



Public Guardian and
Trustee of Manitoba



2014 - 2015 ANNUAL REPORT



**ATTORNEY GENERAL
MINISTER OF JUSTICE**

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Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba
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May it Please Your Honour:

I have the privilege of presenting for the information of Your Honour the Annual Report of the Public Guardian and Trustee Special Operating Agency for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gord Mackintosh".

Honourable Gord Mackintosh
Minister of Justice
Attorney General





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Honourable Gord Mackintosh
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Dear Minister:

I submit for your consideration the Annual Report of the Public Guardian and Trustee Special Operating Agency for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015.

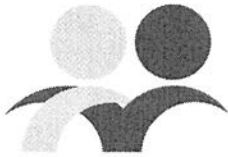
The results of the 2014/15 fiscal year indicate that the SOA continues to be effective in meeting client needs and in its planning for the future.

The Advisory Board is pleased with the success of the Public Guardian and Trustee and encouraged by the ongoing commitment of its employees.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Frederickson
Deputy Minister of Justice and
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Dear Madam:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 36 of *The Public Guardian and Trustee Act* and the requirements of a Special Operating Agency, I submit the Annual Report of the Public Guardian and Trustee for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015.

Yours truly,

Douglas R. Brown
Public Guardian and Trustee



RÉSUMÉ DES RÉALISATIONS EN 2014-2015



Services aux adultes

1. Le tuteur et curateur public a fait des présentations trimestrielles à Brandon, Portage la Prairie et Winnipeg. De plus, il a organisé 22 ateliers à la demande d'organismes publics, de groupes de service, de divers ministères gouvernementaux et du public. En tout, 940 personnes ont assisté à ces présentations et ateliers.
2. Le tuteur et curateur public a ouvert 55 nouveaux REEI (Régime enregistré d'épargne-invalidité) pour des clients, ce qui a porté à 1102 le nombre total de REEI dont ses clients sont titulaires. Les cotisations depuis le lancement du programme en 2008 ont atteint au total 3 225 685 \$, dont 15 933 000 \$ dans des REEI.

Successions et fiducies

3. Le *Manuel sur les successions* a été mis à la disposition du public sur le site Web du tuteur et curateur public ainsi qu'en format papier. Le manuel contient des renseignements à l'intention des personnes qui envisagent de devenir représentant personnel d'une personne décédée.

Administration financière

4. Dans le cadre d'un examen à long terme des systèmes d'information et de technologie, mené en collaboration avec Technologie et transformation opérationnelle, un travail de documentation de haut niveau au sujet des exigences des systèmes a été terminé durant la dernière partie de 2013. Cette documentation a été à l'origine d'une Demande de propositions publiée en 2014-2015. Le soumissionnaire retenu a commencé à élaborer un nouveau plan détaillé visant la création d'un nouveau système d'information et de technologie en 2014-2015.

Services d'enquête

5. Les services d'enquête ont donné suite à 154 demandes de recherche initiale et de procédures d'inventaire pour des clients du tuteur et curateur public résidant à Winnipeg. Les services d'enquête ont répondu à ces demandes en respectant leurs normes de service.

Contentieux

6. Des membres de la Section du contentieux ont participé à plusieurs activités éducatives destinées au public, dont la semaine des testaments, la Journée du droit et d'autres présentations et séminaires publics. Un membre de la Section du contentieux a siégé au comité de révision des Règles de la Cour du Banc de la Reine.

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A.

INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW



Message from the Public Guardian and Trustee

This is the first annual report prepared under *The Public Guardian and Trustee Act* which replaced *The Public Trustee Act* on April 1, 2014. While the changes to the legislation provide increased clarity with respect to what services we provide and our authority to deliver those services, the true core of our ability to carry out our mandate continues to be the commitment of our staff to provide the highest level of service to Manitobans who are in need.

The services provided by the Public Guardian and Trustee are essential to protect the interests of those who cannot act for themselves. We are often called upon to act in difficult and complex situations, often during times of crisis and conflict. The work is both challenging and rewarding.

We are also committed to informing the public by holding educational sessions and by providing information on topics such as powers of attorney, acting for an estate, senior's issues and other topics. I would encourage you to access all of our publications on our website: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/publictrustee/pubs/index.html>

As an organization we continue to promote a supportive and cooperative working environment and are committed to listening to and working with our staff to develop and implement strategies which will help us maintain a high level of service.

We are also committed to maintaining strong communications with the various government departments and outside agencies that provide health and social services to our clients. These connections are essential to ensure all of the needs of our clients can be met.

The Overview section of this annual report is intended to summarize what we do and explain how we are accountable for our actions. More detailed reporting of our operations, reporting on service standards and financial reporting is contained in the remainder of the report.

-Douglas R. Brown
Public Guardian and Trustee

Overview

The Public Guardian and Trustee protects the interests of our clients by providing effective guardian and trustee services in a variety of situations. First established as the Public Trustee on February 1, 1973, we support the needs of approximately 3,472 individuals, 2,137 Estates and Trusts and manage approximately \$248,000,000 in assets.

We become involved through orders issued by a court, appointments under various laws and in some cases when appointed under a will, power of attorney or trust. We are appointed when it is determined there is no one else able or willing to act. We do not have the power to appoint ourselves to act for a client.

When do we act?

We represent our clients in a variety of situations:

- as committee when appointed under *The Mental Health Act*
- as substitute decision maker for adults when appointed under *The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Act*
- responding to requests for psychiatric treatment on behalf of mentally incompetent patients who cannot give consent, and have no one available to give consent
- as litigation guardian when a child or mentally incompetent person has no one available to represent their interests
- administering trust funds for children and adults with mental disabilities
- reviewing proposals to settle a lawsuit or insurance claim on behalf of a child to ensure the settlement is in the best interest of the child
- reviewing court applications made by a member the public who wants to be appointed as a committee
- as attorney under our Power of Attorney program which allows Manitobans who qualify to appoint us as attorney to assist them in the management of their affairs
- we are the Official Administrator and Official Guardian for the province.

As we are appointed to act by others, the services we provide will depend on the type of appointment. We may be responsible for all personal and medical decisions on behalf of a client, or only limited types of decisions. As with any trustee or guardian, when we are appointed we are required to make decisions that otherwise would have been made by the client and be accountable for those decisions.

We manage each client's existing financial resources. We also work closely with a variety of outside agencies to identify and secure funds, accommodations and other services to support our clients.

When we are appointed to act as executor or administrator of a deceased person's estate we gather assets, identify and contact heirs, attend to the payment of debts, and distribute the estate to beneficiaries.

What services do we provide?

While the type of services we provide will vary depending on our role, the types of services we provide include:

- preparing budgets and managing spending
- making and maintaining living arrangements
- managing property, including homes
- paying bills
- managing debts
- accessing services and programs from government and outside agencies
- making personal decisions in consultation with client and family
- managing financial investments
- preparing and filing tax returns
- medical decisions
- locating heirs and administering estates
- managing trust funds
- public education through brochures and seminars.

In order to provide these services we maintain a high level of professional expertise in matters involving accounting, legal and tax matters. We manage a common fund where financial assets of clients are pooled and maintained in a safe and conservative manner. We also delegate the delivery of some services to Regional Health Authorities and other agencies, particularly where an agency is in a position to have and maintain ongoing contact with our client.

We charge fees for our services. Our fees are set at amounts to ensure we are in a position to recover the cost of our operations, which includes the costs associated with providing services to clients with limited resources.

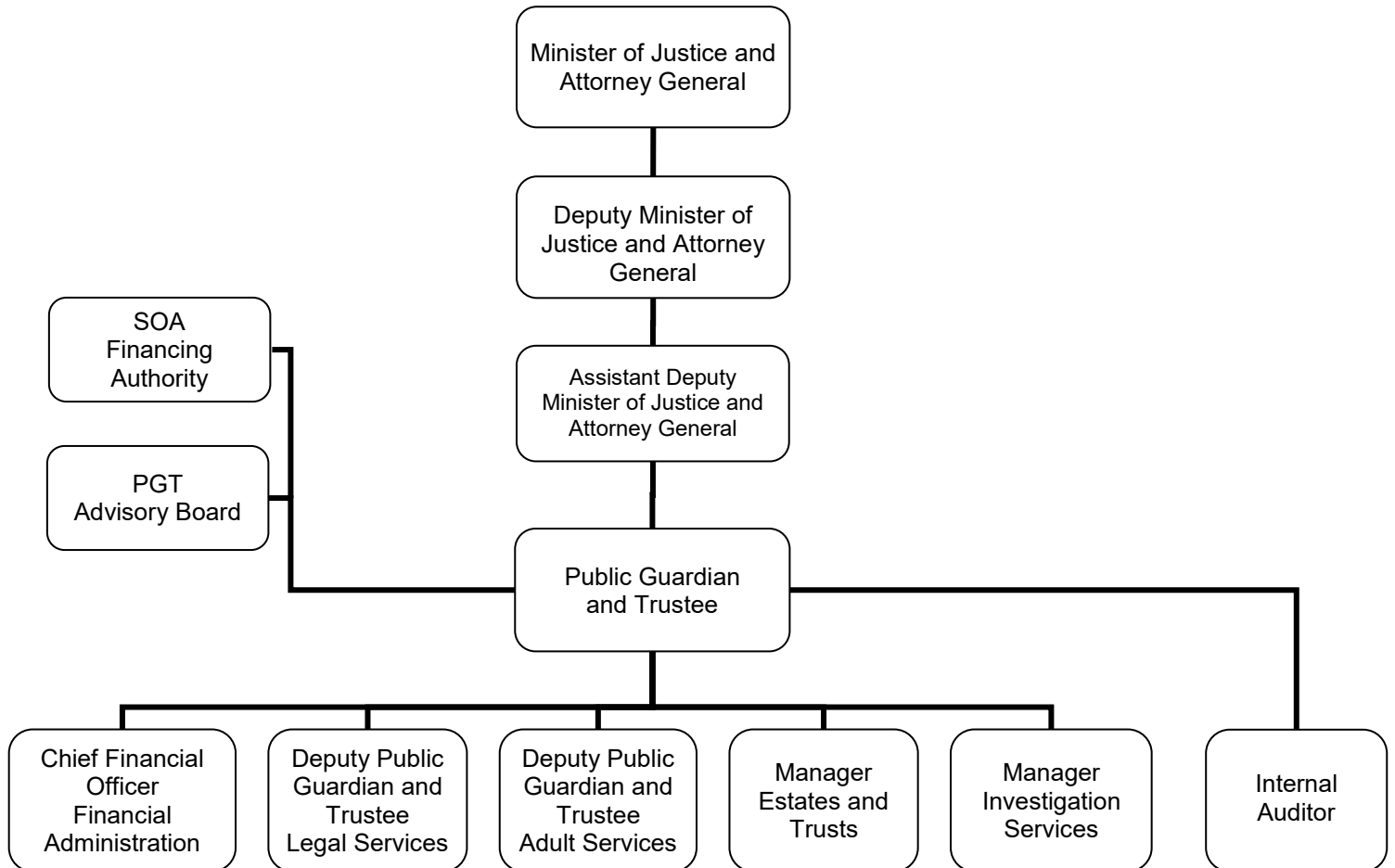
More detailed descriptions of what we do are contained later in this report.

B.

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION



The Public Guardian and Trustee Organization



Organization

The Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) was established as a corporation sole under *The Public Trustee Act* on February 1, 1973. The legal authority for the PGT is currently in *The Public Guardian and Trustee Act* (PGT Act) which came into force on April 1, 2014.

The PGT has a corporate seal and perpetual succession and functions separately from government. It is capable of suing or being sued on behalf of its clients, or the trusts and estates it administers.

The PGT is accountable for its actions in a variety of ways:

- the PGT is a branch of the Department of Justice of the Province of Manitoba and is accountable to the Deputy Minister and the Minister for operational performance.
- the PGT Act requires the Auditor General audit the books and accounts of the PGT. These audits are reported to the Legislature by the Minister of Finance.
- the PGT Act requires an annual report be made to the Minister of Justice which is presented by the Minister to the Legislature.
- as a Special Operating Agency (SOA) under *The Special Operating Agencies Financing Authority Act* (since April 1, 1996) the PGT operates on a full cost recovery (revenue) basis. The PGT is accountable to Treasury Board for its financial performance. As an SOA the PGT operates outside the Consolidated Fund under the Special Operating Agencies Financing Authority, which holds title to PGT assets, provides financing for operations and is responsible for the PGT's liabilities. Accountability is supported by the PGT's compliance with its Operating Charter, transfer agreement, management agreement, applicable General Manual of Administration Policies.
- the PGT has an External Investment Committee available to consult on matters involving the operation of the PGT's common fund. The Common Fund pools financial assets of clients in a cost effective and secure manner.
- the PGT has an Advisory Board.

Advisory Board

The PGT provides a business plan and quarterly reports to its Advisory Board. The Board was established by the PGT Operating Charter for review and consultation on short and long-term strategic planning, management, and operating issues of concern to the private and public sectors. Its members are appointed by the Minister of Justice and it is chaired by the Assistant Deputy Minister. The Board meets quarterly to provide advice to the PGT on its direction, the annual business plan and its financial reporting requirements. As of March 31, 2015 the members of the Board were:

Chair	Julie Frederickson Assistant Deputy Attorney General Manitoba Justice	
Members	Douglas R. Brown Public Guardian and Trustee	ex officio
	Richard Sohor Chief Financial Officer Public Guardian and Trustee	ex officio
	Charlene Paquin Assistant Deputy Minister Family Services and Housing Disability Programs and EIA	Client Representative
	L. Jean Sikomas Senior Will and Estate Planner Estate & Trust Services, STI, PFP Scotia Private Client Group	Private Sector Representative
	Jean Cox Assistant Deputy Minister Regional Programs and Services Manitoba Health	Client Representative
	Allison Hunter Adult Services Administrator Public Guardian and Trustee	Employee Representative

Operations

The PGT provides a variety of services to our clients from offices in Winnipeg and Brandon. In order to service our clients, our staff is organized into operational sections. Each section has a manager who is also part of the senior management team reporting to the PGT.

Senior Management:

Each section has a manager who reports to the PGT. The managers and the PGT form the Senior Management Team which is involved in strategic planning and management of PGT operations.

- Public Guardian and Trustee
- Deputy Public Guardian and Trustee – Adult Services
- Deputy Public Guardian and Trustee – Legal
- Chief Financial Officer
- Manager, Estates and Trusts
- Manager, Investigations

Administration:

The Administration section provides support for all PGT operations. The Administration section is also responsible for the design and implementation of an Internal Audit program which monitors PGT operations.

- Public Guardian and Trustee
- Internal Auditor
- Administrative Assistant

Adult Services:

This section manages the personal and financial affairs of vulnerable persons and mentally incompetent adults.

The Winnipeg office is composed of:

- Deputy Public Guardian and Trustee – Adult Services
- Supervisor, Adult Services
- Adult Services Administrators
- Administrative Assistants
- Estates Administration Clerk

The Brandon office is composed of:

- Adult Services Administrator
- Administrative Assistant

Estates and Trusts:

This section administers deceased estates, adult and childrens' trusts. This section is composed of:

- Manager, Estates and Trusts
- Estates Officers
- Administrative Assistants
- Trust Administration Clerk

Financial Administration:

This section manages the financial administration services for all clients, estates and trusts, the Common Fund, and the revenues and operating budget of the office. This section also manages and maintains information technology systems used by PGT. This section is composed of:

- Chief Financial Officer
- Senior Accountant
- Accountant
- Investment Officer
- Senior Systems Analyst
- Senior Application Developer
- Accounting Staff

Investigation Services:

Investigators work in the community to support the services provided to clients, estates and trusts. Investigators inspect and prepare inventories, make purchases of goods and services required by clients, and other services as required. This section is composed of:

- Manager, Investigation Services
- Investigators
- Chattel Clerk

Legal

The Legal section provides a variety of legal services for PGT clients, estates and trusts. This includes representation in court, the conduct of real estate and other legal transactions, and providing legal advice as required. The Legal section is also asked by courts to provide advice on matters before the court. Legal Counsel also provides legal advice to the PGT. This section is composed of:

- Senior Counsel
- Legal Counsel
- Administrative Assistants

C.

SERVICES



Adult Services

The Adult Services section has several functions.

1. **Committee of people who have been found incapable of managing their own property or personal decisions pursuant to *The Mental Health Act*.**

There are three ways the PGT may be appointed as committee:

a) By an *Order of Committeeship* issued by the Director of Psychiatric Services

This is an administrative process that does not require a court order. The process begins when a medical professional, social worker, or other interested person identifies a need for the PGT's involvement as committee for a mentally incompetent person. The person is examined by a physician. If the physician agrees that the person is mentally incompetent and requires the services of the PGT, a Certificate of Incapacity is completed, and sent with background information about the person to the Director of Psychiatric Services for Manitoba.

The Director of Psychiatric Services gives notice to the person and involved family that he is considering issuing an Order of Committeeship. They then have an opportunity to object in writing. The Director may also request further information, or meet with interested persons. He will consider any objections together with all information received, and make a decision whether or not to issue an Order of Committeeship.

If the Order of Committeeship is issued, the PGT is appointed to manage the person's personal and financial affairs until the person is declared mentally competent, or The Court of Queen's Bench makes an order removing the PGT.

The appointment of the PGT as committee pursuant to an Order of Committeeship is always an appointment of last resort, where there is no one else willing, able or suitable to act, and there is a demonstrated need for the appointment.

b) By a *Certificate of Incompetence to Manage Property* issued for a patient in a psychiatric facility

Upon admission to a psychiatric facility, a patient is examined by a physician to determine whether the patient is able to manage his or her financial affairs. If not, the physician completes a certificate appointing the PGT to manage the financial affairs while the patient remains in hospital. Upon the person's discharge from hospital, the PGT's jurisdiction as committee ends.

c) By an *Order of The Court of Queen's Bench*

The Court of Queen's Bench may grant an order appointing the PGT as committee of property and personal care. This may happen when the court is not satisfied that a private applicant for committeeship is a suitable person to be appointed, or where an existing committee is no longer willing, able or suitable to act, and there is no one else the court can appoint. The PGT's appointment continues unless or until the court makes an order removing the PGT as committee.

- 2. Provides consent (or refusal) to psychiatric or medical treatment for patients in psychiatric facilities who have been declared by their doctor to be incapable of providing informed consent on their own and have no family who can consent for them.**

Upon admission to a psychiatric facility, patients are examined by a physician to determine whether or not they are capable of consenting or refusing to consent to medical or psychiatric treatment. If not, a Certificate of Incompetence to Make Treatment Decisions is completed. If there is no proxy appointed in a Health Care Directive, no court appointed committee or family members willing, suitable or able to give substituted consent to treatment, the PGT will be asked to make treatment decisions for the patient.

The PGT's authority to make treatment decisions lasts only until the person becomes capable of making the decisions or is discharged from the psychiatric facility, whichever happens first.

- 3. Acts as Substitute Decision Maker (SDM) for people who have been found incapable of managing their own property or personal decisions under *The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Act*.**

The PGT may be appointed by the Vulnerable Persons Commissioner (VPC) as SDM for adults living with a mental disability. The process begins when a person applies to the VPC for the appointment of an SDM for property and/or personal care of a person who falls within the jurisdiction of *The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Act*. The person, family and other interested persons receive notice of the application, and have the right to appear before a hearing panel.

The hearing panel's duty is to decide if a SDM is necessary, and if so, what authority it should have. After hearing all the information from interested parties, the hearing panel makes a recommendation to the VPC. If the VPC is satisfied that a SDM is required, and there is no one else willing, able or suitable to act, the VPC may appoint the PGT. The appointment will clearly state what authority the PGT has, and how long the authority lasts, to a maximum of five years. The VPC will only appoint the PGT as SDM as a last resort, and will only grant authority to make decisions in areas where there is a demonstrated need.

- 4. Acts as attorney pursuant to an enduring power of attorney given to the PGT by a mentally competent adult.**

The PGT has discretion to accept powers of attorney from mentally competent Manitobans who have estates of \$250,000 or less, and who require assistance administering their financial affairs. The PGT's authority continues until the donor revokes the power of attorney, the PGT is appointed as committee, or the donor dies.

5. Delegation of Authority

As of March 31, 2015, the PGT acted as committee, SDM or attorney for 3,402 adult clients. It is not possible for staff to meet with or provide direct service to each of these clients. As a result, the PGT delegates certain authority to:

- a) Manitoba Family Services. Specifically the delegation is to the Executive Director of Disability Programs, the Executive Director of Winnipeg Services or the Executive Director of Rural and Northern Services. This does not include clients in Manitoba Developmental Centre (see (b) below) or St. Amant. The PGT provides services directly to clients at St. Amant with the assistance of social workers and other St. Amant staff;
- b) Manitoba Developmental Centre (MDC). Delegated authority to MDC is limited to minor medical procedures and authority to apply to a Justice for an order for apprehension of a resident who has absconded from the centre.
- c) the Regional Health Authority where the client resides. However, if a client resides in a personal care home in Brandon or Winnipeg, there is no delegation of authority. Authority is also not delegated for clients in psychiatric facilities, including Selkirk Mental Health Centre. In those cases, the PGT provides services directly to the client with the assistance of the personal care home or psychiatric facility social worker or other appropriate staff member.

Delegated Decisions

1. Identify and facilitate appropriate residence;
2. Identify and facilitate appropriate day services;
3. Facilitate the provision of regular medical and dental care;
4. Facilitate the planning of leisure time for the person;
5. Coordinate the provision of individual support services;
6. Communicate with the person's family members;
7. Monitor and/or oversee the management of personal allowances in accordance with the Department of Family Services' policy on Management of Personal Funds of Clients in the Community; and
8. Apply for and enforce an Order of Apprehension pursuant to s.62 of *The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Act*.

Decisions not Delegated

1. Administration of financial affairs, including the filing of income tax returns, applying for pensions and other financial benefits, and estate planning;
2. Administration of legal affairs;
3. Consent to psychiatric or medical treatment;
4. Consent to release contents of confidential files or clinical records and
5. Decisions affecting the person's human rights.

Estates and Trusts

The Estates and Trusts section has two major functions.

1. Administers estates of persons who die in Manitoba where there is no one willing, able or suitable to administer their estates.

The PGT is an administrator of last resort, and does not actively seek to administer estates. However, the PGT may administer an estate in the following circumstances:

- a) Upon a court order to do so where:
 - the deceased has no family in Manitoba willing, able or suitable to act as administrator;
 - there is a dispute among various parties as to who should act as administrator; or
 - the executors named in the will are unwilling, unable or unsuitable to act.
- b) Upon the death of a client for whom the PGT acted as committee or SDM. The PGT has limited authority to continue acting until a personal representative is appointed by the court to administer the estate; or
- c) When the PGT is named as executor in a will.

The PGT's duty as executor or administrator is to properly gather in the estate assets, pay debts and distribute the estate to those entitled in accordance with the will or the laws of Manitoba.

2. Administers Trusts for Children

The PGT administers trusts when required by court order or legislation. Although there are many reasons why the PGT may be appointed to manage a trust for a child, some common reasons are as follows:

- A court ordered payment, settlement or insurance payment for a child. This may result from personal injury, death of a parent or family member, or if a child is the victim of a crime;
- A child is named as beneficiary of a registered investment, pension or life insurance policy or receives some other benefit or windfall, and there is no person authorized to manage the funds during the child's minority; or
- A child is a beneficiary or heir of an estate and there is no trustee to administer the assets during the child's minority.

The PGT's duty as trustee of childrens' trusts is to protect the trust assets and to ensure they are properly invested and disbursed in accordance with the trust instrument or applicable legislation.

Public Education

The PGT recognizes the importance of providing the public with information about what we do, as well as general information to assist the public.

Speaking Engagements

The PGT conducts a variety of educational sessions on various topics to agencies, service groups, government departments and the general public. Some of these sessions are intended to provide information about our role, while others provide more general information on topics such as wills, estates and Power of Attorney.

Publications

The PGT has a number of publications available. All our publications are available in English and French at the following link on the PGT website:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/publictrustee/pubs/index.html>.

Information for the General Public

1. The Committeeship Guidebook

This booklet provides general guidance to private committees on their duties and responsibilities. It also provides examples of the required accounting as well as opening and closing inventories.

2. Enduring Powers of Attorney Guidebook

This is a detailed guidebook for anyone considering acting as an attorney under a power of attorney outlining the responsibilities and duties of an attorney together with a sample accounting.

3. A Legal Guide for Seniors

The PGT co-operated with the Manitoba Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat in a booklet providing estate planning information for seniors.

4. Deceased Estates Handbook

This is a detailed guidebook for the public about what to do when someone dies and there is an estate to administer.

Information about the Public Guardian and Trustee Services

1. A Client Guide to the Public Guardian and Trustee's Client Administration Section

This comprehensive guidebook was developed for clients of the PGT, their families and care providers. It provides information in a user-friendly format about the roles and services provided to adult clients of the PGT.

2. The Public Guardian and Trustee Fee Brochure

This brochure details the fees charged for the services provided by the PGT.

3. The Powers of Attorney Pamphlet

This pamphlet outlines the services the PGT provides when we agree to act as attorney under powers of attorney. It also includes the fee brochure and details of how the power of attorney document will be reviewed and signed.

4. Deceased Estates

This is a detailed pamphlet in a question-and-answer format which outlines standard information regarding the PGT's services in administering deceased estates.

5. Childrens' Trusts

This is a detailed pamphlet in a question and answer format which outlines standard information regarding the PGT's services in administering childrens' trusts.

6. Childrens' Trusts Education Program

This program includes a video entitled "Trust" used as an educational tool for young adults who are about to receive money from a trust. In addition, we have six pamphlets and one quiz on the following subjects:

- Banking 101;
- Budgeting;
- Cost of Living;
- Credit & Credit Cards;
- Goal Setting;
- Investment Options; and
- Quiz: How are you with Money?

D.

PERFORMANCE REPORTS



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Adult Services

1. Speaking Engagements

The PGT conducts quarterly education seminars. Presentations are also made by the PGT at the request of agencies, service groups, various government departments and the general public. The presentations made during the year were:

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>No. of Registrants</u>
Telehealth - Case Studies-		
Understanding the Role of the PGT	Steinbach – Bethesda Place PCH	39
Role of the PGT - Adult Services	Winnipeg WRHA – Home Care In-service	40
Capacity	Winnipeg – Manitoba Bar Assc.	40
New PG&T Act	Judges - QB, Court of Appeal and Masters	30
Role of the PGT	Portage la Prairie – CSW's	20
Role of the PGT - Adult Services	Selkirk - Interlake/Eastman RHA-CMH & HC	40
Powers of Attorney	Winnipeg – Red River College	44
Role of the PGT - Adult Services	Winnipeg – WRHA - Home Care In-service	40
Capacity	Winnipeg – Age and Opportunity	35
Financial Management	Quarterly Seminar – Brandon	69
Role of the PGT	Winnipeg – WRHA - Home Care In-service	20
Role of the PGT – Adult Services & SDM	Winnipeg – Family Services – CSW, CMHW & HC	28
Wills and Estates	Winnipeg – Faculty of Law - University of MB	40
Financial Management	Quarterly Seminar – Portage la Prairie	40
Role of the PGT - Adult Services	Winnipeg – WRHA - Home Care In-service	37
Role of the PGT - Committeeship	Winnipeg – Grace Hospital	20
Financial Abuse	Winnipeg – MB Health Appeal Board	15
Psychiatrists - Role of PGT	Winnipeg – HSC -Psych Health	20
Workers - Meet and Greet	Winnipeg – WHRA - Hargrave	30
CSW Meet and Greet	Winnipeg – River Heights/Fort Garry CLDS	8
Public - Capacity	Winnipeg – Elder Abuse - Millenium Library	10
Financial Management	Quarterly Seminar – Winnipeg – Union Centre	125
Capacity	Winnipeg – 496 Hargrave	8
Role of PGT (using WRHA presentation)	Winnipeg – 425 Elgin Ave	15
Case Studies - Understanding the Role of the PGT	Quarterly Seminar – Winnipeg – Union Centre	124
Mental Health Psyc Nursing students - Role of PGT	Brandon	3
Total		940

2. Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP)

Registered Disability Savings Plans (RDSPs) provide for bonds and grants payable by the Federal Government to eligible disabled individuals. Eligible individuals are entitled to an annual bond of \$1,000 until they reach 49 years of age, to a maximum payment of \$20,000.

In addition, individuals who make annual contributions to his or her RDSP will receive Federal grants of three times the contribution, to an annual maximum of \$3,500 and a lifetime maximum of \$70,000.

In 2014/15, the PGT opened 55 new RDSP accounts for clients, bringing the total number of RDSPs held by PGT clients to 1,102. Contributions since inception of the program total \$3,225,685.00, with a total of \$15,933,000.00 being held in RDSPs.

3. Adult Services Section – Activity for Year Ending March 31, 2015

The Adult Services section continues to provide a variety of services to a significant number of clients.

	March 31, 2014	Files Opened in Year	Files Closed in Year	March 31, 2015 End of Year
Assets under Administration * (\$000's)	\$ 153,970			\$160,549
Number of Clients	3,402	446	376	3,472

*Note: Assets under Administration are shown at values recorded on the client accounts and not as presented in the financial statements (see Notes 2. d) of the Estates and Trusts financial statements).

Estates and Trusts

1. Deceased Estate Handbook

The Deceased Estate Handbook was completed and made available for distribution to the public on the PGT's website as well as in hard copy during 2014/2015. This booklet provides information to individuals who are considering acting as personal representative of a deceased estate.

2. Estates and Trusts Section – Activity for the year ending March 31, 2015

	March 31, 2014	Files Opened in Year	Files Closed in Year	March 31, 2015 End of Year
Assets Under Administration * (\$000's)	\$84,493			\$87,474
Deceased Estates	237	78	92	223
Childrens' Trust	1,281	144	189	1,236
Adults Trust	537	192	51	678

*Note: Assets under Administration are shown at values recorded on the client accounts and not as presented in the financial statements (see Notes 2. d) in *Notes to Financial Statements*).

Financial Administration

1. Systems Requirements and Changes

In continuing with the information and technology systems review process, a Request for Proposal was distributed for the scoping phase of the project in mid-2014. Online Business Solutions was selected as the successful candidate, and the scoping phase officially started in February 2015. This process was expected to complete in June, 2015.

2. Internal Control Improvements

As part of an ongoing process to enhance internal controls throughout the organization, financial administration has focused on improved communication with all departments. As a result internal controls and workflow have improved

3. Systems Enhancements

As the system review is still ongoing, enhancements were very few and limited to interfacing with external providers. A new venture with Manitoba Health was started in early 2015 to transmit residential charges information electronically. Similarly, Service Canada has started providing CPP deposit information in digital formats, and ISM was updated to import this information to populate expected receipts.

4. Financial Administration Section – Activity for the year ending March 31, 2015

Magnitude (\$000's)	2013/14	2014/15
Total Assets under Administration *	\$238,951	\$248,668
Receipts for year	\$ 122,983	\$131,919
Disbursements for year	\$123,698	\$127,674
Total Accounts/Files	5,800	5,953
Total Financial Transactions	365,595	376,839

*Note: Assets under Administration are shown at values recorded on the client accounts and not as presented in the financial statements (see Notes 2. d) in *Notes to Financial Statements*).

Investigation Services

In 2014-2015 the Investigation Services section received 154 requests to complete initial Search and Inventory procedures of residences for PGT clients residing in Winnipeg. There were 153 requests last fiscal year.

The performance target states that Investigation Services will complete Winnipeg Search and Inventory procedures within seven days of being assigned. The goal is that a minimum of 80% of the requests will meet this target. 131 of the 154 procedures were completed within the 7-day target; this represents 85.1% of the initial Search and Inventory procedure assignments for clients residing in Winnipeg.

Legal

1. Public Education

Members of the Legal Department participated in several public education events, including Will Week, Law Day and other public presentations and seminars. A member of the Legal Department served on the Queen's Bench Rules Review Committee.

2. Legal Section – Activity for the year ending March 31, 2015

	March 31, 2014	Files Opened in Year	Files Closed in Year	March 31, 2015 End of Year
Number of Files at beginning of year	365	330	397	344

Business Plan Goals

Each year in the Business Plan, the PGT identifies long and short-term business goals. The long-term goals are global and ongoing and do not require specific reporting. The short-term goals are specific and change every year. A report on those goals follows below.

Long-Term Business Goals

1. To efficiently and effectively provide a service for a fee to the people of Manitoba by:
 - administering property, and where required, making personal decisions on behalf of people who are not mentally capable of doing so;
 - administering property for people who have granted a power of attorney to the PGT;
 - administering the estates of people who have died in Manitoba with no one capable or willing to act as administrator;
 - administering trust monies on behalf of children and administering testamentary and *inter vivos* trusts;
 - supporting all of these functions with legal, financial and accounting expertise; and
 - fulfilling additional roles pursuant to legislation or as ordered by the court.
2. To enhance the level of service provided to the clients, estates and trusts administered by the PGT.
3. To ensure the efficient use of resources by reviewing administrative policies and procedures and the financial results in our service and support areas.
4. To improve communication with all individuals and agencies with whom we have contact, and with the general public.
5. To approach recovery of the allocated costs of operations.

Short-Term Business Goals

1. **To continue education seminars throughout the province regarding services offered by the Agency's Adult Services Section and related topics of interest to stakeholders and the community at large.**

During 2014/15, the PGT held 4 public education sessions.

Particulars of the seminars held in 2014/15 are contained in the chart below.

Participants in the seminars were asked to evaluate the content and format of the presentation. The data from the questionnaires was analyzed to provide an objective assessment of the seminars. This analysis is used to fine tune or otherwise adjust the quality and frequency of the seminars.

The participants were asked to rate various aspects of the seminars, including the quality of the presentations, materials and locations. The participants were asked to use ratings from 1 to 5, with 1 showing the lowest level of satisfaction, and 5 showing the highest level. A summary of the average rating for each seminar is included in Column 4 in the chart below.

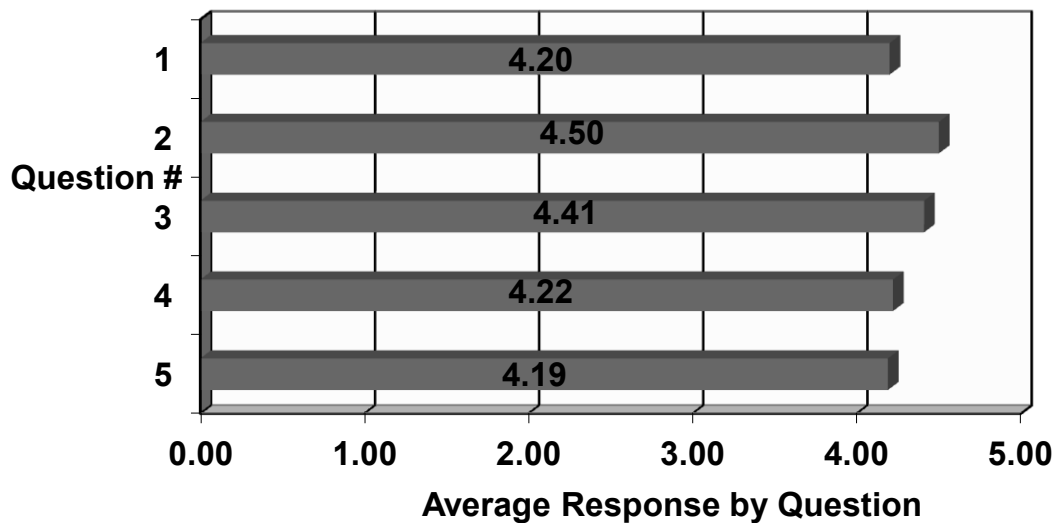
Date	Topic	Location	Number of Respondents	Average Seminar Rating out of 5
June 25/14	Financial Management	Brandon	53 of 69 registrants	4.40
Nov. 4/14	Financial Management	Portage la Prairie	22 of 40 registrants	3.89
Jan. 28/15	Financial Management	Winnipeg	57 of 125 registrants	4.64
March 5/15	Case Studies – Understanding the Role of the PGT	Winnipeg	42 of 124 registrants	4.28
Total			174 of 358 registrants	4.30

The overall ratings for all seminars, and the questions asked in the evaluation form are set out on the following page.

2014/15 Quarterly Information Sessions

Total Attendees - 358

Total Respondents - 174



Questions:

1. I received the information I needed on the topic of the seminar;
2. The information was provided clearly and in an understandable manner;
3. There was sufficient opportunity for me to ask questions;
4. My questions were answered clearly and to my satisfaction; and
5. The format of the informational session met my needs.

2. **Continue the work currently underway to replace the Agency's existing mainframe information management application at ISM. This involves completion of the scoping phase of the project which will provide the information necessary to make the decision whether to proceed with the building of a new system ("systems project").**

A Request for Proposals was issued to identify a vender to prepare a report setting out the requirements necessary to replace the PGT's current Information and Technology System. The RFP process was completed in second quarter of 2014/15. The successful bidder began its work on the report in the fourth quarter of 2014/15.

3. **In conjunction with the systems project, to examine workflow to determine whether changes can be made to increase efficiency.**

The systems report will include a detailed review of the PGT's processes. Following receipt of the report in 2015/16, the PGT will use this information to identify potential operational efficiencies.

4. **To set a new performance measure for the payout of deceased estates based on the number of days between receipt of all signed releases from heirs or beneficiaries and payment to them of their entitlement.**

A performance measure targeting 90% of deceased estates being paid out within 15 days of receipt of signed releases was established.

5. **To ensure that the PGT maintains the delivery of its deceased administration services in a cost effective and efficient manner by tracking baseline data to measure performance reflected by the number of applications to Court of Queen's Bench for estate administration that are accepted by the court on initial submission.**

A performance measure targeting 85% of applications to Court of Queen's Bench being accepted on initial submission was established.

Employee Training

Training opportunities and information sessions are presented to employees. These sessions take place between September and June. They include topics of relevance to employees, and are presented by internal or external presenters. The topics presented in 2014/15 were:

MONTH	TOPICS
April 2014	Yearly Blanket Insurance Review
May 2014	The PGT's Business Plan
June 2014	Non-violent Crisis Intervention Training
June 2014	Fire Warden Training
October 2014	Internal Fraud & Internal Controls
October 2014	Death and Taxes
November 2014	PGT Fees
November 2014	Introduction to Risk Management
December 2014	Real Estate
January 2015	MANDT Training
February 2015	Bankruptcies

Employees are also encouraged to participate in training opportunities available from government agencies and outside providers to further professional development.

Performance Framework

Adult Services

1. Objective:

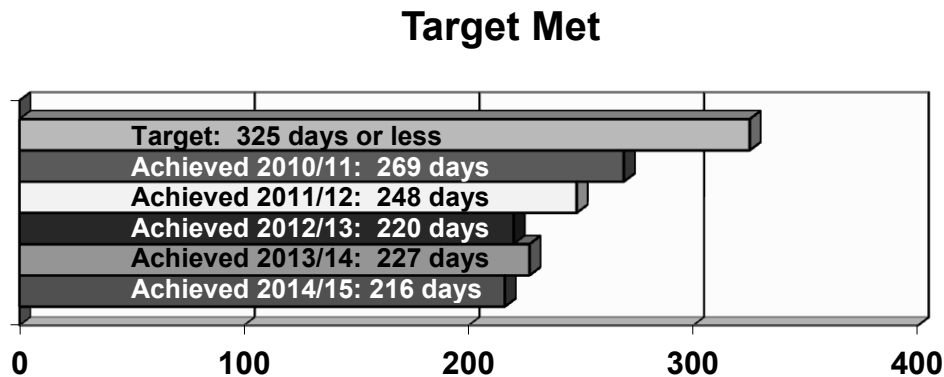
Estates of former clients will be paid out to the executor or administrator in a timely manner.

When a client dies, the PGT retains authority over the estate of the client until the estate is paid out to an executor or administrator. During this period of time, the estate is managed by a Deceased Estates Clerk.

This performance measure may be affected by third party actions which the PGT cannot control. However, we believe that a general performance target can be set for this activity which is reflective of active due diligence by the PGT.

Performance Target:

To close deceased client files at a rate each year which reflects an average of 325 days or less.



2. Objective:

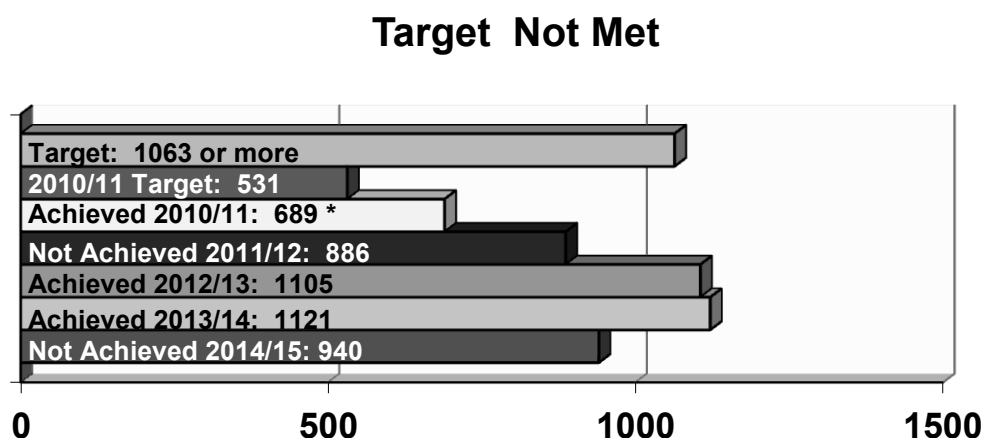
To ensure that information regarding the PGT's programs and services is disseminated appropriately through the community.

The PGT's programs and services are critical to a certain segment of society's functioning. Its programs and services are not widely understood by the general public and we realize that even stakeholders and service providers in the field need regular education about the PGT's programming and such topics as financial abuse, services for vulnerable adults, etc.

Performance Target:

To maintain the number of persons who are educated with respect to the PGT at 1,063 people.

In 2014/15, the PGT held 4 regular seminars and presented at several additional programs (see page 19 for details). These programs were attended by 940 people.



*Note: The target for 2010/11 year was 531.

3. Objective:

To ensure that we maintain contact with our clients and service providers in the community, personal care homes, developmental centres, and mental health centres.

Targets have been established for the minimum number of visits each client administration officer is to make to clients in the community, in personal care homes, developmental centres and mental health centres.

The target number is calculated based on the number of clients in a year and the number of different facilities and types of residences. The target will change each year. In determining the performance target, we took into account only the minimum number of visits made by each Adult Services Administrator rather than the total number of visits made. This ensures that performance for each Adult Services Administrator is measured rather than the total of all.

Failure to complete 100% of the target number of visits is a result of periodic vacancies in Adult Services Administrator positions.

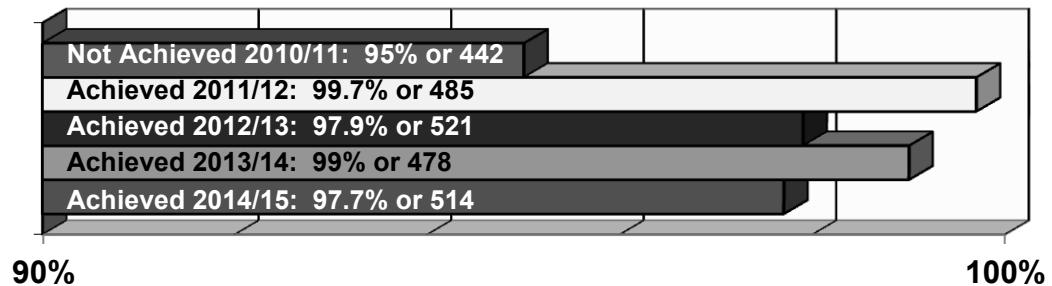
We possess the following information in this area:

Year	Target Number of Visits Required	Number Made	Percentage
2010/11	464	442	95%
2011/12	500	485	97.7
2012/13	525	521	97.9%
2013/14	482	478	99%
2014/15	526	514	97.7%

Performance Target:

Adult Services Administrators will complete at least 97% of the target number of visits to clients in each year.

Target Met



4. Objective:

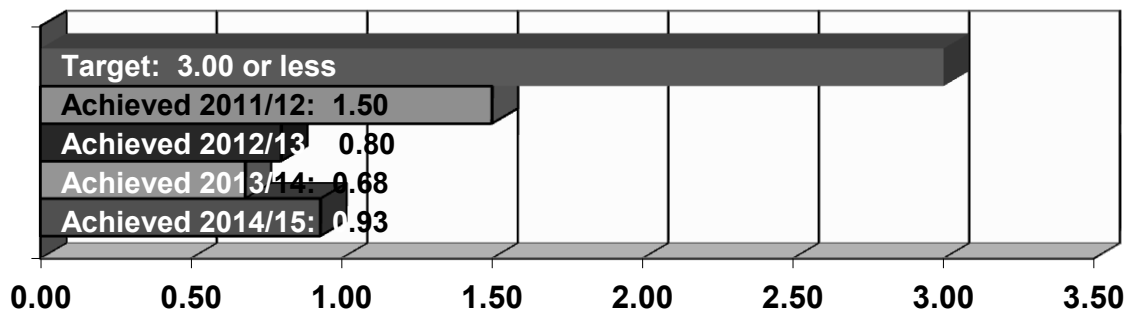
Adult clients will begin receiving management and protective services from The PGT in a timely manner after receipt by the PGT of authority to act.

This information is important to ensure that files for adult clients are assigned in a timely manner after authorizing documentation is received. This ensures that clients receive the management and protective services that the PGT provides as soon as possible after the need is identified.

Performance Target:

Client Administration files will be assigned to an Adult Services Administrator within an average of 3 days from receipt of authorizing documentation.

Target Met



5. Objective:

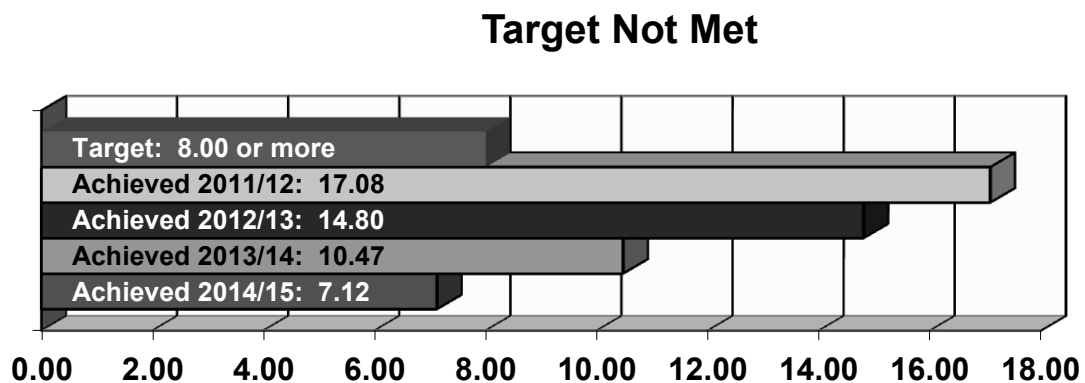
Adult Services employees will receive ongoing training and education on relevant topics to ensure they are able to provide a high quality of service to clients.

This is important to ensure employees are kept up-to-date with current information and trends related to their work.

Ongoing training also leads to enhanced service delivery, and assists with risk management.

Performance Target:

Adult Services employees will receive an average of at least 8 hours per employee of employment related training and education per year.



Estates and Trusts

1. Objective:

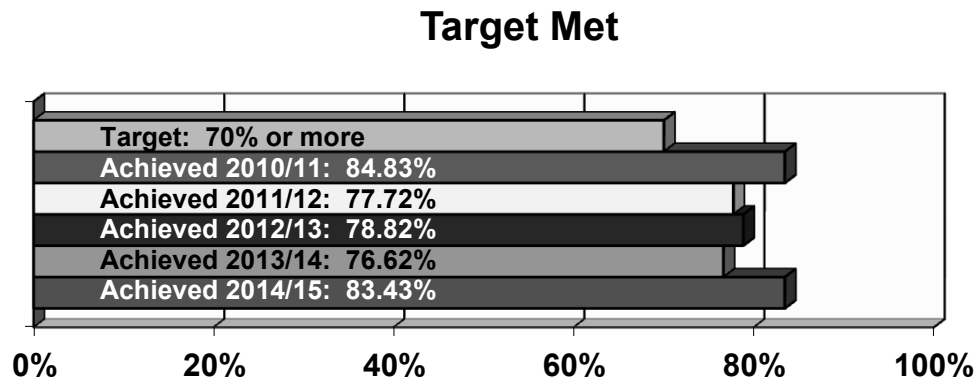
Childrens' trusts will be paid out in a timely fashion upon children achieving the age of majority.

The PGT seeks to pay out childrens' trusts as soon as possible after a child achieves age of majority.

a) Performance Target:

To payout 70% of childrens' trusts within 21 days of the child achieving the age of majority.

The PGT paid out 181 childrens' trusts in 2014/15. The service level was met in 151 cases or 83.43%.



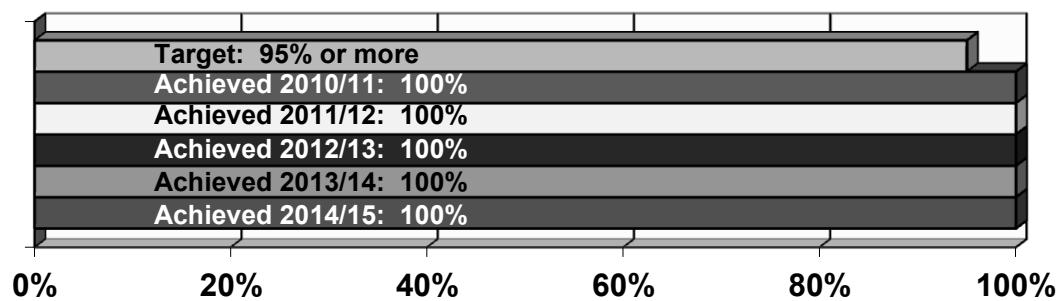
b) Performance Target:

To payout 95% of childrens' trusts within 5 business days of receiving all necessary documentation from third parties.

In 100% of cases, once the proper documentation was received, payout was made within 5 business days.

The PGT began to offer direct deposit services to individuals during fiscal 2014/2015. In addition to improved customer service, this has reduced the need for young adults to use costly cheque cashing companies, especially in communities where access to local financial institutions is limited or non-existent.

Target Met



2. Objective:

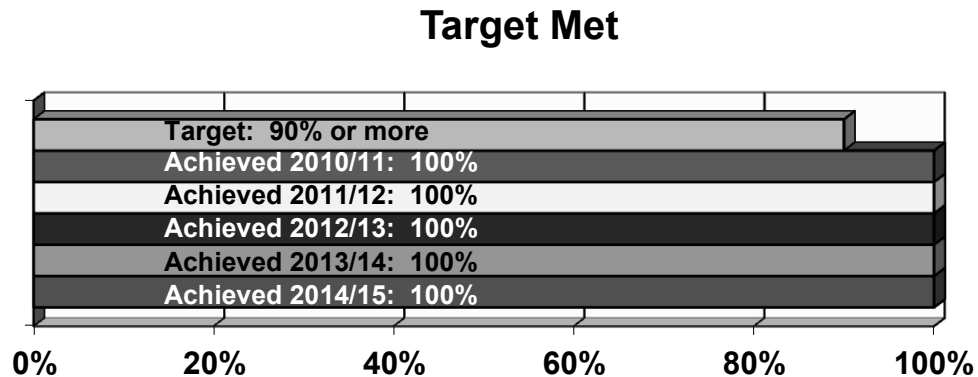
Decisions regarding disbursements from childrens' trusts will be made in a timely fashion.

These include decisions to approve or deny payment, or to request clarification or further information in support of the request for payment from childrens' trusts.

Performance Target:

That 90% of decisions regarding disbursements from trusts will be completed within 10 days of the guardian/client request.

In 2014/15, 214 decisions were made. 100% of decisions were made within 10 business days of the request.



3. Objective:

Applications that are submitted to court to appoint the PGT as administrator of deceased estates will be complete and accurate.

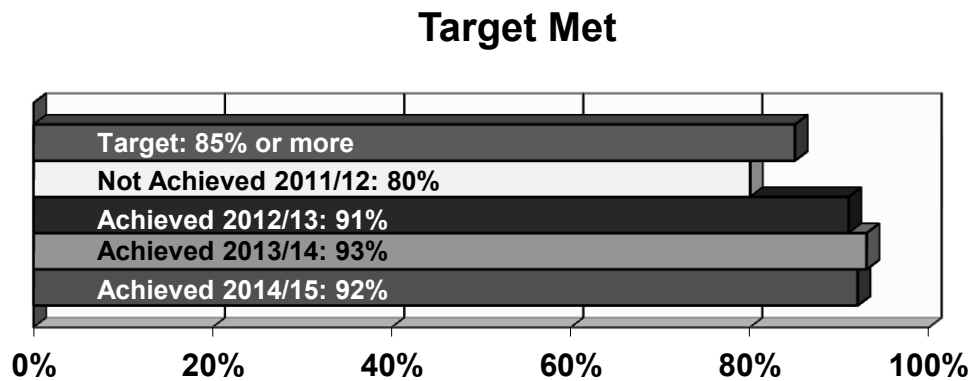
The PGT commences its administration of a deceased estate after receipt of the court grant. Applications must be complete and accurate to ensure that the administration can commence in a timely fashion.

Performance Target:

That 85% of the PGT's applications for deceased estate administration are accepted by the court on initial submission.

In 2014/15, 58 applications were submitted to court. Of these, 92% or 53 applications were accepted on initial submission.

By submitting court applications correctly in the initial submission, the PGT is able to commence administering a deceased estate quickly.



4. Objective:

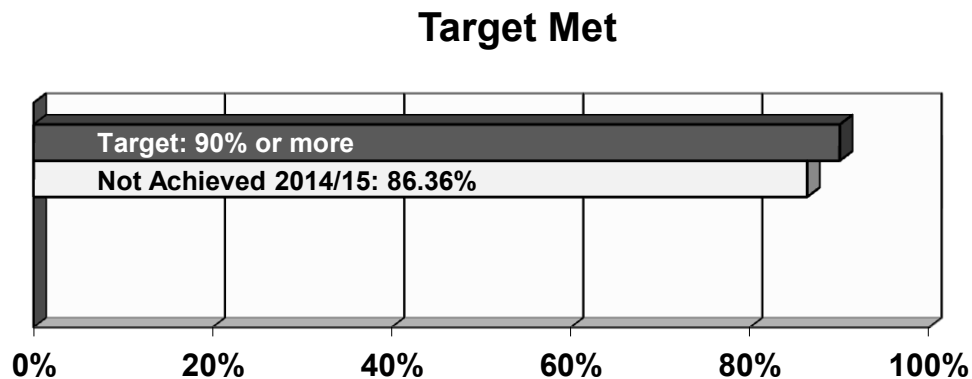
To pay out deceased estates in a timely manner, upon receipt of properly executed releases from all heirs or beneficiaries.

Performance Target:

90% of deceased estates will be paid out within 15 days of receipt of properly executed releases from all heirs or beneficiaries.

In 2014/2015, the PGT paid out **38** estates within 15 days of receiving properly executed releases from all heirs and beneficiaries, or in 86.36% of cases.

Delays in payouts occurred during periods when staffing levels are lower, such as over the summer months, as well as over the Christmas break when the office is closed for several days.



Financial Administration

1. Objective:

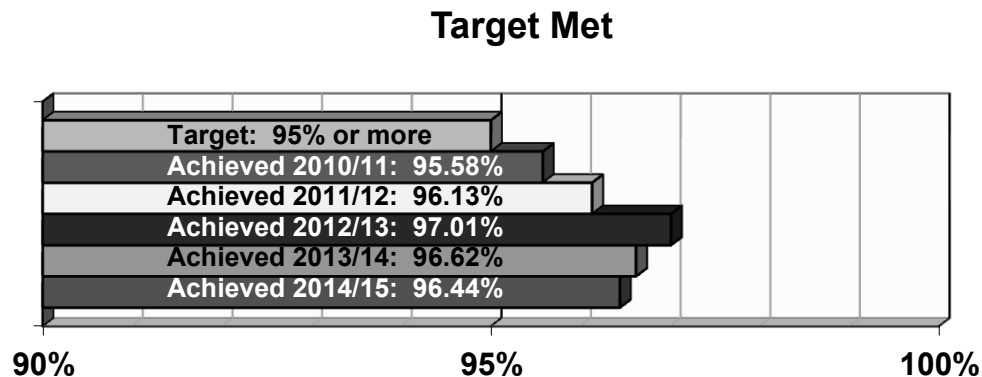
The PGT will process authorized payments from clients, estates, and trusts in an efficient manner.

Efficient turnaround of disbursement requests allows obligations of clients, estates and trusts to be met in a timely fashion.

Performance Target:

That 95% of all requests will be met within a 5 day turnaround.

The PGT processed 82,756 cheque requisitions during 2014/15. Of these, 79,831 or 96.44% were processed within the 5 day turnaround target.



2. Objective:

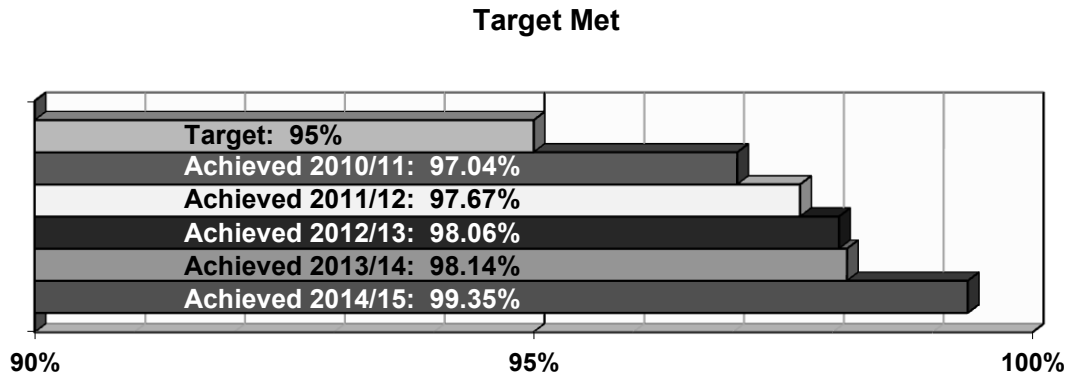
The PGT will process cheques and cash receipts received for clients, estates and trusts in an efficient manner.

Efficient turnaround of receipts is critical to clients, estates, and trusts as posting affects the ability to meet financial expectations for the individual accounts and interest allocation.

Performance Target:

That 95% of all receipts will be processed in a 2 day turnaround.

The PGT processed 9,036 receipts during 2014/15. Of those receipts, 8,978 or 99.35% were processed in a 2 day turnaround.



Investigation Services

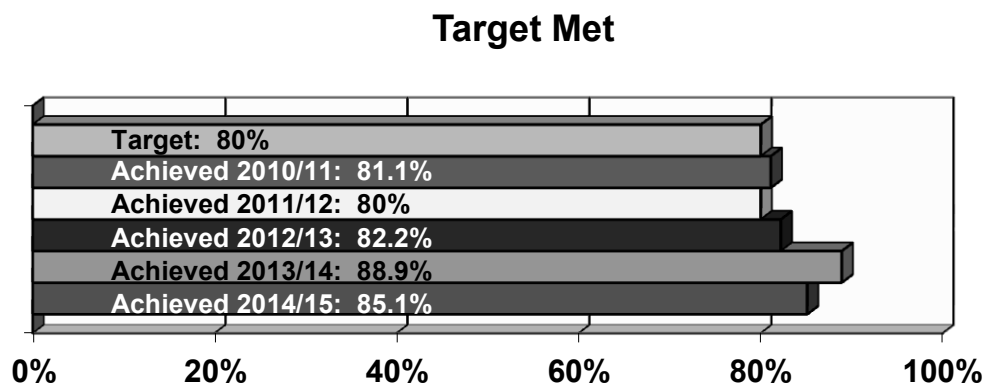
1. Objective:

Clients' and estates' assets will be inventoried and secured in a timely fashion.

Performance Target:

To complete 80% of Winnipeg search and inventories within 7 days of assignment.

During 2014/15, 154 search and inventory procedures were completed in Winnipeg. Of those, 131 or 85.1% were completed within 7 days.



Internal Audit Report

1. File Reviews

Internal Audit conducted a total of 263 client file reviews between April 1, 2014 and March 31, 2015. PGT management reviewed an additional 20 files. Client files are typically reviewed within 6 months of file opening. During the year 420 client files were opened.

The reviews have the following functions:

- to assess compliance with procedures and statutory responsibilities;
- to identify and mitigate financial risks;
- to assess adequacy of internal controls;
- to identify need for policy and procedure development or training enhancement.

Internal Audit file review findings are reported to the Deputy Public Guardian and Trustee - Adult Services and to the Supervisor - Adult Services. Adult Services management may accept recommendations, and then monitor implementation.

2. Operational Audits

a) Audits of Transactions

Internal Audit reviewed transactions of clients to provide reasonable assurance that the PGT properly exercises its fiduciary responsibilities and follows internal policies and procedures.

b) Audit of Cheque Disbursements

During the year, cheque disbursements were tested to verify agreement with cheque disbursement procedures.

c) Childrens' Trust

It is the PGT's duty to manage childrens' trust funds prudently while providing for the best interests of the beneficiary within the authority provided. Internal Audit conducted a review of transactions utilizing trust funds to ensure policies were followed.

d) Accounts Payable

An audit of client's account payables was performed. The objective of the audit was to provide reasonable assurance that policy and procedures are following when processing client's debts and recording them as account payables in the client account.

Operational Audit findings were reported to the PGT management. Generally, policies and procedures are followed and controls are in place and operational to ensure the safeguarding of client's assets.

3. Ongoing Review of Policies and Procedures

Internal Audit made recommendations for policy, procedure and process enhancements with the purpose of reflecting current practices, reducing risks and improving efficiency.

4. Development of Risk Matrix

Internal Audit developed an organizational risk matrix. The matrix was developed by interviewing staff and detailing any risks and mitigation strategies associated with their job duties and outcomes. The overall goal is the effective and efficient utilization of resources to mitigate identified risks.

5. System Replacement Project

Internal Audit was an active participant in the Scoping phase of the System Replacement Project attending most of the workshops and other meetings. Internal Audit's role is to provide advice regarding financial, operational and management controls during all phases of the project.

6. Agency Audits

Internal Audit performed an audit of client's funds held in trust with Agencies for our client's incidental expenditures. The objective of the audit was to ensure that the Agencies had proper controls in place to safeguard our client's assets. Two agencies were attended to; agency management was interviewed and records were reviewed. Internal Audit concluded that controls are in place to safeguard client's assets.

7. Ad Hoc Audits

Internal Audit conducted numerous ad hoc audits at the request of the PGT management.

Summary of Financial Results

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	Actual March 2014	Actual March 2015	Budget 2015	Budget Variance
Total Revenue	7,093	7,093	6,991	1.46%
Salaries & Benefits	4,778	4,938	4,857	-1.67%
Employee Pension Costs	306	336	288	-16.67%
Accommodation Costs	411	419	411	-1.95%
Other Administration Costs	1,095	1,152	1,397	17.54%
Amortization: Capital Assets	21	20	22	9.09%
Total Expenses	6,611	6,865	6,975	1.58%
NET INCOME (Loss)	482	228	16	

Variance Analysis (Actual to Budget)

Fees: Due to movements in the client base, both in numbers and in financial resources, the PGT cannot predict fees with certainty.

Total Expenses: The employer portion of pension and benefits were under estimated in the budget.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



**The Public Guardian and Trustee of Manitoba
An Agency of the Province of Manitoba**

**Financial Statements
March 31, 2015**

MANAGEMENT REPORT

The accompanying financial statements are the responsibility of management and have been prepared in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards. In Management's opinion, the financial statements have been properly prepared within reasonable limits of materiality, incorporating management's best judgment regarding all necessary estimates and all other data available up to August 12, 2015. The financial information presented elsewhere in the Annual Report is consistent with that in the financial statements.

Management maintains internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that the financial information is reliable and accurate and that the assets of the Public Guardian and Trustee of Manitoba – An Agency of the Province of Manitoba are properly safeguarded.

The responsibility of the Auditor General is to express an independent, professional opinion on whether the financial statements are fairly stated in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards. The Auditors' Report outlines the scope of the audit examination and provides the audit opinion.

The Public Guardian and Trustee have reviewed and approved these financial statements and the Annual Report in advance of its release and have approved its content and authorized its release.



Douglas R. Brown
Public Guardian and Trustee



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba,
To the Public Guardian and Trustee of Manitoba, and
To the Special Operating Agencies Financing Authority

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Public Guardian and Trustee of Manitoba which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2015, and the statements of operations and accumulated surplus, changes in net financial assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

The Public Guardian and Trustee's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Public Guardian and Trustee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards and for such internal control as the Public Guardian and Trustee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Public Guardian and Trustee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Public Guardian and Trustee of Manitoba as at March 31, 2015, and the results of its operations, changes in net financial assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Office of the Auditor General
August 12, 2015
Winnipeg, Manitoba

PUBLIC GUARDIAN AND TRUSTEE OF MANITOBA
An Agency of the Province of Manitoba
Statement of Financial Position
As at March 31, 2015
(In Thousands)

	<u>March 31,</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>March 31,</u> <u>2014</u>
Financial assets		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 5)	\$4,998	\$ 4,666
Portfolio investments (Note 10)	515	515
Accounts receivable (Note 6)	<u>1,047</u>	<u>1,003</u>
	<u>6,560</u>	<u>6,184</u>
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 7)	827	743
Employee future benefits (Note 8)	<u>703</u>	<u>657</u>
	<u>1,530</u>	<u>1,400</u>
Net financial assets	<u>5,030</u>	<u>4,784</u>
Non-financial assets		
Prepaid expenses	7	6
Tangible capital assets (Note 9)	<u>63</u>	<u>82</u>
	<u>70</u>	<u>88</u>
Accumulated surplus	<u>\$5,100</u>	<u>\$ 4,872</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

PUBLIC GUARDIAN AND TRUSTEE OF MANITOBA
An Agency of the Province of Manitoba
Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus
For the Year Ended March 31, 2015
(In Thousands)

	2015 <u>Budget</u> (Note 18)	2015 <u>Actual</u>	2014 <u>Actual</u>
Revenue			
Fees and other revenue (Note 12)	\$ 6,950	\$ 7,021	\$ 7,042
Investment income	<u>41</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>51</u>
Total revenue	<u>6,991</u>	<u>7,093</u>	<u>7,093</u>
Expenses			
Amortization of tangible capital assets (Note 9)	22	20	21
Accommodation costs (Note 11)	411	419	411
Other administration expenses (Note 13)	1,397	1,152	1,095
Salaries and benefits	4,857	4,938	4,778
Pension benefits (Note 14)	<u>288</u>	<u>336</u>	<u>306</u>
Total expenses	<u>6,975</u>	<u>6,865</u>	<u>6,611</u>
Annual surplus	16	228	482
Accumulated surplus, beginning of period	4,872	4,872	4,390
Accumulated surplus, end of period	<u>\$ 4,888</u>	<u>\$ 5,100</u>	<u>\$ 4,872</u>

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PUBLIC GUARDIAN AND TRUSTEE OF MANITOBA
An Agency of the Province of Manitoba
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended March 31, 2015
(In Thousands)

	<u>2015</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Actual</u>
Cash provided by (applied to)		
Operating		
Annual surplus	\$ 228	\$ 482
Amortization of tangible capital assets	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
	248	503
Changes in non-cash working capital balances:		
Accounts receivable	(44)	(71)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	84	40
Employee future benefits	46	10
Prepaid expenses	<u>(1)</u>	<u>1</u>
Cash provided by operating activities	<u>333</u>	<u>483</u>
Capital		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(64)</u>
Cash applied to capital activities	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(64)</u>
Net increase in cash	332	419
Cash and cash equivalents		
Beginning of year	<u>4,666</u>	<u>4,247</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 4,998</u>	<u>\$ 4,666</u>
Supplemental cash flow information		
Interest received	\$ <u>72</u>	\$ <u>51</u>

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PUBLIC GUARDIAN AND TRUSTEE OF MANITOBA
An Agency of the Province of Manitoba
Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets
For the Year Ended March 31, 2015
(In Thousands)

	2015 <u>Budget</u> (Note 18)	2015 <u>Actual</u>	2014 <u>Actual</u>
Annual Surplus	\$ 16	\$ 228	\$ 482
Tangible capital assets			
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(15)	(1)	(64)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	<u>22</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
Net change in tangible capital assets	<u>7</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>(43)</u>
Other non-financial assets			
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>1</u>
Net change in other non-financial assets	<u>-</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>1</u>
Net increase in net financial assets	23	246	440
Net financial assets, beginning of year	<u>4,784</u>	<u>4,784</u>	<u>4,344</u>
Net financial assets, end of year	<u>\$ 4,807</u>	<u>\$ 5,030</u>	<u>\$ 4,784</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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1. Nature of organization

The Public Guardian and Trustee of Manitoba – An Agency of the Special Operating Agencies Financing Authority – Province of Manitoba (the “Agency”) protects the interests of Manitobans by providing trust, legal, financial and personal services on a last resort basis to people who are mentally incompetent, under the age of majority, or whose estates would otherwise be unadministered upon their death.

Effective April 1, 1996, the Agency was designated as a Special Operating Agency pursuant to The Special Operating Agencies Financing Authority Act, Cap. s185, C.C.S.M. and operates under a charter approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. Effective April 1, 2014 the Public Guardian and Trustee’s name was changed from the Public Trustee upon the enactment of legislation which updated and clarified the statutory roles of the office.

The Agency is financed through the Special Operating Agencies Financing Authority (“SOAFA”). SOAFA has the mandate to hold and acquire assets required for and resulting from the Agency’s operations. It finances the Agency through repayable loans and working capital advances. The financial framework provides increased management authority which, coupled with more rigorous planning and reporting requirements afforded by Special Operating Agency status, assists the Agency to sustain the provision of high quality service to its clients.

A Management Agreement between SOAFA and the Minister of Justice assigns responsibility to the Agency to manage and account for the Agency related assets and operations on behalf of SOAFA.

The Agency continues to be part of Manitoba Justice. The Agency is a corporation sole with perpetual succession. As a corporate entity, the Agency functions separately from government and is capable of suing or being sued on behalf of the clients, trusts and estates which are administered by the Agency.

The Agency remains bound by relevant legislation and regulations. The Agency is also bound by administrative policy except where specific exemptions have been provided for in The Agency charter in order to meet business objectives.

2. Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board.

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3. Significant accounting policies

a) Revenue recognition

- i. Administration fees are charged quarterly as earned to client accounts based on the anniversary date of the account in accordance with the provisions of *The Public Guardian and Trustee Act*. Fees revenue recognized during the year consists of all fees charged.
- ii. Other fees are recognized and charged to an account as services are provided.
- iii. Statutory legal fees as prescribed in *The Public Guardian and Trustee Act* are recognized as revenue when received.

b) Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost and are amortized annually at the following rates and methods:

Furnishings and equipment	20%, declining balance basis
Computer hardware and software	20%, straight-line basis, 10% in the year of acquisition, software purchases less than \$1 are expensed in year of acquisition
Leasehold improvements	20%, straight-line basis

Tangible capital assets are written down when conditions indicate that they no longer contribute to the Agency's ability to provide goods and services, or when the value of future economic benefits associated with the tangible capital assets are less than their net book value. The net write-downs are accounted for as expenses in the statement of operations and accumulated surplus.

c) Measurement uncertainty

In preparing the Agency's financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Significant estimates used in the financial statements include allowance for doubtful accounts, amortization of tangible capital assets, accrued severance benefits costs and accrued sick pay benefits.

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d) Capital disclosures

The Agency's capital consists of the accumulated surplus from operations.

The Agency's capital management policy is to maintain sufficient capital to meet its objectives through its accumulated surplus. The Agency has developed risk management strategies, as described in Note 4, to preserve the accumulated surplus. There were no changes in the Agency's approach to capital management during the period.

The Agency is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements.

e) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand; demand deposits and short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and that are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value. These short-term investments generally have a maturity of three months or less at the date of acquisition and are held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments rather than for investing.

f) Prepaid expenses

Prepaid expenses include insurance and deposits and are charged over the periods expected to benefit from it.

g) Expenses

Expenses are reported on an accrual basis. The cost of all goods consumed and services received during the year is expensed.

4. Financial instruments and financial risk management

Measurement

Financial instruments are classified into one of the two measurement categories: (a) fair value; or (b) cost or amortized cost.

Financial instruments including cash and cash equivalents, portfolio investments, accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities, are initially recorded at their fair value and are subsequently measured at amortized cost. Gains and losses on financial instruments measured at cost or amortized cost are recognized in the statement of operations and accumulated surplus in the period the gain or loss occurs. As at March 31, 2015, the Agency does not have any financial instruments

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measured at fair value. In the event financial instruments are measured at fair value gains and losses would be recorded in accumulated surplus as re-measurement gains and losses until realized. Upon disposition of the financial instruments, the cumulative re-measurement gains and losses are reclassified to the statement of operations and accumulated surplus.

The Agency did not incur any re-measurement gains and losses during the year ended March 31, 2015 (2014 - \$nil).

The Agency has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments: credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk which includes interest risk, and foreign currency risk.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument fails to discharge an obligation and causes financial loss to another party. Financial instruments which potentially subject the Agency to credit risk consist principally of cash and cash equivalents, portfolio investments and accounts receivable.

The maximum exposure of the Agency to credit risk is as follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$4,998	\$4,666
Portfolio investments	515	515
Accounts receivable	<u>1,047</u>	<u>1,003</u>
	\$6,560	\$6,184

Cash and cash equivalents and portfolio investments: The Agency is not exposed to significant credit risk as the cash and cash equivalents and portfolio investments are primarily held by the Minister of Finance.

Accounts receivable: The Agency is not exposed to significant credit risk as the receivable is composed of fees due from clients and payment in full is typically collected when it is due. The Agency establishes an allowance for doubtful accounts that represents its estimate of potential credit losses. The allowance for doubtful accounts is calculated at 5% of the accrued administration fees.

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The aging of fees receivable and allowance for doubtful accounts on the accrued administration fees as at March 31, 2015 was as follows:

	Net	Allowance
Current (note 6)	\$1,047	\$ 45
30-60 days past the billing date	-	-
61-90 days past the billing date	-	-
More than 90 days past the billing date	-	-
	<u>\$1,047</u>	<u>\$ 45</u>

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Agency will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they come due.

The Agency manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate cash balances. The Agency prepares and monitors detailed forecasts of cash flows from operations and anticipated investing and financing activities. The Agency continuously monitors and reviews both actual and forecasted cash flows through periodic financial reporting. The Agency's accounts payable and accrued liabilities mature within 12 months.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices will affect the Agency's income or the fair values of its financial instruments. The significant market risk that the Agency is exposed to is interest rate risk.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The interest rate exposure relates to cash and cash equivalents and portfolio investments.

The interest rate risk on cash and cash equivalents and portfolio investments is considered to be low because of their short-term nature and because amounts are re-invested annually.

Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Agency is not exposed to significant foreign currency risk as it does not have any financial instruments denominated in foreign currencies.

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5. Cash and cash equivalents

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Cash	\$2,673	\$1,665
Demand deposits	<u>2,325</u>	<u>3,001</u>
	<u>\$4,998</u>	<u>\$4,666</u>

6. Accounts receivable

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Fees receivable	\$1,062	\$1,023
Allowance for doubtful accounts	<u>(45)</u>	<u>(43)</u>
	1,017	980
Interest receivable	16	15
Advances to clients	8	2
Cost recoveries	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>\$1,047</u>	<u>\$1,003</u>

7. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Operating expenses payable	\$ 242	\$ 216
Salaries and benefits payable	144	113
Vacation entitlements earned	412	386
GST payable to Canada Revenue Agency	<u>29</u>	<u>28</u>
	<u>\$ 827</u>	<u>\$ 743</u>

8. Employee future benefits

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Severance benefits	\$ 603	\$ 559
Sick pay benefits	<u>100</u>	<u>98</u>
	<u>\$ 703</u>	<u>\$ 657</u>

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Severance benefits

Effective April 1, 1998, the Agency began recording accumulated severance pay benefits for its employees. The amount of severance pay obligations is based on actuarial calculations. The periodic actuarial valuations of these liabilities may determine that adjustments are needed to the actuarial calculations when actual experience is different from that expected and/or because of changes in actuarial assumptions used. The resulting actuarial gains or losses are amortized over the expected average remaining service life of the related employee group.

An actuarial report was completed for the severance pay liability as of March 31, 2014. The report provides a formula to update the liability on an annual basis.

The Agency's actuarially determined net liability for accounting purposes as at March 31, 2015 was \$664 (2014 - \$634). The actuarial loss of \$210 based on actuarial reports is being amortized over the 15 year expected average remaining service life ("EARSLS") of the employee group. Benefits paid during the year were \$40 (2014 - \$75)

The severance benefit liability at March 31 includes the following components:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Balance beginning of year	\$ 634	\$ 648
Actuarial gain	70	-
Benefits accrued	28	19
Interest on accrued benefits	42	42
Severance paid	<u>(40)</u>	<u>(75)</u>
Accrued benefit liability	734	634
Less: unamortized actuarial gains (losses)	<u>(131)</u>	<u>(75)</u>
Severance benefit liability	<u>\$ 603</u>	<u>\$ 559</u>

The total expense related to severance benefits at March 31 includes the following components:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Interest on obligation	\$ 42	\$ 42
Employer service cost	28	19
Amortization of actuarial loss over EARSLS	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>
Total expense related to severance benefits	<u>\$ 84</u>	<u>\$ 70</u>

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Significant long-term actuarial assumptions used in the March 31, 2014 valuation, and in the determination of the March 31, 2015 present value of the accrued severance benefit obligation were:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2011</u>
Annual rate of return		
Inflation component	2.00%	2.00%
Real rate of return	<u>4.00%</u>	<u>4.00%</u>
	<u>6.00%</u>	<u>6.00%</u>
Assumed salary increase rates		
Annual productivity increase	1.00%	1.00%
Annual general salary increase	<u>2.75%</u>	<u>2.75%</u>
	<u>3.75%</u>	<u>3.75%</u>

Sick pay benefits

The Agency provides its employees with sick leave benefits that accumulate but do not vest. The accrued benefit obligation related to sick leave entitlement earned by employees is determined using a valuation model developed by an actuary. The valuation is based on employee demographics, sick leave usage and actuarial assumptions. These assumptions include an annual return 5.00% (2014 5.00%) and an annual salary increase of 3.00% (2014 3.00%).

9. Tangible capital assets

	2015			
	Opening Balance	Additions	Disposals	Closing Balance
Cost				
Furnishings and equipment	\$ 326	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 327
Computer hardware and software	121	-	-	121
Leasehold improvements	94	-	-	94
Total cost	<u>\$ 541</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 542</u>
Accumulated amortization				
Furnishings and equipment	\$ 293	\$ 7	\$ -	\$ 300
Computer hardware and software	119	1	-	120
Leasehold improvements	47	12	-	59
Total accumulated amortization	<u>\$ 459</u>	<u>\$ 20</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 479</u>
Net book value	<u>\$ 82</u>	<u>\$ 19</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 63</u>

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	2014			
	Opening Balance	Additions	Disposals	Closing Balance
Cost				
Furnishings and equipment	\$ 319	\$ 7	\$ -	\$ 326
Computer hardware and software	121	-	-	121
Leasehold improvements	37	57	-	94
Total cost	<u>\$ 477</u>	<u>\$ 64</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 541</u>
Accumulated amortization				
Furnishings and equipment	\$ 285	\$ 8	\$ -	\$ 293
Computer hardware and software	118	1	-	119
Leasehold improvements	35	12	-	47
Total accumulated amortization	<u>\$ 438</u>	<u>\$ 21</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 459</u>
Net book value	<u>\$ 39</u>	<u>\$ 43</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 82</u>

10. Designated portfolio investments

Portfolio investments consist of designated assets and non-redeemable investments and guaranteed investment certificates. The Agency has allocated \$515 (2014 - \$515) of its portfolio investments as designated assets for cash received from the Province of Manitoba as settlement for the severance pay benefits accumulated to March 31, 1998 for certain of its employees. This amount is held in an interest bearing account. Any unused balance is re-invested annually. Funds are to be used for payments to employees for their outstanding severance pay amounts. Interest amounted to \$5 (2014 - \$6).

11. Commitments

The Agency has an arrangement with the Province of Manitoba, through the Department of Infrastructure and Transportation, for rental of its facilities at 155 Carlton Street in Winnipeg and its facility in the Provincial Building in Brandon. Accommodation costs are estimated to be \$411 for the year ended March 31, 2016.

12. Fees and other revenue

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Administration	\$ 6,032	\$ 6,093
Legal fees	414	408
Income taxes	302	302
Inspection	<u>273</u>	<u>239</u>
	<u>\$ 7,021</u>	<u>\$ 7,042</u>

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13. Other administration expenses

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Computer expenses	\$ 629	\$ 605
Courier charges	7	5
Insurance, loss, damage	29	26
Office supplies	99	73
Other	2	1
Personnel expenses	15	27
Photocopies	1	3
Postage	77	67
Professional fees	102	114
Publications	1	2
Public communications	21	12
Records Centre charges	25	30
Rentals, equipment	1	1
Repairs and maintenance	9	4
SAP costs	6	7
Support services - Department of Justice	21	21
Telephone	52	54
Travel	<u>55</u>	<u>43</u>
	<u>\$ 1,152</u>	<u>\$ 1,095</u>

14. Pension benefits

Employees of the Agency are eligible for pension benefits in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Service Superannuation Act ("CSSA"), administered by the Civil Service Superannuation Board. The CSSA established a defined benefit plan to provide benefits to employees of the Manitoba Civil Service and to participating agencies of the Government, including the Agency, through the Civil Service Superannuation Fund.

Effective March 31, 2001, pursuant to an agreement with the Province of Manitoba, the Agency transferred to the Province the pension liability for its employees. Commencing April 1, 2001, the Agency was required to pay to the Province an amount equal to its employees' current pension contributions. The amount paid at March 31 was \$336 (2014 - \$306). Under this agreement, the Agency has no further pension liability.

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15. Related party transactions

The Agency is related in terms of common ownership to all Province of Manitoba created departments, agencies and Crown corporations. The Agency enters into transactions with these entities in the normal course of business. The transactions are recorded at the exchange amount.

16. Escheats to the Crown

Escheats to the Crown relate to estates of deceased persons with no heirs. These estates are sent by the Public Guardian and Trustee to the Department of Finance annually. Escheats to the Crown, received by the Agency during the year and remitted to the Minister of Finance, amounted to \$85 (2014 - \$176). These amounts are not reflected in these financial statements.

17. Estates and trusts under administration

The client assets under administration at March 31, 2015 totaled approximately \$249,000 (unaudited) (2014 - \$239,000). The trust activities of the Agency are reported in a separate Estates and Trusts under Administration financial statements.

18. Budgeted figures

Budgeted figures have been provided for comparison purposes and have been derived from the estimates approved by the Agency.

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MANAGEMENT REPORT

The accompanying financial statements are the responsibility of management and have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies stated in the financial statements. In Management's opinion, the financial statements have been properly prepared within reasonable limits of materiality, incorporating management's best judgment regarding all necessary estimates and all other data available up to December 22, 2015. The financial information presented elsewhere in the Annual Report is consistent with that in the financial statements.

Management maintains internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that the financial information is reliable and accurate and that the assets of the Public Guardian and Trustee are properly safeguarded.

The responsibility of the Auditor General is to express an independent, professional opinion on whether the financial statements are fairly stated in accordance with the accounting policies stated in the financial statements. The Auditors' Report outlines the scope of the audit examination and provides the audit opinion.

The Public Guardian and Trustee has reviewed and approved these financial statements and the Annual Report in advance of its release and have approved its content and authorized its release.



Douglas R. Brown
Public Guardian and Trustee



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba
To the Public Guardian and Trustee of Manitoba

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Public Guardian and Trustee of Manitoba, Estates and Trusts under Administration, which comprise the balance sheet as at March 31, 2015, and the statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information. These financial statements have been prepared pursuant to Section 36(2) of *The Public Guardian and Trustee Act* and in accordance with the basis of accounting described in the notes to the financial statement.

The Public Guardian and Trustee's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Public Guardian and Trustee is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 2 to the financial statements, for determining that the described framework is acceptable in the circumstances and for such internal control as the Public Guardian and Trustee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Public Guardian and Trustee, as well as evaluating the presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of The Public Guardian and Trustee of Manitoba, Estates and Trusts under Administration, for the year ended March 31, 2015, are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 2 to the financial statements.

Basis of Accounting and restriction on distribution and use

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements which describes the basis of accounting. The Public Guardian and Trustee has determined that a basis of accounting other than Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principals (GAAP) is appropriate for the requirements of Section 36(2) of *The Public Guardian and Trustee Act*. Because the statements were not prepared in accordance with GAAP, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Public Guardian and Trustee and Members of the Legislative Assembly and should not be used by other parties.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Office of the Auditor General".

Office of the Auditor General
Winnipeg, Manitoba
December 22, 2015

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The Public Guardian and Trustee of Manitoba
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Balance Sheet
as at March 31, 2015

ASSETS	2015	2014
Cash on hand and in bank	\$ 9,851,745	\$ 5,606,886
Investments - Common Fund (Notes 2(a) and 4)	178,125,274	174,544,533
- Specific Estates and Trusts (Notes 2(b) and 5)	27,597,188	27,727,902
Accrued interest receivable on common fund investments (Note 2(a))	1,097,180	1,144,026
Real estate (Note 2(c) and 3)	23,387,082	-
Other assets at nominal value (Note 2(d))	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>\$240,058,470</u>	<u>\$209,023,348</u>
LIABILITIES		
Other liabilities at nominal value (Note 2(f))	\$ 1	\$ 1
Mortgages Payable (Note 2(e) and 3)	1,643,180	-
Public Guardian and Trustee- Fees payable (Note 1)	131,985	116,913
- Expenditures payable (Note 6)	<u>7,313</u>	<u>14,307</u>
	<u>1,782,479</u>	<u>131,221</u>
Estates and trusts under administration:		
Excess of recorded value of assets over liabilities		
<i>The Mental Health Act</i> (Note 3)	150,918,479	128,420,218
<i>The Public Guardian and Trustee Act</i> (Note 3)	<u>87,357,512</u>	<u>80,471,909</u>
	<u>\$240,058,470</u>	<u>\$209,023,348</u>

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Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the year ended March 31, 2015

RECEIPTS	2015	2014
Funds held by estates and trusts brought under administration	\$ 22,422,537	\$ 18,233,147
Realization of equities in other estates	2,617,193	4,357,619
Pensions, compensation and assistance	35,274,737	33,812,775
Sickness, disability and other insurance benefits	7,506,585	7,621,128
Investment income	5,997,168	6,302,189
Sale of estate property	7,764,791	5,647,745
Collections on accounts receivable	<u>1,773,505</u>	<u>1,761,232</u>
Total receipts, before sale or redemption of securities	83,356,516	77,735,835
Sale and redemption of securities - Common Fund	43,000,000	37,000,000
Sale and redemption of securities - Specific Estates and Trusts	<u>5,562,729</u>	<u>8,247,480</u>
Total Receipts	<u>131,919,245</u>	<u>122,983,315</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Room, board and other maintenance expense	31,492,268	30,868,968
Preservation of estates	5,619,994	5,431,529
Other estate expense	1,957,385	1,849,910
Administration and passing of accounts (Note 1)	6,616,516	6,599,154
Estates and trusts released from administration	<u>34,157,353</u>	<u>35,966,587</u>
Total disbursements, before purchase of securities	<u>79,843,516</u>	<u>80,716,148</u>
Purchase of securities - Common Fund	47,373,063	42,498,820
Purchase of securities - Specific Estates and Trusts	<u>457,807</u>	<u>482,754</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>127,674,386</u>	<u>123,697,722</u>
Excess cash receipts (disbursements)	4,244,859	(714,407)
Cash position at start of year	<u>5,606,886</u>	<u>6,321,293</u>
Cash position at end of year	<u>\$ 9,851,745</u>	<u>\$ 5,606,886</u>

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The Public Guardian and Trustee of Manitoba Estates and Trusts under Administration

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1. Role and Objective

On April 1, 2014 *The Public Guardian and Trustee Act* was enacted. The legislation updated and clarified the statutory roles of the office. The Public Guardian and Trustee administer estates of mentally disabled persons, estates of deceased persons, and infant trusts. The Public Guardian and Trustee is considered to be an appointment of last resort. The Public Guardian and Trustee provides a public service, generally where there is no other competent or acceptable person available to provide the required service.

Under Section 28 of *The Public Guardian and Trustee Act*, the Public Guardian and Trustee may charge fees for the services provided to the estates and trusts under his administration. Fees are charged quarterly to each estate and trust based on its anniversary date. Those estates and trusts which do not have sufficient funds may have the fees reduced or waived.

Effective April 1, 1996, the Public Guardian and Trustee became a Special Operating Agency. The operations of the Public Guardian and Trustee are reflected in a separate Special Operating Agency financial statement.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the significant accounting policies set out below in detail, to comply with the accounting requirements prescribed by Section 36 (2) of *The Public Guardian and Trustee Act*. The basis of accounting used in these financial statements is determined and approved by the Public Guardian and Trustee and differs materially from Canadian generally accepted accounting principles because they are prepared essentially on a cash basis to reflect only the custodial activities of the Public Guardian and Trustee, with the exception of the following items as recorded on the balance sheet:

- i. interest is accrued on Common Fund investments;
- ii. investments are recorded at cost, adjusted for the amortization of premiums or discounts on purchase on a straight-line basis over the remaining term to maturity of the security;
- iii. bonds, term deposits, guaranteed investment certificates and treasury bills assumed under administration are recorded at par value;
- iv. certain shares (note 2(b)) are recorded at market value;
- v. fees and expenditures payable to the Public Guardian and Trustee are accrued;
- vi. real estate holdings are recorded at the assessment value as stated on the most recently received property tax assessment from the relevant municipality. If property tax assessments are not available or assessment of beneficial ownership remains in progress with trust officers, the client real estate assets are recorded at a nominal value of \$1;
- vii. mortgages payable are recorded at the balance owing by the client estate as stated on the third party mortgage statement at the respective period end or using most recent mortgage statement with supporting payments or advances to the reporting period end date;
- viii. other assets and liabilities are recorded at nominal value;

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Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

The Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements reflects cash transactions which have occurred during the year for estates and trusts under administration.

Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet reflects the financial position of estates and trusts under administration in accordance with the following significant accounting policies:

a) Investments - Common Fund

Investments of the Common Fund, established pursuant to Section 22 of *The Public Guardian and Trustee Act*, are restricted to investments authorized under *The Trustee Act*. Common fund investments are recorded at cost, adjusted for the amortization of premiums or discounts on purchase on a straight-line basis over the remaining term to maturity of the security. Interest is accrued on these investments. Earnings are distributed monthly to the individual estates and trusts on a pro rata basis on the daily closing balance in the client's account.

b) Investments - Specific Estates and Trusts

Investments held for specific estates and trusts are recorded at the following values:

Investments purchased by the Public Guardian and Trustee are recorded at cost.

Bonds, term deposits, investment certificates and treasury bills assumed under administration are recorded at par value.

Shares of capital stock and mutual funds assumed under administration are recorded at the market value as at the date of death for estates of deceased persons or as at the date of assumption for all other estates. If market value is not available, shares of capital stock and mutual funds are recorded at a nominal value of \$1.

Registered Disability Savings Plan's (RDSPs) include both client and government contributions. Contributions made by or on behalf of clients whose assets are under administration are recorded at an amount that represents the cash contributions made and are included under Investments – Specific Estates and Trusts on the balance sheet. Government contributions to individual RDSPs are subject to potential repayment terms over a 10 year period and until such time as all conditions are met and full entitlement to the contributions vest with the client, which is anticipated to be the end of the 10 year period from the date the contribution is made, the amounts contributed by the government and related interest are recorded with Other Assets at an aggregate nominal amount of \$1.

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At such time as all government conditions are met, the government portion contributed to individual RDSPs will be recorded under Investments – Specific Estates and Trusts at an amount representing cash contributions made plus accrued interest. As at March 31, 2015 and 2014 all government contributions have been recorded at a nominal amount of \$1 as vesting conditions have not been met.

c) Real estate

Real estate holdings for clients of the Public Guardian and Trustee are initially recorded at \$1. The real estate holding is adjusted to the assessment value as stated on the most recently received property tax assessment.

d) Other Assets

Other assets which include bank accounts, accounts receivable, mortgages, notes receivable, real estate, RDSP (representing government contributions to individual estates under administration still subject to repayment terms) and other tangible assets are recorded in these financial statements at an aggregate nominal value of \$1 as valuation of these assets is not readily determinable or remain in progress with trust officers to assess beneficial ownership. These assets are recorded on the client accounts at estimated market value for administrative purposes

e) Mortgages Payable

Mortgages payable are recorded at the balance owing by the client estate as stated on the third party mortgage statement at the respective period end or using most recent mortgage statement with supporting payments or advances to the reporting period end date.

f) Other Liabilities

Other liabilities which include accounts payable, certain mortgages and notes payable are recorded for these financial statements at an aggregate nominal value of \$1 as valuation of these liabilities is not readily determinable. These liabilities are recorded on the client accounts at estimated market value for administrative purposes.

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3. Change in Accounting Policies

Effective April 1, 2014, the Public Guardian and Trustee changed its accounting policy for the valuation of real estate and mortgages payable.

Valuation of Real Estate

Real estate includes properties held within client estates being managed by the Public Guardian and Trustee. Real estate holdings are valued at the assessment value as stated on the most recently received property tax assessment. If property tax assessments are not available or assessment of beneficial ownership remains in progress with trust officers, the client real estate assets are recorded at a nominal value of \$1.

Prior to April 1, 2014 real estate was recorded in the Public Guardian and Trustee financial statements at a nominal value of \$1.

The change in accounting policy was made to assist the Public Guardian and Trustee with client real estate stewardship and is applied prospectively. A retrospective adjustment was not considered necessary due to the limited use of the financial statements and because there is no impact to the cash receipts or cash disbursements previously reported. As of March 31, 2015 the Public Guardian and Trustee recorded an increase to real estate of \$23,387,082 and a change in Excess of recorded value of assets over liabilities under *The Mental Health Act* of \$16,605,828 and \$6,781,254 under *The Public Guardian and Trustee Act*.

Valuation of Mortgages Payable

Mortgages payable include obligations owing by client estates on real estate managed by the Public Guardian and Trustee. Mortgages payable are recorded at the balance owing by the client estate as stated on the third party mortgage statement at the respective period end or using most recent mortgage statement with supporting payments or advances to the reporting period end date. If mortgage statements are not available or assessment of beneficial obligation remains in progress with trust officers, the client mortgages payable are recorded at an aggregate nominal value of \$1 in other liabilities.

Prior to April 1, 2014 mortgages payable were recorded in the Public Guardian and Trustee financial statements at a nominal value of \$1.

The change in accounting policy was made as mortgages participate in client real estate stewardship and the policy is also applied prospectively. A retrospective adjustment was not considered necessary due to the limited use of the financial statements and because there is no impact to the cash receipts or cash disbursements previously reported. As of March 31, 2015 the Public Guardian and Trustee recorded an increase to mortgages payable of \$1,643,180 and a reduction in Excess of recorded value of assets over liabilities under *The Mental Health Act* of \$1,469,650 and \$173,530 under *The Public Guardian and Trustee Act*.

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4. Investments - Common Fund

	<u>2015</u> <u>Market Value</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Par Value</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Book Value</u>	<u>2014</u>
Term deposits & investment certificates	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 23,000,000
Province of Alberta	16,885,128	16,250,000	16,563,478	10,581,006
Province of B.C.	6,811,200	6,000,000	6,097,288	6,117,910
Province of Manitoba	43,515,470	42,000,000	41,994,479	42,035,536
Province of Quebec	26,516,859	24,000,000	24,784,632	20,652,805
Province of Ontario	30,484,164	29,000,000	29,326,951	29,442,666
Province of New Brunswick	7,725,830	7,000,000	7,123,015	7,164,208
Province of Nova Scotia	9,312,316	8,000,000	8,697,336	-0-
Canada Housing Trust	<u>34,612,253</u>	<u>33,500,000</u>	<u>33,538,095</u>	<u>35,550,402</u>
	<u>\$185,863,220</u>	<u>\$ 175,750,000</u>	<u>\$178,125,274</u>	<u>\$174,544,533</u>

5. Investments - Specific Estates and Trusts

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Term deposits, investment certificates and treasury bills	\$ 14,946,585	\$ 16,143,780
Government of Canada and other bonds	1,639,478	1,406,778
Shares of capital stock and mutual funds	7,785,439	7,443,511
Registered Disability Savings Plan Funds	<u>3,225,686</u>	<u>2,733,833</u>
	<u>\$ 27,597,188</u>	<u>\$ 27,727,902</u>

6. Expenditures Payable to the Public Guardian and Trustee

Expenditures payable to the Public Guardian and Trustee represent disbursements made on behalf of estates or trusts for which funds were not immediately available. These expenditures will be recovered from the estates or trusts concerned by the Public Guardian and Trustee in due course when funds become available. If funds do not become available, these expenditures are recovered from operating funds of the Public Guardian and Trustee.