Canada's Deleted Spending Records

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> **These tables are the only machine-readable record of how federal spending authority actually moved: which programs got the money, which transfer payments went out the door, which funds crossed between departments, and which came out of Treasury Board's own contingency pots before Parliament ever voted. The Government of Canada deleted them. What it left behind is a PDF of the summary and a catalogue page that still advertises files that no longer exist. The recovered copies are the only way left to check the government's own numbers.**

What each table is for

Organization Summary
What each department is asking Parliament for, broken down by vote. The headline number.

Explanation of Requirements
Why they are asking for more money mid-year. One line per request, naming the initiative.

Listing of Transfer Payments
The named grants and contributions going out the door. Which program, how much.

Expenditures by Purpose (also "by Program or Purpose")
Which actual program the money lands in, rather than which department. This is how you follow money to a purpose instead of a mailbox.

Budgetary Expenditures by Standard Object
What the money is spent on: salaries, professional services, transfer payments, equipment. Spending by category instead of by department.

Statutory Forecasts
Spending already authorized by existing law, so Parliament does not vote on it. Reported for information only. Usually the biggest number in the document.

Transfers between Organizations — discontinued after 2021–22
Money leaving one department's vote and landing in another's. The hardest thing to follow in federal spending, and no longer published at all.

Allocations from Treasury Board Central Votes
Money Treasury Board released from its own pots before Parliament voted on it: contingencies, pay adjustments, carry-forwards. The single most sensitive table in the set.

Horizontal Items
Initiatives funded across several departments at once, grouped so you can see the full cost of one program.

Frozen Allotments in Voted Authorities
Money that was approved but locked and cannot be spent.

Main Estimates vs Supplementary A / B / C. Main Estimates is the budget tabled at the start of the fiscal year. A, B and C are the top-ups tabled in May, November and February. A full year's picture needs Main plus every supplementary round that year.

Open Government catalogue records

Government of Canada Open Government Portal. Each record lists its CSV files by name under the Open Government Licence.

2019–20 A	https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/149db092-2d65-47a6-85ee-e7a510976a6c
2019–20 B	https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/f68918d6-0721-4c48-8542-f2cf5a6d858f
2020–21 A	https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/c534c458-4f16-4010-9166-278fe1b048e4
2020–21 C	https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/986b48fd-dd7f-40b3-a5d3-5781f141b373
2021–22 B	https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/729a8c3d-4b38-43a7-894a-64d69c16c11a
2021–22 C	https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/500ac62f-bd20-4e14-ade5-ba9f4fc3cf78
2022–23 A	https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/e4b7f97b-257a-4ea3-b364-7dfac64992f9
2022–23 B	https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/2271fb97-8136-4e5d-86cd-5d2759f7c568
2023–24 A	https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/c1618876-a48e-41d0-ab30-31d798aaa075
2024–25 A	https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/b03a259f-9d8c-4e95-9ec6-821bafa3a207
2024–25 B	https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/285a0172-379a-495a-b5aa-2dccc84ed960
2025–26 A	https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/fd63ee5d-95b0-4cb8-9416-7c90ac33cffb
2025–26 B	https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/ec676496-a50d-4afa-9a2f-4d97748e79e5
2025–26 C	https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/7d3bcb7b-d7b3-419f-a68f-1df76d045a28
2026–27 A	https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/738d6812-fcce-464f-80ee-0b3decb616cd

No catalogue record was found for **2020–21 B, 2021–22 A, 2022–23 C, 2023–24 B, 2023–24 C**. The 2022–23 A record above has not been independently verified.

Treasury Board pages — the tables are split across separate URLs

The main page carries only three or four download tiles. The rest of the tables each live on their own page, which is why no single page lets you download the full set.

2022–23 C

Main	…/supplementary-estimates-c-2022-23.html
Standard Object	…/supplementary-estimates-c-2022-23/budgetary-expenditures-standard-object.html
Statutory	…/supplementary-estimates-c-2022-23/statutory-forecasts.html
Central Votes	…/supplementary-estimates-c-2022-23/allocations-central-votes.html

2023–24 B

Main	…/supplementary-estimates-b-2023-24.html

By Purpose	.../supplementary-estimates-b-2023-24/expenditures-purpose.html

2024–25 A AND B

A — Main	.../supplementary-estimates-a-2024-25.html
A — Purpose	.../supplementary-estimates-a-2024-25/expenditures-purpose.html
B — Main	.../supplementary-estimates-b-2024-25.html
B — Purpose	.../supplementary-estimates-b-2024-25/expenditures-purpose.html

MASTER INDEX — lists 2022–23 forward only. Everything older was removed.

Index	https://www.canada.ca/en/treasury-board-secretariat/services/planned-government-spending/supplementary-estimates.html

WHAT SURVIVED INSTEAD

Binder 2019–20 A	.../reference-binder-supplementary-estimates-a-2019-20.html
DRR 2021–22	.../2021-22-departmental-results-reports.html
Supp C 2021–22 PDF	.../supplementary-estimates-c-2021-22.pdf

Recovery — Internet Archive

> The files are gone from canada.ca and a 404 also removes them from search results, so searching the filename returns nothing. The only route back in is to already know the exact filename and query the Internet Archive directly. The filenames had to be reconstructed from the catalogue records of the rounds that still had one.

WHY THE NAMES HAD TO BE GUESSED

There is no single naming rule. Two conventions sit side by side in the same folder, and the web page slug does not match its own CSV slug. Guess the wrong form and you get a 404 that looks identical to a file that was never published.

LONG FORM — CARRIES "SUPPLEMENTARY-ESTIMATES" IN THE MIDDLE

```
allocations-central-votes-supplementary-estimates-<letter>-<yy-yy>.csv
statutory-forecasts-supplementary-estimates-<letter>-<yy-yy>.csv
budgetary-expenditures-standard-object-supplementary-estimates-<letter>-<yy-yy>.csv
expenditures-program-purpose-supplementary-estimates-<letter>-<yy-yy>.csv
transfers-between-organizations-supplementary-estimates-<letter>-<yy-yy>.csv
```

SHORT FORM — SKIPS STRAIGHT TO THE ROUND LETTER

```
organization-summary-<letter>-<yy-yy>.csv
explanation-requirements-<letter>-<yy-yy>.csv
listing-transfer-payments-<letter>-<yy-yy>.csv
```

THE SLUG TRAP

```
Web page:  expenditures-purpose.html
CSV file:    expenditures-program-purpose-supplementary-estimates-a-2021-22.csv
```

FOLDER EVERY FILE SITS IN

`https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/tbs-sct/documents/planned-government-spending/supplementary-estimates/`

VERIFIED RECOVERY — SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (A) 2021–22

Advertised at 66 KB on the live Treasury Board page. Captured six times by the Internet Archive between 9 July 2021 and 23 July 2025. Returns 404 at its original address today.

Dead original	.../organization-summary-a-2021-22.csv
Recovered	https://web.archive.org/web/20250723063531id_/https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/tbs-sct/documents/planned-government-spending/supplementary-estimates/organization-summary-a-2021-22.csv

RECOVERY METHOD

- Take the exact filename from a catalogue record that still exists.
- Paste the full canada.ca address into the Internet Archive at `web.archive.org`.
- Open the most recent capture. Adding `id_` after the timestamp returns the raw CSV instead of the archive's wrapper page.
- Full capture list for the whole folder: https://web.archive.org/cdx/search/cdx?url=canada.ca/content/dam/tbs-sct/documents/planned-government-spending/supplementary-estimates*&fl=original,timestamp,statuscode&collapse=urlkey&limit=1000

WHERE THE GOVERNMENT SAYS TO LOOK INSTEAD

GC Web Archive	https://webarchiveweb.bac-lac.canada.ca/
Publications	https://publications.gc.ca/site/eng/9.506079/publication.html

Library and Archives Canada states that under its own Act it collects a **representative sample** of Canadian web content, not a complete record, and does not confirm that it captures downloadable files. The publications catalogue holds one PDF per round. Neither holds the CSVs.