



Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates (OGGO)

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Opening Remarks

Good afternoon,

Mister Chair, Honourable members. I want to thank you for inviting the Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB), so that we can answer your questions about our interim estimates for next year's budget, and our Departmental Results Report for 2017-18.

I bring with me today two colleagues who offer a wealth of experience. Mr. Jean Laporte is our Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Luc Casault is our Director General of Corporate Services and CFO.

With regard to the interim estimates for 2019-20, we are asking for approximately \$7.4 million. This is one-quarter of our annual operating budget, as per standard practice.

The second item is the DRR, or Departmental Results Report, for fiscal year 2017-18. These results, which cover the 12 months through the end of March 2018, are almost a year old, and much has changed since then. For instance, we have received additional funds to address resource pressures, and we have implemented a number of changes to streamline our business processes. For example, we revised our Policy on Occurrence Classification, which included introducing new, limited-scope investigations for less complex occurrences so that we can more quickly communicate factual information to the public.

Moreover, when our departmental results for *this* fiscal year are released, we expect that they will show measureable improvements. And while I cannot share the specific data for this just yet, as the year is not yet complete, the Board was recently briefed on our mid-year results, and these show improvements in a number of areas—including, for instance, the timeliness with which we conduct and report on our investigations.

Thank you. We are prepared to answer your questions.