

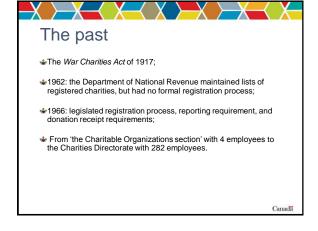
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CHALLENGES IN REGULATING THE CHARITABLE SECTOR: LOOKING BACK AND GOING FORWARD

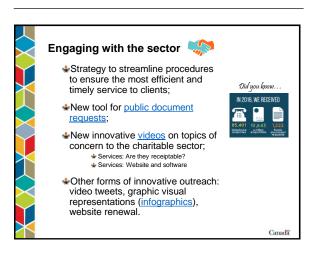
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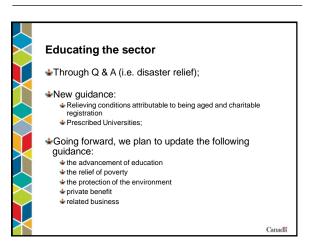












Political activities consultations

What we did to clarify the rules on political activities:

- ♣In-person and online consultations.
 - ★ We received 19,990 submissions from charities and individuals and
 - ★ We met with 167 representatives from the charitable sector.

What we did with the feedback:

Feedback was reviewed by the Consultation Panel on Political Activities of Charities

What we did in response to the Panel's Report:

- Suspension of all remaining audits and objections that were part of the Political Activities Audit Program;
- ♣Currently reviewing the report and preparing a response.

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Protecting charities from terrorist abuse

- Focusing on working to combat support for terrorist financing within charities: Participating in the Financial Action Task Force.
- Working to enhance our public outreach regarding the risk of terrorist abuse in the charitable sector.

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Monitoring charities

- New business intelligence and analytics team to better target audits to cases of serious noncompliance;
- ♣Charity Education Program (CEP)
 - Designed to provide in-person support and information to charities;
 - Visits will involve: information sharing, books and records review, and summary of findings and recommendations;
 - **GEP** ≠ audit;
 - ♣CEP will allow us to:

 - reduce the burden of a full audit on charities where it is not warranted

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International Regulators' conference

Ensures we have a pulse on how charities and regulators abroad are functioning – allows us to remain current and responsive.



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New Strategic planning and program development team

- Goal: ensure that resources are aligned with the right priorities so that day-to-day responsibilities, emerging priorities and long-term program objectives can all be met;
- Ongoing priorities:
 - Identifying strategies to address evolving priorities impacting the future direction of the program;
 - ♣ Drafting a forward looking business plan, setting out the strategic priorities
 - Enhancing consistent program delivery;
 - Identifying the scope of broad-reaching program challenges and providing options for resolution; and
 - Leading innovation projects.

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Challenges

Constitutional framework

- The responsibility for managing the operations of charities falls to provinces and territories;
- Provinces have limited their involvement in regulating charities;
- The federal government deals with aspects of the regulatory regime for charities through its powers of taxation:
- ◆CRA has become the de facto regulator.

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A few items on our agenda for the year ahead (cont'd):

Innovation lab on late filing: ongoing initiatives;

Charities Annual Report;

Social enterprise and revenue generation: working with ESDC and Finance to develop a strategy; and reviewing and updating policy guidance on these topics;

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