis processing (e.g., trimming, curing, etc.) | | | | | |
| | C090401 | C090402 | C090403 | C090404 | C090405 |
| Final cannabis product packaging | Ó | 4 ~(| × | | |
| | C090501 | C090502 | C090503 | C090504 | C090505 |
| Shipping | G (| | | | |
| ~ | 0090601 | C090602 | C090603 | C090604 | C090605 |
| Sales and marketing (e.g., branding, consultation, etc.) | | | | | |
| , D C | C090701 | C090702 | C090703 | C090704 | C090705 |
| Human resources management | | | | | |
| | C090801 | C090802 | C090803 | C090804 | C090805 |
| Administration | | | | | |
| Other – specify : | C099901 | C099902 | C099903 | C099904 | C099905 |
| C099998 | | | | | |

10. In 2016, from all medical cannabis orders received, what was the percentage breakdown by type of order method?

| Order method | Percentage (%) |
|---|----------------|
| Electronic (email, website, mobile application) | C100101 |
| Mail | C100201 |
| Phone | C100301 |
| Fax | C100401 |
| C109998 Other – specify : | C109901 |
| | |
| Total | 100% |
| Total OR No medical cannabis sales in 2016 | 100% |

| | Fisc | Fiscal year 2015 | | l year 2016 |
|----------------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|
| Client types | Number | Sales (CAN \$) | Number | Sales (CAN \$) |
| | C110101 | C110102 | C110103 | C110104 |
| New registered clients | | \$ | | \$ |
| | C110201 | C110202 | C110203 | C110204 |
| Renewed registered clients | | \$ | | \$ |
| | C110301 | C110302 | C110303 | C110304 |
| Other licensed producers | | \$ | | \$ |
| | C117701 | C117702 | C117703 | C117704 |
| Total | | \$ | | \$ |

Financial information

12. In 2016, using dollar value **or** percentage (one or the other), what were the total sales of medical cannabis to all registered clients (patients or other licensed producers) by region?

| Regions | Sales (CAN \$) | Sales (%) |
|------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| CANADA | | |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | C120101 \$ | C120102 |
| Prince Edward Island | C120201 | C120202 |
| New Brunswick | C120301 | C120302 |
| Nova Scotia | C120401 \$ | C120402 |
| • Quebec | C120501 | C120502 |
| • Ontario | C120601 | C120602 |
| • Manitoba | C120701 | C120702 |
| • Saskatchewan | C120801 | C120802 |
| • Alberta | C120901 \$ | C120902 |
| Alberta British Columbia | C121001 \$ | C121002 |
| • Yukon | C121101 \$ | C121102 |
| Northwest Territories | C121201 \$ | C121202 |
| • Nunavut | C121301 \$ | C121302 |
| NTERNATIONAL | | |
| United States of America | C121401 \$ | C121402 |
| Germany | C121501 \$ | C121502 |
| • Australia | C121601 | C121602 |
| C129998 Other — specify : | C129901 \$ | C129902 |
| Total | C127701 \$ | C127702 |

13. Please indicate this business's revenue details based on the following categories for fiscal years 2015 and 2016. Provide your best estimates.

Report '0' for those categories where this business had no sales.

| Category | Fiscal year 2015 | Fiscal year 2016 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Revenues | | |
| Cannabis revenues | C130101 | C130102 |
| Medical cannabis-related revenues (e.g., sales of medical cannabis goods and services) | \$ | \$ |
| | C130201 | C130202 |
| - Other cannabis-related revenues (e.g., apparel or accessories) | \$ | \$ |
| Non cannabis revenues, specify: | \$ | C130302 |
| (e.g., all other sales of goods/accessories and services) | 8,8 |) . |
| Total revenues | C137701 | C137702 \$ |
| with the second se | | |

14. In 2015 and 2016, what were this business's expenses for the following items and what portion of each expense item related to medical cannabis? Provide your best estimates.

Report '0' for those categories where this business had no expenses.

| | Fiscal yea 2015 | r | Fiscal year 2016 | |
|--|---------------------|--|---------------------|--|
| Category | Dollars (CAN \$) | Percentage (%) related to medical cannabis | Dollars (CAN \$) | Percentage (%) related to medical cannabis |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Employee costs and expenses (for all employees who were issued a T4) - Wages and salaries | \$ | C140102 | C140103 \$ | C140104 |
| - Employee benefits | \$ | C140202 % | C140203 \$ | C140204 |
| Subcontracts (include contractors) (exclude research & development) | \$ | C140502 | 640303 \$ | C140304 |
| Internal Research & Development (in-house) | \$ | % | C140403 \$ | C140404 |
| External Research & Development (out-sourced) | \$ | C140502 | \$ | C140504 |
| Purchases: raw materials | \$ | C140602 | C140603 \$ | C140604 |
| - fertilizers | C140701 | C140702 | C140703 \$ | C140704 |
| - seed purchases | ¢140801 | C140802 | \$ | C140804 |
| - plant purchases | \$ | C140902 | C140903 \$ | C140904 |
| - other purchasing costs, specify: | C141001 | C141002 | C141003 | C141004 |
| | \$ | % | \$ | |
| Professional and business fees (legal, accounting, consulting) | C141101 \$ | C141102 | \$ | C141104 |
| Security | \$ | C141202 % | C141203 \$ | C141204 |

| CategoryDollars (CAN \$)(%) related to medical cannabisDollars (CAN \$)(%) related to medical cannabisExpensesEnergy (e.g., electricity, natural gas,(141301(141302(141303(141304 | | 2015 | ear | Fiscal y 2016 | |
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| Product testing \$ 1 % 1 % Other - specify: C149901 C149902 C149903 C149904 C149904 C149998 0 % 0 % 0 % 0 0 % 0 % 0 % | terest expense | | C141602 | | |
| Other – specify: % | oduct testing | | | | |
| | | C149901 | | | |
| | otal expenses | S | | | |

15. In 2015 and 2016, what were this business's investment expenditures for the following items and what portion was related to medical cannabis? Provide your best estimates.

Report '0' for those categories where this business had no investment expenses.

| | Fiscal year 2015 | Fiscal year 2016 | Percentage (%) related to |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Category | Dollars (CAN \$) | Dollars (CAN \$) | medical cannabis for 2016 |
| Investment expenditures | | | |
| Equipment and machinery | \$ | \$ | C150103 |
| Buildings | \$ | ¢150202 | C150203 |
| Land | C150301 \$ | C150302 | C150303 |
| Agricultural vehicles (include tractors, etc.) | \$0 | \$ | C150403 |
| Other vehicles | \$ | \$ | C150503 |
| Other specify: | C159901 \$ | \$ | C159903 |
| Total investment expenditures | ©157701 | \$ | C157703 |

16. Please categorize the current value of physical assets of this business for fiscal year 2016.

Report '0' for those categories where this business had no physical assets.

| Physical assets | Current value (CAN \$) |
|--|---------------------------|
| Land | \$ |
| Building | φ |
| | C160201 |
| - Greenhouses | \$ |
| | C160301 |
| - Other growing facilities | \$ |
| | C160401 |
| - Warehouses or vaults (e.g., product storage, etc.) | \$ |
| | C160501 |
| - Office (administration) | \$ |
| - Other buildings, specify: | C160699 |
| C160698 | \$ |
| Equipment | |
| NY ISY | C160701 |
| - Machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures | \$ |
| | C160801 |
| - Computer equipment and software | \$ |
| - Other equipment, specify: | |
| C160998 | \$ |
| Other physical assets | |
| - Other physical assets, specify: | C169901 |
| C169998 | \$ |
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17. In 2016, for each of the following medical cannabis products (or substances), what were the quantities produced and sold?

Dried cannabis is harvested cannabis that has been subjected to any drying process.

Fresh cannabis is freshly harvested cannabis buds and leaves, but does not include plant materials that can be used to propagate cannabis. **Cannabis oil** is an oil, in liquid form at room temperature of $22 \pm 2^{\circ}$ C, that contains cannabis in its natural form.

| Products (or substances) | Unit of measure | Quantity produced | Quantity sold | Sales (CAN \$) |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| a. Cannabis seeds | c170101 | C170102 | C170103 | ¢170104 |
| | ⁵ lb | | | |
| b. Cannabis plants | ⁵ unit | C170202 | C170203 | \$ |
| c. Fresh cannabis | ^{c170301} ¹ kg ² lb | C170302 | C170303 | \$ |
| d. Dried cannabis | C170401 | C170402 | 0700503 | ©170404 |
| | ² lb | C170502 | C170503 | C170504 |
| e. Cannabis oil | 1 kg 2 lb | | | \$ |
| , AFC | | | | |
| | 6179901 | C179902 | C179903 | C179904 |
| f. Other cannabis products, specify: | ² lb | | | \$ |
| | 3 I | | | |
| | 4 oz | | | |
| | ⁵ unit | | | |

18. In 2016, provide the percentage breakdown of sales of medical cannabis products based on the following customers.

Dried cannabis is harvested cannabis that has been subjected to any drying process.

Fresh cannabis is freshly harvested cannabis buds and leaves, but does not include plant materials that can be used to propagate cannabis.

Cannabis oil is an oil, in liquid form at room temperature of 22 ± 2 °C, that contains cannabis in its natural form.

| Products (or substances) | Cannabis seeds | Cannabis plants | Fresh cannabis | Dried cannabis | Cannabis oil | Other cannabis products |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | Percent (%) | sales to clients | 5 | |
| | C180101 | C180102 | C180103 | C180104 | C180105 | C180106 |
| Sales to registered clients | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| | C180201 | C180202 | C180203 | C180204 | C180205 | C180206 |
| Sales to licensed wholesalers | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| | C180301 | C180302 | C180303 | C180304 | C180305 | C180306 |
| Sales to other licensed producers | % | % | % | ~% | % | % |
| Other specify: | C189901 | C189902 | C189903 | C189904 | C189905 | C189906 |
| C189998 | % | 24 | | % | % | % |
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| Total | RMA | JSF | | | | |

19. At the end of 2016 fiscal year, what were this business's inventories by the following product (or substance) types?

Dried cannabis is harvested cannabis that has been subjected to any drying process.

Fresh cannabis is freshly harvested cannabis buds and leaves, but does not include plant materials that can be used to propagate cannabis. **Cannabis oil** is an oil, in liquid form at room temperature of $22 \pm 2^{\circ}$ C, that contains cannabis in its natural form.

| Products (or substances) | Unit of measure | Inventory | Current total value (CAN \$) |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------|------------------------------|
| a. Cannabis seeds | c190101 1 kg | C190102 | C190103 \$ |
| | ⁵ lb | | |
| b. Cannabis plants (in growing phase) | ⁵ unit | C190202 | C190203 \$ |
| c. Fresh cannabis | c190301 1 kg 2 lb | C190302 | C190303 \$ |
| d. Dried cannabis | C190401 | C190402 | \$ |
| e. Cannabis oil | C190501 1 C (g 2 Ib 3 I 4 OZ | C190502 | \$ |
| f. Other cannabis products, specify: | C199901 1 kg 2 lb 3 l 4 oz 5 unit | C199902 | C199903 \$ |

Future opportunities

There is new legislation and regulations proposed for 2018 that would permit private businesses to sell non-medical cannabis directly to customers. The following questions relate to how this business would operate in such an environment.

20. In 2017, how much money has this business invested or intends to invest in the following expansion activities related to cannabis?

| | Dollars (CAN \$) |
|--|---------------------------------|
| a. Additional structures in current locations | \$ |
| b. Additional land for future location | \$ |
| c. Additional locations with existing facilities or structures | C200301 |
| d. Additional equipment | \$ |
| e. Accumulating cannabis-related inventory (including raw materials, goods in process, finished goods) | \$ |
| f. Other – specify : | \$ |
| C20000 No change | |
| 21. In 2017, how likely is this business to increase its inventory in preparation for the potentia market in 2018? | I non-medical cannabis consumer |
| Mark one only. | |
| ¹ Very likely | |
| ² Somewhat likely | |
| ³ Somewhat unlikely | |
| ⁴ Very unlikely | |
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22. Based on the following financing sources, how likely is this business to seek additional investment financing in order to sell non-medical cannabis?

Mark only one response per financing source.

| Financing source | Very unlikely | Somewhat unlikely | Somewhat likely | Very likely |
|---|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| a. Canadian-based private venture capital | C220101 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| b. American-based private venture capital | C220201 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| c. Other private venture capital | C220301 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| d. Financial institutions (e.g., chartered banks, etc), cooperatives, credit unions | C220401 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| e. IPO (Initial public offering) or SPO (Secondary public offering) | C220501 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| f. Personal finance used towards this business | C220601 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| g. Partner(s) from strategic alliance(s) | e220701 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| g. Partner(s) from strategic alliance(s)h. Credit from suppliers | C220801 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| i. Angel investors, family or friends | C220901 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| j. Government sources | C221001 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| k. Other — specify : | C229901 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

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