

**Progress Report to the House of Commons Standing Committee on  
Public Accounts’ Fifth Report entitled “Immigration Removals”**

**Recommendation 4 – On executed removals (CBSA)**

**That, by 30 June 2021, and every three months thereafter until 30 June 2023, the Canada Border Services Agency provide the House of Commons Standing Committee on Public Accounts with a report including statistics on executed removals in the most recent quarter and the number of cases in the monitoring, wanted, and stay inventories at the end of the most recent quarter.**

Progress Report

The CBSA will be providing quarterly reports on removal statistics until June 30, 2023. The CBSA closely tracks both the statistics on executed removals as well as remaining cases contained in the removal inventory and will continue to do so on an ongoing basis.

<b>NATIONAL REMOVAL INVENTORIES as of Q2 of 2022-23<sup>1</sup></b>		
	<b>DESCRIPTIONS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Monitoring Inventory<sup>2</sup></b>	The monitoring inventory includes asylum claimants awaiting a final determination from the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) on their asylum claim. Individuals who are awaiting a decision from the IRB are issued conditional departure orders at the time of their claim, which can be enforced only if a negative determination is made on their case. Those individuals conferred refugee protection based on a positive decision by the IRB and who are awaiting their permanent resident status, are also included in this inventory.	<b>135,650</b>
<b>Stay Inventory</b>	The stay inventory includes cases that benefit from a regulatory or legislative stay of removal. This includes, but is not limited to the following: cases where litigation is in process, cases pending a decision on an application for a pre-removal risk assessment (PRRA), cases where there is a temporary suspension of removal or an administrative deferral of removal and cases where an inadmissible foreign national is serving a term of imprisonment.	<b>19,104</b>
<b>Wanted Inventory</b>	The wanted inventory includes cases under review to determine if a warrant is required or cases where a warrant has been issued for the arrest, detention, and removal of a foreign national.	<b>29,368</b>

<sup>1</sup> Volumes are accurate as of September 26, 2022. Of note, removal volumes may increase over time for data covering the same timeframe, due to delays with data entry (i.e. when a removal is enforced overseas or removed under escort). Due to the amount of recourse mechanisms available, these volumes are fluid and individuals may move in and out of these inventories over a period of time. Individuals who claim refugee protection, for example, are maintained in the monitoring inventory until there is a decision on their asylum claim. Subsequently, if an appeal is initiated on a negative refugee decision, this individual would move to the stay inventory until a decision on the appeal is rendered.

<sup>2</sup> The monitoring inventory, stay inventory, and wanted inventories include those cases that are not ready to be processed, due to the availability of legal avenues available to foreign nationals subject to a removal order.

<b>Working Inventory Total<sup>3</sup></b>	The working inventory includes all cases being processed for removal, including those who have access to PRRA. Of the total working inventory, 5,297 currently have no listed impediments to removal and can be removed.	<b>19,052</b>
<b>Total for all Removal Inventories<sup>4</sup></b>		<b>203,174</b>

<b>REMOVALS ENFORCED as of Q2 of 2022-23</b>	
Q1	2,858
Q2	2,015
<b>Total (YTD)</b>	<b>4,863</b>

The CBSA enforced 2,015 removals in Q2 of the fiscal year 2022-23, which represents 41% of the 4,863 removals enforced this fiscal year. In the pandemic environment, significantly more effort is required by CBSA staff to enforce removals due to country and airline restrictions, such as COVID-19 testing and quarantine requirements. The air travel industry has also not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels and flight changes and cancellations remain common. This results in limited route availability and frequently having to reschedule removals. The complexity level of cases in the removals working inventory has steadily increased since 2011 which requires more effort from the CBSA to overcome impediments to removing individuals. This includes attempts to obtain travel documents for foreign nationals from countries that are recalcitrant in issuing documents for their citizens. Specific efforts have been made to address these challenges with the objective of improving removals performance.

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<sup>3</sup> The working inventory includes cases that are ready to be processed, with the “actionable removal” subset of this inventory representing those that have no impediments to removal.

<sup>4</sup> The removal inventory provided above represents foreign nationals who are subject to a removal order that has not been enforced or voided through a positive permanent resident application.