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Government Annuities

As at 31 March 2024 Office of the Chief Actuary





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1 Executive summary

1.1 Purpose of report

In accordance with section 15 of the *Government Annuities Improvement Act* ("the Improvement Act") an actuarial valuation was conducted as at 31 March 2024 for purposes of determining the actuarial liabilities and financial position of the Government Annuities Account ("the Account"). Section 15 of the Improvement Act also states that any surplus or deficit emerging as a result of the actuarial valuation shall be reported and, in the case of a surplus, credited to the Federal Government's Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) and charged to the Account or, in the case of a deficit, charged to the Federal Government's CRF and credited to the Account.

1.2 Data, method and assumptions

Data on current retirees, beneficiaries, deferred members, premiums and benefit payments were provided by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) and Service Canada. The Government Annuities Branch located in Bathurst administers the annuities. The data are from a reliable source. We have performed summary tests on the data, and have found that they are accurate, reliable and sufficient for the purposes of the valuation. A description of contract types and a summary of the data are shown in Appendix A and Appendix B of this report. The actuarial liabilities are the present value of expected future benefits, determined in accordance with accepted actuarial practice and statutory valuation assumptions. Subsection 3(4) of the Government Annuities Regulations ("the Regulations") states that the actuarial liability is to be determined using an interest rate of 7% per annum and the mortality rates of the Annuity Table for 1983, as modified by Projection Scale G.

1.3 Results

Tables 1 and 2 below summarize the results of the actuarial valuation as at 31 March 2024.

Table 1	Financial results as at 31 M (\$)	March 2024
Assets		52,682,996
Liabilities		51,756,737
Surplus (deficit)		926,259

Table 2 Membership as at 31 March 2024				
			Average annual	
		Count	pension (\$)	
Vested mem	nbers	13,127	709	
Deferred me	embers	28	1,913	
Total		13,155	712	

1.4 Conclusion

The surplus of \$926,259 is credited to the Federal Government's CRF and charged to the Account. The next valuation will be performed as at 31 March 2025.

2 Introduction

The Canadian *Government Annuities Act* of 1908 was one of the earliest significant pieces of social legislation in Canada. Its purpose was to encourage Canadians to prepare financially for their retirement. Government Annuities were purchased either by individuals or by employers as pension plans for their employees.

By the 1960's, other social benefit plans, such as Old Age Security (OAS) and the Canada Pension Plan were introduced and began gaining importance in providing Canadians with basic retirement income. The government's recognition that retired Canadians could now be served by other social security programs as well as the private sector brought about the decision to disband the Annuities sales force. In 1975, an Act of Parliament formally ended the sale of Government Annuities. Employers, however, could register new employees under group contracts until 1979. The Government Annuities are not sponsored by the Government — meaning the Government has no fiduciary liability. Its responsibilities are limited to provide and secure benefits in accordance with each contract's provisions.

The Annuities Branch continues to administer contracts under payment and those due to become payable, on behalf of clients from across Canada and around the world. The Account is not subject to any federal or provincial pension legislation; it is only subject to the *Government Annuities Act*, the Improvement Act and the Regulations. The assets and liabilities are shown in the Public Accounts of Canada. The assets are notional and are not subject to any investment policy or performance goals and objectives.

The Office of the Chief Actuary (OCA), Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada (OSFI), has the mandate of performing the annual actuarial valuation of the Account as of 31 March 2024. The purpose of the valuation is to establish the Account's liabilities, notional assets, and financial position, based on the statutory valuation assumptions.

3 Data

3.1 Data required

Since the actuarial valuation determines both the assets and the liabilities, full details on the members as well as on the cash flows that occurred within the year are needed.

3.2 Member data

Basic data on pensioners, beneficiaries and deferred members are provided by ESDC and Service Canada.

The required data reports are VY4741 for vested members (pensioners) and GY5642 for deferred members (members with deferred rights).

These reports show the member data required to establish the liabilities: certificate number, maturity date, member, spouse and beneficiaries' gender and dates of birth, annual pension amounts, and form of pension.

Notes on VY4741 vested data

Additional pension amounts data are required from Service Canada concerning the continuing pensions for joint and survivor contracts with percentages other than 50% or 100%, as well as for reducing annuities. VY4741 data does not show the accurate continuing pension amounts for annuities of type 29, 37, and 70-79.

Moreover, manual additions must be done, as the VY4741 report excludes certain members due to internal validation controls at Bathurst. The data related to this limited number of members were extracted from the VY5141 report. There were 26 such members as at 31 March 2024.

Notes on GY5642 deferred data

Pursuant to the Improvement Act which granted annual accrual of contributions accounts at 7% from 1 April 1975, the following table shows the multipliers that must be applied to the annual original pension amounts.

Table 3	Table 3 Multipliers for deferred pension amounts			
Original				
Premiu	m series	interest rate	Multiplier	
4	4	4.0%	1.22	
!	5	3.0%	1.32	
(6	3.5%	1.29	
	7	4.0%	1.22	
	8	5.0%	1.14	

These multipliers reflect the increase between the original interest rate applicable on the contracts and 7%. As the deferred members data only show the pension amounts prior to the enhancements, these multipliers are used to update the annual pensions.

It can be seen that the methodology used to derive these multipliers granted higher increases to contracts with lower interest rates, and vice-versa. The objective sought at the time was to distribute the increases as equitably as possible.

A reconciliation of pension amounts and membership status with last year's membership has been performed. A detailed summary of membership data is shown in the Appendix B of this report.

3.3 Asset data

Income consists of premiums received, funds reclaimed from the CRF for previously untraceable annuitants, notional earned interest and any transfer needed to cover the actuarial deficit. Payments and other charges represent matured annuities, commuted value of death benefits, premium refunds and withdrawals, and transfers to the CRF of actuarial surpluses and unclaimed annuities related to untraceable annuitants.

All reports used to determine the value of assets are provided by ESDC.

A list showing the names and short descriptions of the required reports is given in Appendix C of this report.

The data used are considered to be sufficient and reliable for the purposes of the actuarial valuation.

4 Methods and assumptions

4.1 Liability valuation method

The actuarial liabilities are associated with two groups of members: vested and deferred. The vested group consists of the participants for whom the pensions are in payment as at 31 March 2024. The deferred group consists of members for whom payment of pensions will start in the future. The liabilities are the actuarial present value of future pension payments, the result of discounting the future expected benefits with interest and post-retirement mortality.

4.2 Assumptions

The interest and post-retirement mortality assumptions are statutory, as stated in section 15 of the Improvement Act and subsection 3(4) of the Regulations. Namely, the liabilities must be based on a rate of interest of 7% per annum and on the mortality rates of the Annuity Table for 1983, as modified by Projection Scale G, published in Transactions of the Society of Actuaries, Vol. XXXV (1983), at pages 882 and 883.

Accordingly, the 1983 individual annuity mortality table (IAM83) is used for individual contracts and the 1983 group annuity mortality table (GAM83) is used for group contracts. Both tables are sex-distinct, and are projected for 15 years with Projection Scale G. Furthermore, for consistency with the methodology used to develop these mortality tables, the liabilities were calculated based on the annuitants' attained age (age last) at the valuation date.

Extracts from these mortality tables as well as associated life expectancies can be found in Appendix D of this report.

4.3 Asset valuation method

Since section 14 of the *Government Annuities Act* states that the monies received or paid under this act form part of the CRF, the assets are notional. Each year, any difference with the liabilities calculated is either credited (in the case of a surplus) or charged (in the case of a deficit) to the CRF, with a corresponding charge or credit to the Account. Following these adjustments, the assets value as at 1 April 2023 is equal to the 31 March 2023 liabilities. The assets value as at 31 March 2024 prior to any charge or credit to the CRF is obtained by adding interest at 7% on the 1 April 2023 value and adjusting for cash inflows and outflows also at 7% annual interest rate.

5 Results

5.1 Balance sheet

The following table presents a summary of the balance sheet of the Account for the 2024 and 2023 fiscal years.

Table 4 Balance sheet (\$)		
	Fiscal year 2023 – 2024	Fiscal year 2022 – 2023
Assets as at 1 April	58,866,929	66,894,991
Income		
Interest to 31 March	3,744,448	4,256,014
Premiums for deferred annuities	-	-
Unclaimed annuities recovered from CRF	<u>4,872</u>	<u>8,967</u>
Total income	3,749,320	4,264,981
Payments and other charges Payments to vested members:		
Vested regular annuity payments	9,804,405ª	11,095,129 ^b
Vested commuted values	21,213	72,814
Total payments to vested members:	9,825,618	11,167,943
Monies refunded	1,304	2,448
Values transferred to CRF (vested & deferred)	<u>106,331</u>	<u>17,559</u>
Total payments and other charges	9,933,253	11,187,951
Income less payments and other charges	(6,183,933)	(6,922,970)
Assets as at 31 March	52,682,996	59,972,022
Surplus charged to the account and credited to the CRF	(926,259)	(1,105,092)
Net assets as at 31 March	51,756,737	58,866,929
Actuarial liabilities as at 31 March	51,756,737	58,866,929

a. Includes annuity and retroactive payments totalling \$3,723 for members recovered from the CRF in fiscal year 2023-2024.

b. Includes annuity and retroactive payments totalling \$9,181 for members recovered from the CRF in fiscal year 2022-2023.

5.2 Calculation of interest

Tables 5, 6 and 7 below outline the calculation of the notional 7% annual interest credited to the Account for the 2024 and 2023 fiscal years.

Table 5 Calculation of interest for vested members (\$)		
	Fiscal year 2023 – 2024	Fiscal year 2022 – 2023
Prescribed assets as at 1 April of prior year	4,076,713	4,619,667
Maturities	12,996	19,494
CRF recoveries	266	99
Annuity payments	(375,626)	(423,898)
Commuted values	(624)	(2,775)
Transfers to CRF	-	-
Total interest for vested members	3,713,725	4,212,587

Table 6 Calculation of interest for deferr (\$)			
	Fiscal year 2023 – 2024	Fiscal year 2022 – 2023	
Prescribed assets as at 1 April of prior year	43,972	62,982	
Premiums	-	-	
CRF recoveries	-	-	
Maturities	(12,996)	(19,494)	
Refunds	(253)	(61)	
Transfers to CRF	-	-	
Total interest for deferred members	30,723	43,427	

Table 7	Calculation of total interest (\$)		
		Fiscal year	Fiscal year
		2023 – 2024	2022 – 2023
Interest fo	or vested members	3,713,725	4,212,587
Interest fo	or deferred members	30,723	43,427
Total inter	rest	3,744,448	4,256,014

5.3 Development of actuarial liabilities

Tables 8, 9 and 10 below outline the Account's actuarial liabilities by members' category as at 31 March of 2024 and 2023.

Table 8 Development of vested member actuarial liabilities				
		Fiscal year 2023 – 2024	Fiscal year 2022 – 2023	
	Contract type	(\$)	(\$)	
Males, ordinary life	10 – 16	24,104,820	27,715,972	
Females, ordinary life	10 – 16	15,301,682	16,798,721	
Males, guaranteed	21 – 29	5,896,391	6,815,305	
Females, guaranteed	21 – 29	3,535,833	4,001,918	
Last survivor	30 – 37	1,974,120	2,393,926	
Reducing at OAS	70 – 79	247,140	319,831	
Annuities certain	50, 80	108,674	154,780	
Temporary annuities	60	5,134	6,727	
Suspended payments		25,812	31,582	
Vested member actuarial	liability	51,199,606	58,238,762	

Table 9 Development of deferred member actuarial liabilities				
		Fiscal year	Fiscal year	
		2023 - 2024	2022 – 2023	
	Contract type	(\$)	(\$)	
Ordinary life	10	54,531	50,964	
Males, guaranteed	21 – 24	319,625	341,925	
Females, guaranteed	21 – 24	115,740	172,442	
Refunds in process		-	-	
Suspense accounts	Account 721	67,235	62,836	
Deferred member actuari	al liability	557,131	628,167	

Table 10 Development of actuarial liabilities (\$)		
	Fiscal year 2023 – 2024	Fiscal year 2022 – 2023
Vested members	51,199,606	58,238,762
Deferred members	557,131	628,167
Total actuarial liabilities	51,756,737	58,866,929

6 Experience

6.1 Analysis of experience

As there are no new contracts purchased under the *Government Annuities Act*, the main source of experience gains or losses is the mortality. It includes changes in expected future payments due to the death or survival of annuitants and the difference between actual and expected benefit payments during the year.

The table below presents a reconciliation of the surplus between 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2024.

Table 11 Gains (losses) (\$)	
Surplus as at 31 March 2023	-
Premiums paid with interest	-
Vested members mortality	945,095
Deferred members – retirements, mortality, refunds	24,830
Transfers from CRF and other data changes	(43,666)
Surplus as at 31 March 2024	926,259

6.2 Alternative assumptions for purposes of the account's financial statements, prepared in accordance with Section 4600 of Part IV of the CPA Canada Handbook – Accounting

6.2.1 Mortality

Following an external audit of the Account as at 31 March 2014, ESDC management asked the OCA to conduct a mortality experience study and to include the amount of the actuarial liabilities under experience-adjusted mortality rates in future Actuarial Reports on the Government Annuities.

6.2.2 Discount rate

To promote greater comparability with other public service pension plans that are part of the Public Account of Canada, the liabilities shown in the Account's financial statements is measured using a different discount rate than the prescribed interest rate of 7%. The alternative rate is established based on a yield curve approach. This yield curve is determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on Government of Canada Bonds and treasury bills.

The OCA has determined that the liabilities as at 31 March 2024 under experience-adjusted mortality rates and the alternative discount rate is \$59.4 million, which is \$7.6 million higher than under the prescribed assumptions. More details are presented in Appendix E.

7 Actuarial opinion

In our opinion, considering that this report was prepared pursuant to the *Government Annuities Act* and the *Government Annuities Improvement Act*:

- the data on which this report is based are sufficient and reliable for the purposes of this report;
- the assumptions used comply with legislative requirements;
- the methods employed are appropriate for the purposes of this report; and
- as at 31 March 2024, there is a surplus of \$926,259 which is credited to the Federal Government's Consolidated Revenue Fund and charged to the Government Annuities Account.

This report has been prepared, and our opinion given, in accordance with accepted actuarial practice in Canada. As of the date of the signing of this report, we have not learned of any events that would have a material impact on the results presented in this report as at 31 March 2024.

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Appendix A — Contract types

The following describes the annuities provisions as specified by the contracts:

Ordinary life: At maturity, this annuity is payable for as long as the annuitant lives, but at death the annuity ceases immediately and there are no death benefits.

Guaranteed: The annuity under this contract is payable for life but it is guaranteed for a minimum period of 5, 10, 15 or 20 years.

Contingent survivor: This annuity is based on two lives. The annuity is payable to the principal annuitant for as long as he or she lives. At death, the annuity is payable to the survivor until his or her death.

Joint and last survivor: This contract differs from the Contingent Survivor contract in that the annuity instalments are payable to both parties. After the death of one partner, the annuity is made payable to the survivor as long as he or she lives.

Reducing option: The reducing option is an arrangement whereby the level of the annuity purchased is paid at an increased amount from age 50 (or later) to age 65. At age 65, the annuity decreases by the amount of Old Age Security in effect at the date of maturity. The annuity is payable for life, with death benefits available for the duration of the guaranteed period, if there is one.

The following describes the contract types:

Single life – no guarantee (10 - 16)

- 10. Ordinary
- 11. Guarantee expired: on valuation change of 21 24
- 12. From last or contingent survivor: 30, 35, 36, 37
- 13. From last survivor guarantee expired: on first death of 31
- 14. From reducing ordinary: on reduction of 70
- 15. From reducing guaranteed: on reduction of 79, on valuation change of 29 or from 71-74 where reduction and end of guarantee coincide
- 16. From reducing survivor: 36, 37

Single life with guarantee (21 – 29)

- 21. Guaranteed 5 years
- 22. Guaranteed 10 years
- 23. Guaranteed 15 years
- 24. Guaranteed 20 years
- 29. From 71-74 after reduction still within guarantee

Joint lives – no guarantee (30 – 37)

- 30. Ordinary Last Survivor (100%)
- 31. Last Survivor guarantee expired (100%)
- 35. Contingent Survivor (100%)
- 36. Contingent Survivor reducing by one half at death of Principal Annuitant (50%)
- 37. Contingent Survivor reducing by any other amount at death of Principal Annuitant

Annuities certain (50 & 80)

- 50. Certain level amount (Includes from 80 after reduction)
- 80. Certain, reducing

Temporary annuities (60)

60. Temporary

Reducing annuities (70 – 79)

- 70. Ordinary, reducing
- 71. Guaranteed 5 years, reducing
- 72. Guaranteed 10 years, reducing
- 73. Guaranteed 15 years, reducing
- 74. Guaranteed 20 years, reducing
- 79. From 71-74, guarantee expired before reduction

Appendix B — Membership data

B.1 Vested members at 31 March 2024

Tables 12 to 17 summarize the vested member data as at 31 March 2024. Each table presents the average annual pension, member count and average age for both genders for each vested contract type. Additional information is included in certain tables when it is relevant for the particular contract type.

Table 12	Contract types 10-16: Vested ordinary life						
Age		Males	Females	Total			
	Average annual pension (\$)	961	1,009	987			
60-69	Number	41	48	89			
	Average age (years)	66.6	66.5	66.6			
	Average annual pension (\$)	978	827	901			
70-79	Number	534	553	1,087			
	Average age (years)	76.2	75.8	76.0			
	Average annual pension (\$)	668	573	635			
80-89	Number	3,636	1,875	5,511			
	Average age (years)	85.6	85.2	85.4			
	Average annual pension (\$)	703	572	653			
90-100	Number	3,079	1,878	4,957			
	Average age (years)	93.3	93.7	93.4			
	Average annual pension (\$)	746	461	585			
100 +	Number	82	107	189			
	Average age (years)	101.9	102.4	102.1			
Total aver	age annual pension (\$)	707	606	669			
Total num	ber	7,372	4,461	11,833			
Total aver	age age (years)	88.2	87.8	88.0			

Table 13	Table 13 Contract types 21-29: Vested guaranteed						
Age		Males	Females	Total			
	Average annual pension (\$)	2,186	2,082	2,137			
EO CO3	Number	86	77	163			
50-69ª	Average age (years)	66.5	66.6	66.5			
	Average guarantee (years)	9.4	8.3	8.9			
	Average annual pension (\$)	1,595	1,279	1,489			
70-79	Number	277	140	417			
70-79	Average age (years)	74.6	74.5	74.6			
	Average guarantee (years)	5.3	4.8	5.1			
	Average annual pension (\$)	1,148	1,093	1,132			
90.90	Number	23	9	32			
80-89	Average age (years)	81.3	81.6	81.3			
	Average guarantee (years)	3.2	2.4	3.0			
Total average annual pension (\$)		1,700	1,545	1,643			
Total number		386	226	612			
Average a	Average age (years)		72.1	72.8			
Average g	uarantee (years)	6.1	5.9	6.0			

a. The age range 50 to 59 contains 2 individuals and was combined with the age range 60 to 69 to alleviate privacy concerns.

Table 14 Contract types 30-37: Vested joint & survivor								
Males Females Tota								
Total Average annual pension (\$)	502	223	494					
Total number	623	20	643					
Average age (years)	87.9	86.6	87.8					
Average spouse age (years)	84.5	86.1	84.6					
Average continuing percentage	73%	68%	73%					

Table 15 Contract types 50 & 80: Vested certain	
	Total
Average annual pension (\$)	1,237
Number	30
Average certain period (years)	4.2

Table 16 Contract type 60: Vested temporary	
	Total
Average annual pension (\$)	674
Number	3
Average age (years)	62.0
Average period (years)	3.0

Table 17 Contract types 70-79: Vested reducing							
	Total						
Average annual pension (\$)	4,028	6,126	5,077				
Number	3	3	6				
Average reduced annual pension (\$)	2,212	3,507	2,860				
Average age (years)	63.3	58.7	61.0				

B.2 Deferred members at 31 March 2024

Tables 18 and 19 summarize the deferred member data as at 31 March 2024. Each table presents the average annual pension, member count and average age for both genders for each deferred contract type. Table 19 also includes the average guarantee period.

Table 18 Contract types 10: Deferred ordinary life	
	Total
Average annual pension (\$)	3,202
Number	2
Average age (years)	69.0

Table 19 Contract types 21-24: Deferred guaranteed							
Males Females							
Average annual pension (\$)	2,431	971	1,813				
Number	15	11	26				
Average age (years)	63.7	64.0	63.8				
Average guarantee (years)	16.0	14.5	15.4				

B.3 Membership reconciliation

Table 20 Vested membership reconciliation							
Contract types	10-16	21-29	30-37	50&80	60	70-79	Total
Count as at 31 March 2023	13,595	720	756	31	3	10	15,115
Maturities	-	3	-	-	-	1	4
Transfers from/to other contract types	197	(99)	(99)	6	-	(5)	-
Deaths or expired annuities ^a	(1,940)	(12)	(14)	(5)	-	-	(1,971)
Net CRF transfers ^b	(20)	-	-	(2)	-	-	(22)
Adjustment ^c	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Count as at 31 March 2024	11,833	612	643	30	3	6	13,127

a. The 1,971 Deaths or expired annuities are composed of 1,299 group certificates and 672 individual contracts.

c. At the last valuation, the contract was terminated due to the death of the primary annuitant. The contract was reinstated following the discovery of an unknown beneficiary following the termination of the contract.

Table 21 Deferred membership reconciliation	
Count as at 31 March 2023	34
Maturities	(4)
Deaths and refunds	(1)
Net CRF transfers	(1)
Count as at 31 March 2024	28

b. The 22 net CRF transfers are 13 individual and 9 group contracts transferred to the CRF.

Appendix C — Sources of data

C.1 Reports required

The following are the reports used in order to perform the Government Annuities Account valuation. The main reports are provided by ESDC and Service Canada.

C.2 Membership data

VY4741P1: Basic Vested Data

VY5141: Vested Annuitants to be added manually (Records to be completed using report VY4742P1)

GY5642: Basic Deferred Data

Service Canada also provides accurate pension amounts for plans 16, 37, 70-79, and 29, and additional data for plans 50 and 80. This data consists of pension amounts, reduced pension amounts where applicable, date of reduction and date of final payment. Even though the total actuarial liability is taken directly from VY5141 for plans 50 and 80, it must be individually calculated for purposes of gains and losses analysis.

C.3 Asset data

VM3942: Vested benefit payments and maturities by period

GY5646, GM4741, and GM4742: Data related to refunds

Premiums paid are provided by the Annuity Accounting Division of ESDC.

Benefit payments are provided by the Annuity Accounting Division of ESDC.

The monthly VM3942 reports are used to reconcile the Annuity Accounting Division's benefit payments. Ultimately, the Annuity Accounting Division's figures are used for balance sheet purposes. The monthly GM4741 and GM4742 reports are used for group and individual contracts.

C.4 Other data

ESDC also provides balances for suspense accounts (GY5644 and GR3442), refunds in progress (GY5941) and suspended payments (VY5443).

Appendix D — Mortality tables

D.1 Projection of mortality

The mortality assumption is statutory, as stated in section 15 of the Improvement Act and subsection 3(4) of the Regulations. Mortality rates are to follow the Annuity table for 1983, as modified by Projection scale G published in Transactions of the Society of Actuaries, Vol. XXXV (1983), at pages 882 and 883. SOR/97-495, s. 2.

Accordingly, the IAM83 table is used for individual contracts and the GAM83 table is used for group contracts. Both tables are used on sex-distinct basis and are projected for 15 years with Projection scale G. Furthermore, for consistency with the methodology used to develop these mortality tables, the liabilities were calculated based on the annuitants' attained age (age last) at the valuation date.

The following table shows the mortality rates as well as Projection scale G for selected attained ages.

Table 22 Mortality rates										
	GAM83	original	nal IAM83 original Projection scale G		n scale G	GAM83 projected		IAM83 projected		
Age	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
10	0.000293	0.000096	0.000382	0.000141	0.007500	0.012000	0.000262	0.000080	0.000341	0.000118
15	0.000325	0.000140	0.000435	0.000188	0.002200	0.007000	0.000314	0.000126	0.000421	0.000169
20	0.000377	0.000189	0.000505	0.000260	0.001400	0.005000	0.000369	0.000175	0.000494	0.000241
25	0.000464	0.000253	0.000622	0.000349	0.001000	0.006500	0.000457	0.000229	0.000613	0.000316
30	0.000607	0.000342	0.000759	0.000441	0.004900	0.010500	0.000564	0.000292	0.000705	0.000376
35	0.000860	0.000476	0.000917	0.000545	0.015000	0.018500	0.000686	0.000360	0.000731	0.000412
40	0.001238	0.000665	0.001341	0.000742	0.020000	0.022500	0.000914	0.000473	0.000990	0.000527
45	0.002183	0.001010	0.002399	0.001122	0.018500	0.021000	0.001650	0.000735	0.001813	0.000816
50	0.003909	0.001647	0.004057	0.001830	0.017500	0.020000	0.003000	0.001216	0.003113	0.001352
55	0.006131	0.002541	0.005994	0.002891	0.016000	0.018500	0.004813	0.001920	0.004706	0.002185
60	0.009158	0.004241	0.008338	0.004467	0.015000	0.017500	0.007300	0.003254	0.006647	0.003428
65	0.015592	0.007064	0.012851	0.007336	0.015000	0.017500	0.012429	0.005420	0.010244	0.005629
70	0.027530	0.012385	0.021371	0.011697	0.013500	0.017500	0.022452	0.009504	0.017429	0.008976
75	0.044597	0.023992	0.035046	0.020127	0.012500	0.016000	0.036929	0.018836	0.029020	0.015802
80	0.074070	0.042945	0.057026	0.036395	0.012500	0.015000	0.061334	0.034234	0.047220	0.029013
85	0.114836	0.069918	0.090987	0.065518	0.012500	0.015000	0.095090	0.055736	0.075342	0.052228
90	0.166307	0.111750	0.134887	0.113605	0.011000	0.013500	0.140882	0.091139	0.114265	0.092652
95	0.234086	0.182419	0.191214	0.174228	0.010000	0.012500	0.201328	0.151052	0.164455	0.144269
100	0.319185	0.295187	0.270906	0.239215	0.004000	0.005000	0.300561	0.273806	0.255099	0.221888
105	0.469531	0.487816	0.405278	0.353414	0.000000	0.000000	0.469531	0.487816	0.405278	0.353414
110	1.000000	1.000000	0.634814	0.584462	0.000000	0.000000	1.000000	1.000000	0.634814	0.584462

D.2 Life expectancies

The following table shows life expectancies under the above-stated mortality assumption for selected attained ages.

Table 23	Life expectancies (years)	5		
A	Group	Group	Individual	Individual
Age	males	females	males	females
15	65.4	71.8	67.1	72.2
20	60.5	66.8	62.2	67.3
25	55.6	61.9	57.4	62.4
30	50.7	57.0	52.5	57.5
35	45.9	52.1	47.7	52.6
40	41.0	47.2	42.9	47.7
45	36.2	42.3	38.1	42.8
50	31.6	37.5	33.5	38.0
55	27.1	32.7	29.1	33.3
60	22.8	28.1	24.8	28.7
65	18.7	23.6	20.7	24.3
70	15.0	19.3	16.9	20.0
75	11.8	15.3	13.5	16.0
80	9.1	11.9	10.5	12.4
85	7.0	9.1	8.1	9.3
90	5.3	6.6	6.2	6.9
95	4.0	4.6	4.6	5.1
100	2.8	2.9	3.2	3.6
105	1.9	1.9	2.2	2.5
110	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.6

Appendix E — Alternative mortality and discount rate assumptions

E.1 Mortality rates

The experience-adjusted mortality rates are based on the Canada Pension Plan retirement beneficiaries' mortality assumptions, as developed for the 31st Actuarial Report on the Canada Pension Plan as at 31 December 2021. At the last valuation, the same mortality rates were used, but they were adjusted using a 3% load for males and a 4% load for females. The loads to the mortality rates were removed as a result of a mortality study performed on the Account since the last actuarial valuation.

E.2 Discount rates

The annual alternative discount rates used to calculate the liabilities are 3.48% as at 31 March 2024 (based on the yield curve as at 28 March 2024) and 3.05% as at 31 March 2023. They are determined using a yield curve approach. Under this approach, the discount rate corresponds to an equivalent flat discount rate based on a yield curve and the projected cash flows. The yield curve is based on market yields at the end of the reporting period on Government of Canada bonds and treasury bills. The Bank of Canada develops and publishes monthly a yield curve for Government of Canada zero-coupon bonds¹.

E.3 Development of actuarial liabilities

Tables 24, 25 and 26 show the development of actuarial liabilities under the experience-adjusted mortality rates and the alternative discount rates.

·	vested member actuarial li ernative discount rate)	abilities (with experience-	adjusted
		Fiscal year	Fiscal year
		2023 – 2024	2022 – 2023
	Contract type	(\$)	(\$)
Males, ordinary life	10 – 16	26,304,532	30,209,783
Females, ordinary life	10 – 16	17,078,408	18,749,365
Males, guaranteed	21 – 29	7,732,307	9,178,298
Females, guaranteed	21 – 29	4,674,603	5,455,000
Last survivor	30 – 37	2,250,483	2,751,416
Reducing at OAS	70 – 79	342,996	453,582
Annuities certain	50, 80	119,551	176,207
Temporary annuities	60	4,289	6,149
Suspended payments		25,812	31,582
Vested member actuarial liability 58,532,981 67,011,382			

¹ The methodology to develop this yield curve is set out on the Bank of Canada's website (http://www.bankofcanada.ca/2004/12/working-paper-2004-48/).

Table 25	Development of deferred member actuarial liabilities (with experience-adjusted	
	mortality and alternative discount rate)	
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		Fiscal year	Fiscal year
		2023 – 2024	2022 - 2023
	Contract type	(\$)	(\$)
Ordinary life	10	77,147	77,259
Males, guaranteed	21 - 24	509,382	588,483
Females, guaranteed	21 - 24	170,656	281,016
Refunds in process		-	-
Suspense accounts	Account 721	67,235	62,836
Deferred total		824,420	1,009,594

Table 26	Development of actuarial liabilities (with experience-adjusted mortality and
	alternative discount rate)

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	Fiscal year	Fiscal year
	2023 – 2024	2022 – 2023
Vested total	58,532,981	67,011,382
Deferred total	824,420	1,009,594
Total actuarial liabilities	59,357,401	68,020,976

Tables 27 and 28 provide sample experience-adjusted mortality rates at different ages and for different years.

Table 27	Sample mortality	rates – male (expe	rience-adjusted mo	ortality)
Age	2024-25	2034-35	2044-45	2054-55
50	0.002656	0.002379	0.002193	0.002024
55	0.004017	0.003551	0.003271	0.003019
60	0.005016	0.004395	0.004035	0.003717
65	0.010963	0.009667	0.008922	0.008199
70	0.015889	0.013979	0.012872	0.011862
75	0.025129	0.022220	0.020453	0.018886
80	0.043117	0.038201	0.035183	0.032463
85	0.076039	0.066418	0.061158	0.056429
90	0.138173	0.123720	0.116032	0.109032
95	0.236749	0.219380	0.210142	0.201483
100	0.357358	0.340063	0.330676	0.321409
105	0.478824	0.465563	0.458867	0.452530
110	0.592541	0.592971	0.592789	0.592591
115	0.667735	0.667792	0.667928	0.667908
120	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000

Table 28	Sample mortality	/ rates – female (ex	perience-adjusted i	mortality)
Age	2024-25	2034-35	2044-45	2054-55
50	0.001697	0.001527	0.001408	0.001299
55	0.002544	0.002256	0.002079	0.001918
60	0.002837	0.002513	0.002314	0.002134
65	0.006315	0.005659	0.005216	0.004813
70	0.010328	0.009295	0.008571	0.007911
75	0.016972	0.015419	0.014232	0.013130
80	0.030282	0.027599	0.025469	0.023513
85	0.054671	0.048935	0.045113	0.041659
90	0.103133	0.093067	0.087316	0.082052
95	0.183162	0.169871	0.162670	0.155987
100	0.288997	0.273404	0.265667	0.258126
105	0.404089	0.390977	0.385131	0.379672
110	0.526018	0.526465	0.526267	0.526295
115	0.611933	0.611974	0.612006	0.611993
120	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000

The table below presents a reconciliation of the actuarial liability between 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2024.

Table 29	Reconciliation of actuarial liability (with experience-adjusted mortality and alternative discount rates)
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	Fiscal year	Fiscal year
	2023 – 2024	2022 – 2023
Liability as at 1 April	68,020,976	81,557,159
Accrued interest	1,909,770	1,795,032
Premiums	-	-
Reclaimed annuities	4,872	8,967
Annuity payments	(9,825,618) ^a	(11,167,943) ^b
Premium refunds and other	(1,304)	(2,448)
Unclaimed annuities	(106,331)	(17,559)
Change in mortality assumption	1,017,594	(930,967)
Change in discount rates ^c	(1,492,338)	(2,765,661)
Experience and data corrections	(170,220)	(455,604)
Liability as at 1 April	59,357,401	68,020,976

a. Includes annuity and retroactive payments totalling \$3,723 for members recovered from the CRF in fiscal year 2023-2024, and vested commuted value payments of \$21,213.

b. Includes annuity and retroactive payments totalling \$9,181 for members recovered from the CRF in fiscal year 2022-2023, and vested commuted value payments of \$72,814.

c. The discount rate used to calculate liabilities changed from 2.38% in fiscal year 2021-2022 to 3.05% in fiscal year 2022-2023 and 3.48% in fiscal year 2023-2024 based on the yield curve approach.

Tables 30, 31 and 32 below outline the calculation of interest for the 2024 and 2023 fiscal years.

Table 30	Calculation of interest for vested members (with experience-adjusted mortality and alternative interest rates)
	(\$)

***	Fiscal year	Fiscal year
	2023 – 2024	2022 – 2023
Experience adjusted liabilities as at 1 April of prior year	2,043,847	1,902,347
Maturities	5,594	6,564
CRF recoveries	116	34
Annuity payments	(164,470)	(145,044)
Commuted values	(274)	(951)
Transfers to CRF	-	-
Total interest for vested members	1,884,813	1,762,950

Table 31 Calculation of interest for deferred members (with experience-adjusted mortality and alternative interest rates)

(\$)		·
	Fiscal year	Fiscal year
	2023 – 2024	2022 – 2023
Experience adjusted liabilities as at 1 April of prior year	30,793	38,713
Premiums	-	-
CRF recoveries	-	-
Maturities	(5,594)	(6,564)
Refunds	(242)	(67)
Transfers to CRF	-	-
Total deferred members	24,957	32,082

Table 32 Calculation of total interest (with experience-adjusted mortality and alternative interest rates) (\$)		
	Fiscal year	Fiscal year
	2023 – 2024	2022 – 2023
Interest for vested members	1,884,813	1,762,950
Interest for deferred members	24,957	32,082
Total interest	1,909,770	1,795,032

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