

# Annual Report to Parliament on Immigration, 2008

## Section 4 Maintaining Canada's Humanitarian Tradition

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In accordance with IRPA, CIC manages the Immigration Loans Program. Geared primarily to refugees from abroad seeking permanent residence in Canada, these loans are intended to cover pre-entry medical examination and transportation costs to Canada, and expenses associated with initial settlement in Canada.

The limit on the loan fund is \$110 million. Outstanding loans totalled \$34.4 million as of March 31, 2008. Loan collection continued to be managed with due diligence to maintain the strong recovery rate for repayment, currently at 91 percent.

In 2007–2008, CIC contributed over \$734,000 from RAP towards the medical examination and transportation costs of some refugees with special needs (namely, seniors, refugees with health issues, single parents with large families) who could not reasonably be expected to repay an immigration loan.

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In accordance with IRPA, CIC also manages the Immigration Loans Program. Geared primarily to refugees from abroad seeking permanent residence in Canada, these loans are intended to cover the pre-entry medical examination, transportation costs to Canada, and expenses associated with initial settlement in Canada.

The current limit on the loan fund is \$110 million, of which outstanding loan accounts totalled \$38.1 million as of March 31, 2007. Loan collection will continue to be managed with due diligence to maintain the strong recovery rate for repayment – currently at 91%.

In 2006–2007, CIC contributed \$1.2 million from RAP towards alleviating the loans of some refugees with special needs (namely, seniors, refugees with health issues, single parents with large families). In addition, Parliament gave its approval to write off \$978,102 in immigration loans in the 2006–2007 final supplementary estimates.

## **Annual Report to Parliament on Immigration, 2006**

### **Section 4**

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The current limit on the loan fund is \$110M of which outstanding loan accounts totalled \$40.3M as of March 31, 2006. In 2006-2007 and future years, CIC expects to establish a similar volume of loans – 4,700 loans to new clients per annum with a value of \$13M. Loan collection will also be managed with due diligence to maintain the strong recovery rate for repayment – currently at 91%.