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Minister’s message



The Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Industry and Minister responsible for Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions.

I am pleased to present Statistics Canada’s report on fees for 2025–26.

The *Service Fees Act*[ii] provides a modern legislative framework that enables cost-effective delivery of services and, through better reporting to Parliament, improves transparency and oversight.

The report provides a comprehensive breakdown of individual fees under the department's authority, the charged amount, the service standard, performance result and remissions, if applicable. This information provides further context on each fee, promoting transparent and accountable fee management.

Statistics Canada reports to the Minister of Industry and Minister responsible for Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions. Its mandate is to produce data that help Canadians better understand their country - its population, resources, economy, environment, society and culture. As Canada's central statistical office, Statistics Canada is legislated to serve this function for Canada and each of the provinces and territories. The agency must also conduct the Census of Population and the Census of Agriculture every five years, providing a detailed picture of Canadian society. Statistics Canada operates under the authority of the *Statistics Act*[iii] and is committed to protecting the confidentiality and privacy of the information it is entrusted with.

As part of the Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) portfolio, Statistics Canada has the authority to collect fees set by contract from external clients for cost-recovered statistical services.

The Service Fees Act enhances the transparency and accountability of fees charged by ISED and its portfolios. I support this reporting regime and I am committed to ensuring that Canadians and Canadian businesses receive quality services that reflect the principles of this Act.

The Honourable Mélanie Joly, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Industry and Minister responsible for Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions

About this report

This report, which is tabled under section 20 of the *Service Fees Act*, the *Low-Materiality Fees Regulations*[iv], and subsection 4.2.9 of the Treasury Board *Directive on Charging and Special Financial Authorities*[v], contains information about the fees Statistics Canada had the authority to charge in fiscal year 2025–26.

The report covers fees that are subject to the *Service Fees Act*.

For reporting purposes, fees are categorized by fee-setting mechanism. There are three mechanisms:

1. Act, regulation or fees notice
   The authority to set these fees is delegated to a department, minister or Governor in Council pursuant to an act of Parliament.

2. Contract
   Ministers have the inherent authority to enter into contracts, which are usually negotiated between the minister and an individual or organization, and which cover fees and other terms and conditions. In some cases, that authority may also be provided by an act of Parliament.

3. Market rate or auction
   The authority to set these fees comes from an act of Parliament or a regulation, and the minister, department or Governor in Council has no control in determining the fee amount.

No fees under Statistics Canada's authority are set by act, regulation or fees notice. This report therefore only covers fees set by contract. It provides total revenue and costs only.

Fees charged by Statistics Canada under the *Access to Information Act* are not subject to the *Service Fees Act* and are not included in this report. Information on Statistics Canada's access to information fees can be found in our annual report to Parliament on the administration of the *Access to Information Act:* Annual Reports on Access to Information and Privacy.[vi]

Remissions

In 2025–26, Statistics Canada was not subject to the requirements in section 7 of the *Service Fees Act* and had no authority to remit, so this report does not include remission amounts.

Overall totals, by fee-setting mechanism

The following table presents the total revenue, cost and remissions for all fees Statistics Canada had the authority to charge in 2025–26, by fee-setting mechanism.

Overall totals for 2025–26, by fee-setting mechanism

Fee-setting mechanism	Revenue ($)	Cost ($)	Remissions ($)
Fees set by contract	20,669,677	20,669,677	Remissions do not apply to fees set by contract.

Endnotes

[i] Government of Canada, https://www.canada.ca
[ii] Service Fees Act, https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/S-8.4/index.html
[iii] Statistics Act, https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/s-19/FullText.html
[iv] Low-Materiality Fees Regulations, https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2019-109/index.html
[v] Directive on Charging and Special Financial Authorities, https://www.tbs-sct.canada.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?id=32502
[vi] Annual Reports on Access to Information and Privacy, https://www.statcan.gc.ca/en/about/transparency/access-information-privacy/reports