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Open Government

From the Receiver General for Canada Perspective

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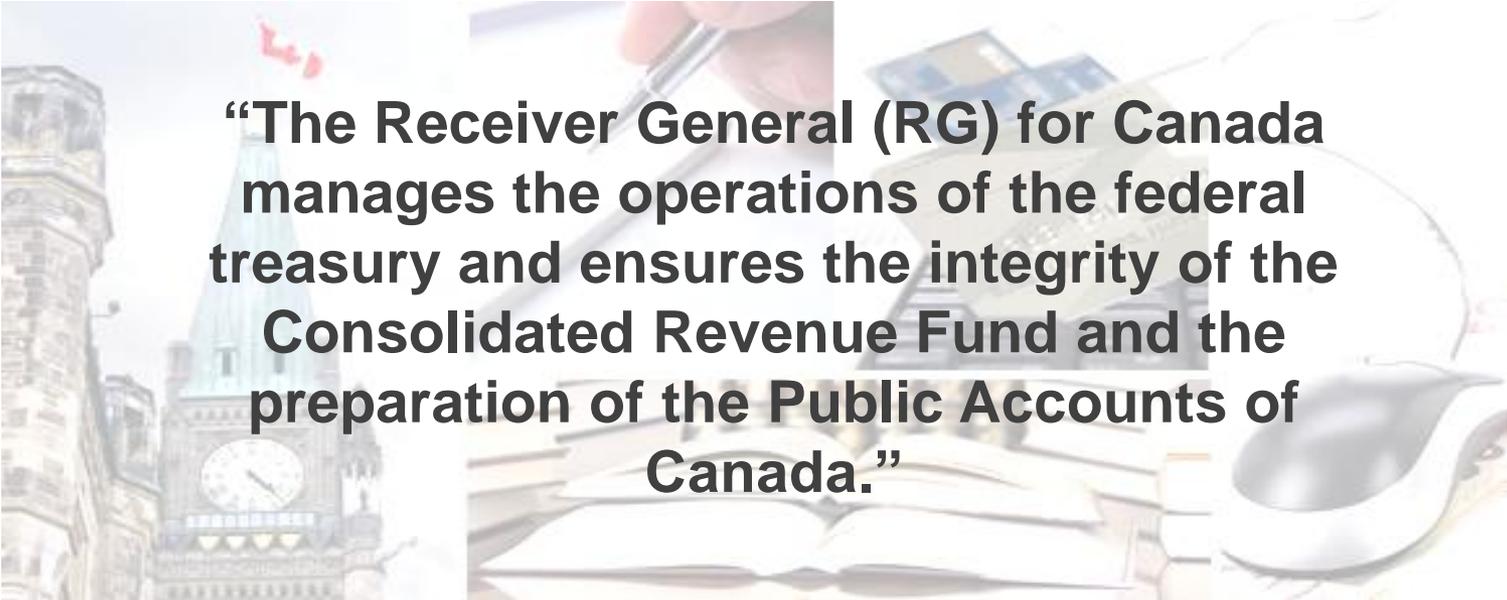


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Receiver General for Canada Mandate



“The Receiver General (RG) for Canada manages the operations of the federal treasury and ensures the integrity of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the preparation of the Public Accounts of Canada.”



Gouvernement of Canada Open Government Initiative

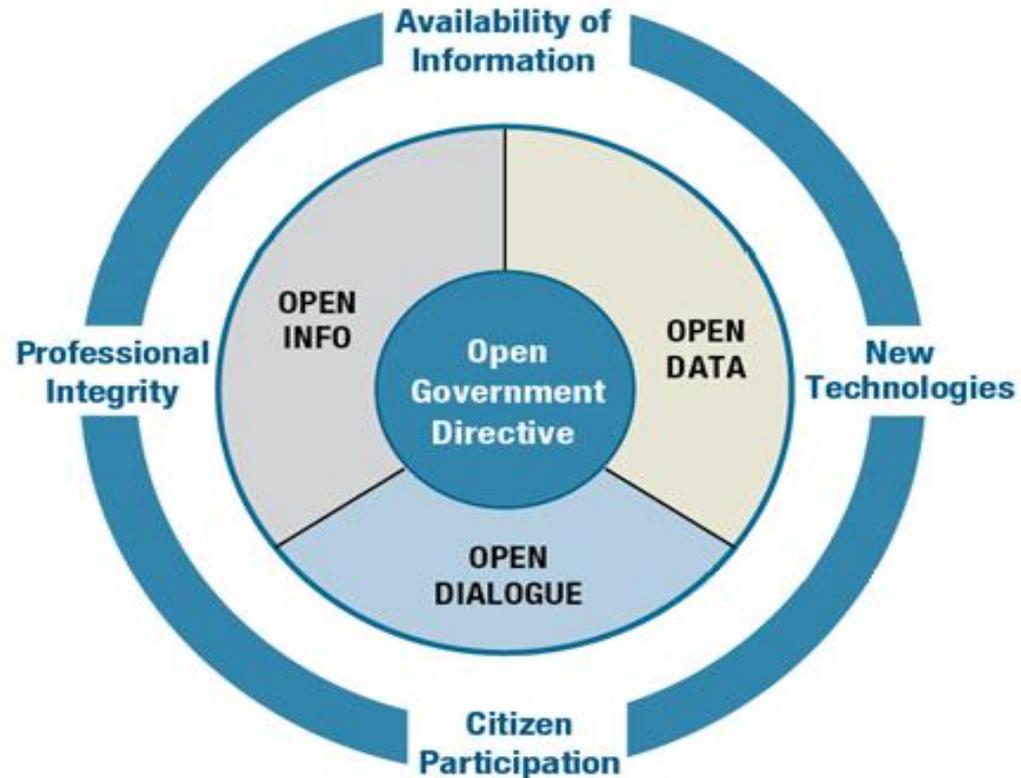


Opportunities for Open Government

- **Increased Openness, Transparency and Accountability**
- **Opportunities to spur innovation, fuel growth, and improve the lives of Canadians**
- **Enhanced Data Analysis and Decision Making**
 - Predictive trend analysis and visualization (i.e. data storytelling) to extract value
 - Breakdown of data silos
 - New and useful products and applications that surpass the initial value of the original data



GC Open Government Action Plan



Global Open Data Index

Canada's Score – 59% in 2014*

Benchmark of Open Data based on ten key datasets in 97 countries

Rank	Dataset	Breakdown	Prev. (2013)	Score
1	National Map		#1 100%	100%
1	Government Budget		#1 100%	100%
1	Election Results		#1 100%	100%
11	Pollutant Emissions		#7 80%	80%
15	Postcodes / Zipcodes		#14 55%	55%
16	Government Spending		#19 10%	10%
22	Legislation		#16 60%	60%
26	Company Register		#16 45%	45%
65	Transport Timetables		#52 0%	0%
85	National Statistics		#50 40%	40%

Canada can improve the ranking of Government Spending!

- Does the data exist?
- Is data in digital form?
- Publicly available?
- Is the data available for free?
- Is the data available online?
- Is the data machine readable?
- Available in bulk?
- Openly licensed?
- Is the data provided on a timely and up to date basis?

*As per the Global Data Index by Open Knowledge: <http://index.okfn.org/place/canada/>

Receiver General for Canada Perspective



RG Open Date Challenges

- **Accessibility of data (format)**
- **Privacy, confidentiality, fragmented data, ownership and security: payment, pay & pension data**
- **Need for common data standards, processes and vocabulary**
- **Ability to extract data from legacy systems on dated technology (e.g. Cobol)**



RG Open Data - Highlights

- Developed an **RG Open Government Action Plan** and comprehensive **inventory of datasets**
- Published 11 Public Accounts of Canada **datasets** on the GC Open Government Portal (2013-2015)



List of the 11 Public Accounts of Canada datasets

Public Accounts of Canada datasets published on the open.gc.ca:

1. Ten Year Comparative Financial Information (11 years: 2004-2014)
2. External Expenses by Segment and by Type (10 years: 2005-2014)
3. Major Transfer Payments by Province and Territory (10 years: 2005-2014)
4. Tangible Capital Assets by Main Custodian Ministries (10 years: 2005-2014)
5. Contractual Obligations (11 years: 2004-2014)
6. Ministerial Expenditures by Standard Object (12 years: 2003-2014)
7. Ministerial Revenues (10 years: 2005-2014)
8. Detailed information on Professional and Special Services (12 years: 2003-2014)
9. Detailed information on Transfer Payments (12 years: 2003-2014)
10. Detailed information on Acquisition of Land, Building and Works (12 years: 2003-2014)
11. Detailed information on Acquisition of Machinery and Equipment (10 years: 2005-2014)



Next Steps for the RG

- **Continue opening data** to the public
- **Continue opening data** within the government
- **Keep abreast of industry and other** sovereign innovations and new treasury and payment trends

