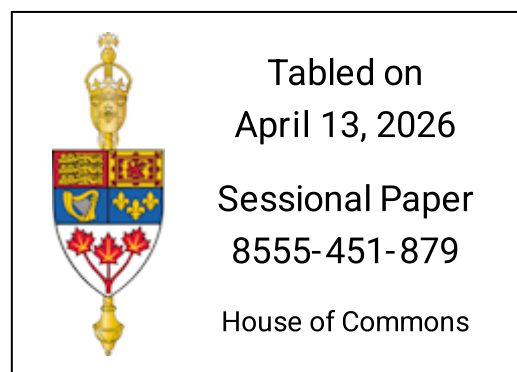

Question

With regard to the Vaccine Injury Support Program, using all data held by, or obtainable by, the Public Health Agency of Canada in the course of administering or overseeing the program: (a) according to the latest Public Health Agency of Canada review of program data, how many claims have been submitted since the program's launch, broken down by fiscal year and by province or territory; (b) of these claims, how many have been approved, denied, withdrawn, or remain pending, broken down by year; (c) for claims that have been approved, what are the average and median processing times, broken down by stage of review; (d) for claims that have been denied, what were the primary reasons for denial, broken down by category; (e) what are the average and median compensation amounts awarded to date, and what is the total compensation paid; (f) what proportion of total program funding has been spent on administration as compared to direct compensation to claimants; (g) what steps has the Public Health Agency of Canada taken to ensure this information is made publicly available to Parliament rather than solely through third-party websites; and (h) once the Public Health Agency of Canada assumes direct management of the program, what additional reporting or transparency commitments will the agency make to Parliament regarding program operations, outcomes, and accountability?

Response

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Reply

Public Health Agency of Canada

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The Vaccine Injury Support Program is currently managed by a third-party administrator which publicly reports information on claims processing. This information is available at the [Vaccine Injury Support Program Statistics](#) web page.

(f) what proportion of total program funding has been spent on administration as compared to direct compensation to claimants?

The Vaccine Injury Support Program is delivered to people in all provinces and territories (other than Quebec) by a third-party administrator. The Government of Quebec manages the vaccine injury compensation program for the province. The Public Health Agency of Canada provides funding to both through contribution agreements.

When the program was launched in June 2021, \$111.4 million was earmarked for its first five years, including money allocated for Quebec. A maximum of \$80.8 million was allocated for the program outside Quebec. According to the most recent data available, \$67.6 million has been provided to date, with \$21.7 million paid out to claimants.

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The Government of Canada will take over administration of the Vaccine Injury Support Program as of April 1, 2026. Regular reporting on program operations and outcomes will be part of the new program. Details on the government-administered program will be made public once they are available.