



Data Matters! Proactive Disclosure and Improving Data Integrity





Purpose

- To provide information on the Proactive Disclosure of Contracts.
- To demonstrate the importance of accurate contract reporting by showcasing its broad utility across government and the public.
- To exhibit how the Treasury Board Secretariat is improving the quality of data available to Canadians.



Agenda

Background on Proactive Disclosure

- Genesis
- Proactive Disclosure Statistics

Proactive Disclosure: Where it is Used

- Treasury Board Secretariat
- Global Affairs Canada
- Innovation, Science and Economic Development
- Public Services and Procurement Canada

Improving Data Quality

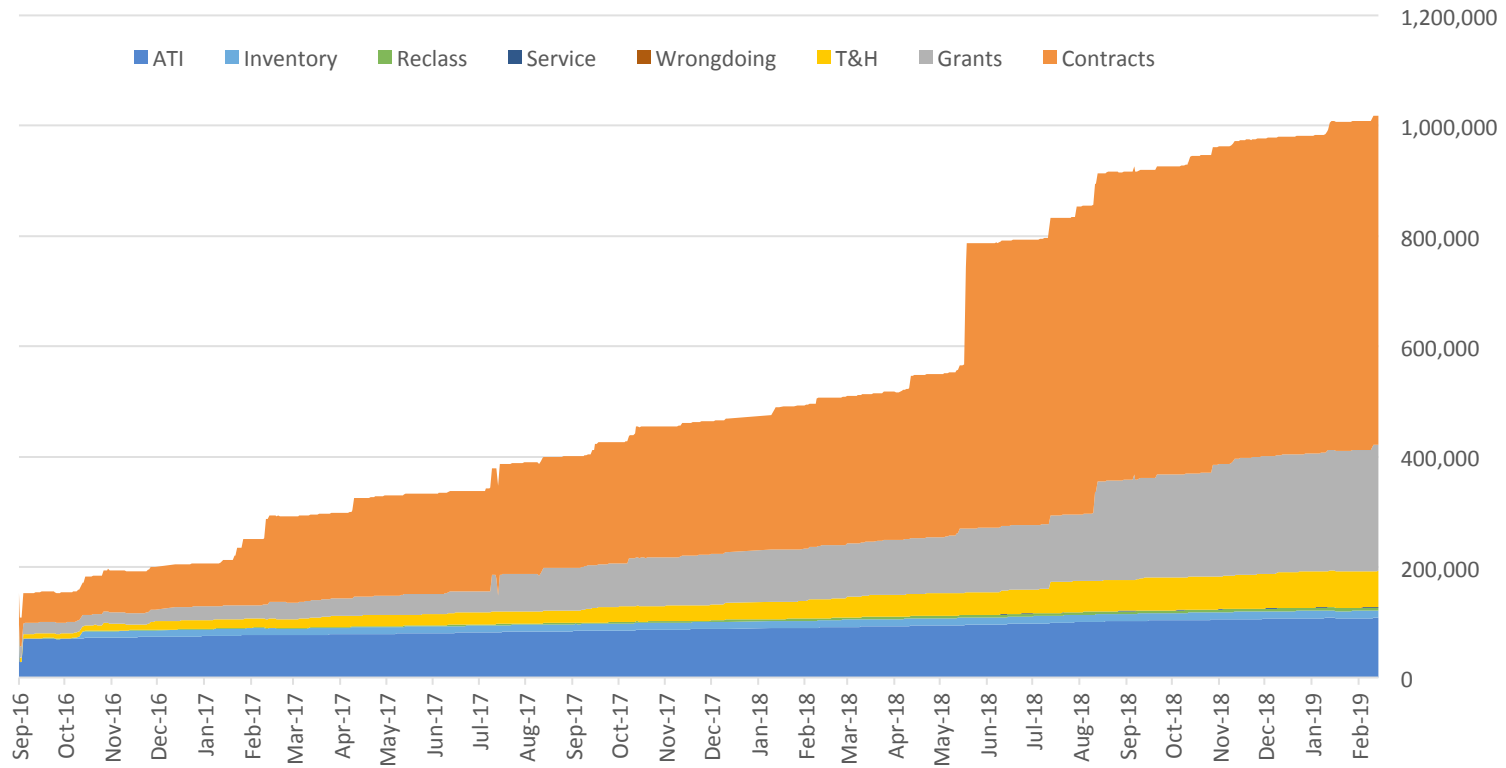
- Data Validation
- Proactive Disclosure FAQ

Indigenous Reporting

- Comprehensive Land Claim Agreements
- Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business



Proactive Disclosure Total Records





Background: Genesis

March 2004: the government committed to publicly disclose all contracts entered into by the Government of Canada for amounts over \$10K, with only very limited exceptions, such as national security.

April 2004: TBS released the Proactive Disclosure of Contracts over \$10K template.

June 2008: TB Contracting Policy amended so that Deputy Heads of departments are now required to publicly disclose quarterly, within one month after the close of each quarter, contracts entered into or amendments valued at over \$10K.

These requirements were consolidated within the Guidelines on the Proactive Disclosure of Contracts.



Background: Merger

Prior to 2017, departments sent their raw contracting data directly to PSPC, who subsequently internally validated the data before providing a summary of the data to TBS to disclose publically.

This process was known as the Purchasing Activity Report (PAR), capturing contracting data above and below \$25K.

Beginning in 2017, the raw contracting data under PAR was amalgamated with the Proactive Disclosure of Contracting, which requires the quarterly public disclosure of contracting activities over \$10K and aggregate data on contracting activities below \$10K directly onto the Open Government Portal.



Proactive Disclosure Requirements

Departments are to report the following:

- Quarterly public disclosure on Open Government of data fields detailed in Appendix A of contracts over \$10K.
- Annual reporting to PSPC and TBS of data fields detailed in Appendix A of contracts under \$10K.
- Annual public disclosure on Open Government of data fields detailed in Appendix B of contracts under \$10K (aggregated statistics).



Types of Data Collected

Over \$10K publically available data/
under \$10K data sent to PSPC/TBS

- 31 data fields
- Including contract date, vendor name, description of work, contract value, agreement type, commodity type, solicitation procedure, limited tendering reason, procurement strategy for aboriginal business, intellectual property, former public servant, etc.

Under \$10K aggregated

- 12 data fields
- Including value, amendment value and number for Goods, Services and Construction contracts.



Proactive Disclosure: Where it is Used





Treasury Board Secretariat



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Canada Secretariat

- To analyse and review departmental procurement operations.
- To provide statistics to answer indicators as a part of the Management Accountability Framework (MAF)



Global Affairs Canada



- To develop reports that fulfill Canada's statistical reporting obligations for procurements covered by certain trade agreements.
- To perform statistical analysis to support the negotiation of government procurement market access obligations in Canada's trade agreements.
- To provide procurement statistics to international organizations such as the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)



Innovation, Science and Economic Development



- To track intellectual property generated from government procurement contracts.
- Alongside the Privy Council's Office, provide statistics to provinces and territories on covered procurement under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement.



Public Services and Procurement Canada



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- To develop strategic policy, perform commodity management, produce analytical reports and assess trends.



Public

- It is important to provide accurate, thorough contracting data so that Canadians are better able to hold the government accountable.

Suppliers

- Proactive Disclosure contracting data provides suppliers an opportunity to perform market research on the type, number and value of Canada's government procurement to inform business operations.

Media

- With Proactive Disclosure, the government is able to provide accurate contracting data to the media to hold government to account.



Improving Data Quality: Validation Template

In March of 2019, TBS released a new template for departments to disclose their contracting data over \$10K quarterly report on Open Government that incorporates the contracting data field requirements set out in Appendix A of the Guidelines.

Its purpose is to identify errors and blanks in departmental data before departments upload their quarterly over \$10k reports online as well as the under \$10K contracting data sent to PSPC.

This is to enhance the quality of data available to the Canadian public.



How does it work?

The validation rules within the template will only apply for contracts that contain *contract dates* after 2019.

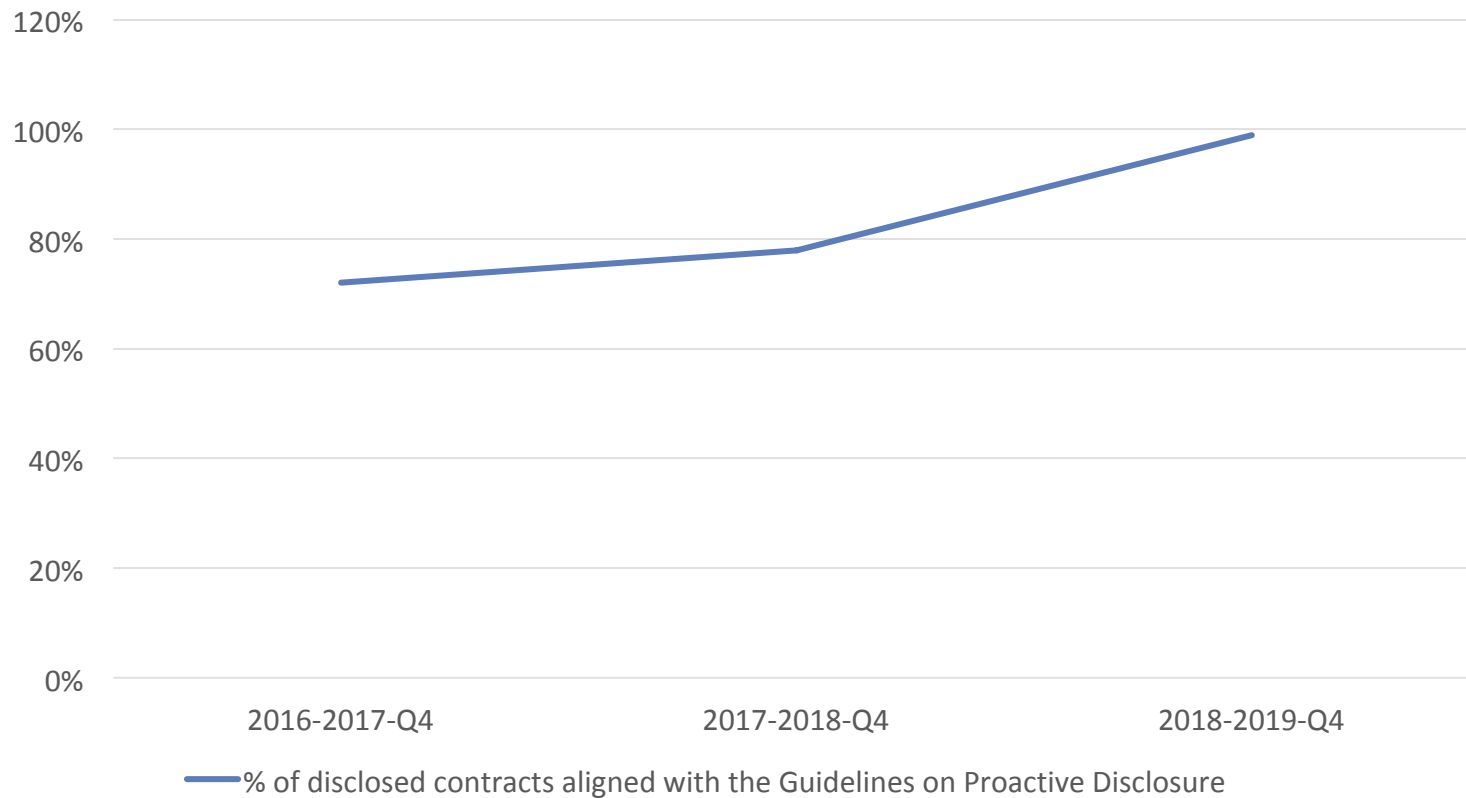
Cells will turn...

- **red** when data is entered in a format unaligned with the Guidelines
- **blue** when a cell is left blank that requires data as outlined in the Guidelines

Templates with identified errors cannot be uploaded on the Open Government portal.

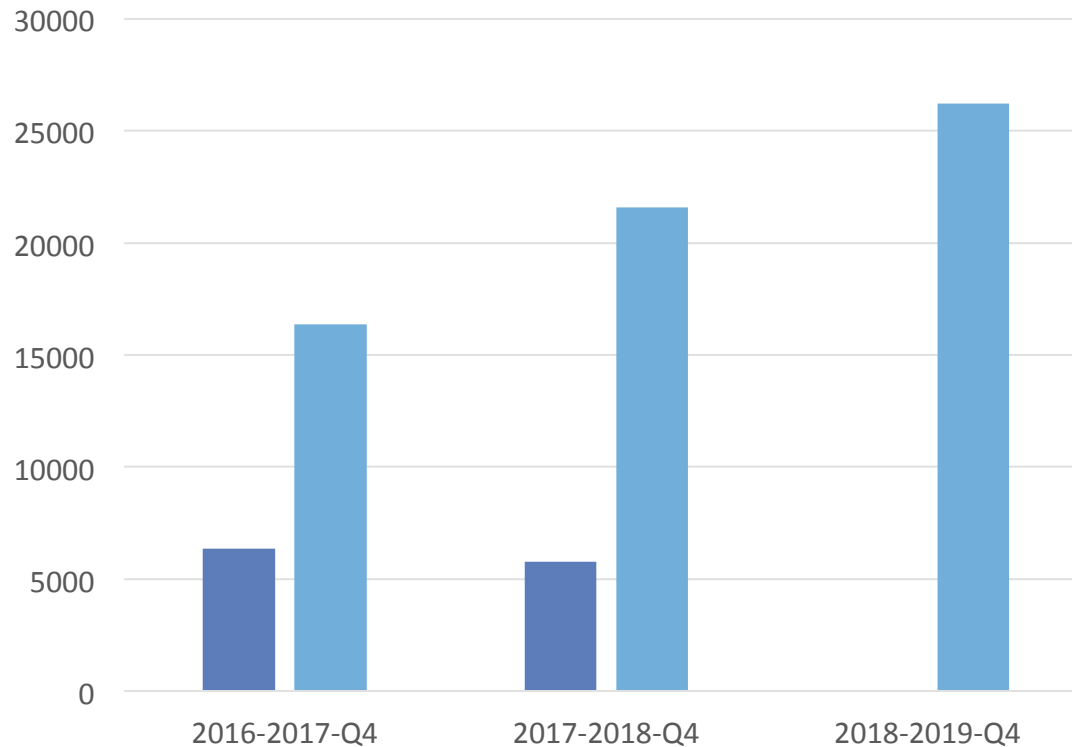


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- # of rows with data unaligned with the Guidelines on Proactive Disclosure
- # of rows with data aligned with the Guidelines on Proactive Disclosure



Proactive Disclosure FAQ

To further enhance the quality of data and assist departments in disclosing their contracts for over \$10K, Procurement Policy has published an FAQ for Proactive Disclosure on our GCpedia page.

The FAQ is broken into four sections:

- General
- Process
- Data Validation
- Technical



Indigenous Procurement Reporting

Indigenous participation in federal procurement contributes to reconciliation.

It provides opportunities to Indigenous business to help close the socio-economic gap.

It leads to business growth/scale up, employment and skills development.



Comprehensive Land Claims Agreements

CLCAs are negotiated, tripartite agreements between Canada, an Aboriginal group and the relevant province or territory.

2008: Changes to Treasury Board Contracting Policy mandated that deputy heads must report to the deputy head of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs on contracts entered into by departments.

There are 12 data facets reported, including the applicable CLCA, the postal code and the name of the contractor.



Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business

Purpose is to increase the number of Indigenous firms participating in the federal procurement process.

PSAB applies within two primary situations:

- Contracts that serve a primarily Indigenous population are set aside for competition among qualified Indigenous businesses.
- Federal employees are also encouraged to voluntarily set-aside opportunities for competition among Aboriginal businesses whenever practical.



Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business

Within Proactive Disclosure, departments must identify for contracts and amendments above \$10K,

- whether a contract used PSAB and/or was entered into within a CLCA
- Whether an Indigenous business was awarded a contract on an incidental basis (when the procurement is not subject to PSAB).



Important Resources

- [The Guidelines on Proactive Disclosure of Contracts](#)
- [Open Government – Proactive Disclosure – Contracts](#)
- [Open Government Registry](#)
- [Procurement Policy Division – GCpedia](#)



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