

Appendix 36. Partial listing of major **RETROACTIVE (financial and economic) actions by the Government of Canada following the COVID-19 epidemic**

Occurrence with stated purpose of "restarting" the economy. (Please note approximate date(s))-

July 16, 2020 "Safe Restart Agreement" (<https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2020/07/16/more-support-canadians-through-safe-restart-agreement>)

(More than \$19 Billion to help Provinces and Territories)

This is **in addition** to previous funding provided to Provinces and Territories viz:

- o The Canada Emergency Response Benefit, which has helped more than 8 million Canadians pay their bills and put food on the table during the pandemic.
- o The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy, which has kept about 3 million Canadians on the payroll.
- o \$500 million to the provinces and territories for critical health care system needs and support for mitigation efforts, including access to testing, acquisition of equipment, and enhanced surveillance and monitoring.
- o Over \$129 million to address health, economic, and transportation needs in the North.
- o Support to implement the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance for small businesses, which has helped over 29,000 small businesses lower rent by 75 per cent.
- o Up to \$3 billion to help provinces and territories increase wages of low-income essential workers.
- o Investments in AgriRecovery and AgriStability programs to support farmers and producers.

Canada's overall **COVID-19 Economic Response Plan "Overview"** can be accessed [at this link](#)

(NOTE: the only "date" available for this information states "Modified 2020-07-24".)

It's reasonable therefore to conclude that any substantial financial/economic planning that was done by the Federal Government concerning COVID-19 was done primarily in July 2020-or well after COVID-19 was first discovered in Canada and known to exist in other parts of the world. - WJP



Strict adherence to ERM principles and international risk standard ISO 31000 by Canada would have provided ample risk mitigation ability, time for success and avoided most if not all of the collateral financial and economic damages caused by COVID-19.

At the very least response time would have occurred much sooner than the actual experienced negatively by Canadians everywhere during the COVID-19 crisis.

Once again, the SARS epidemic should have "triggered" the need for pro-active risk planning by the Federal Government long ago and ERM would have been the "tool" for mitigation of future risk. -WJP
