

Financial Statements

Algonquin Nation Secretariat

March 31, 2023

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Management's statement of responsibility

The financial statements of Algonquin Nation Secretariat as at MARCH 31, 2023, are the responsibility of management and have been approved by the Board of directors.

These financial statements have been prepared in conformity with Canadian public sector accounting standards as defines by the CPA Canada public accounting handbook and, where appropriate, include amounts that are based on management's best estimates and jugments. Management has established internal control systems to ensure that the financial information is objectif and reliable and that band assets are safeguarded.

The financial statements have been audited by Christine Noel CPA inc, whose report outlines the scope of their audit and their opinion on the financial statements.

The Board of directors is responsible for the financial statements. The Board of directors meets to review the financial statements and independent auditor's report.

The Board of directors review the audited financial statements before making recommendations for presentation to the band membership.



Director

Signature and title

For Algonquin Nation Secretariat

September 29, 2023

Independent Auditor's Report

To the directors of
ALGONQUIN NATION SECRETARIAT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of ALGONQUIN NATION SECRETARIAT (the « Organization »), which comprise the statement of financial position as at MARCH 31, 2023, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets, net investment in capital assets, changes in net financial assets and cash flows for year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies (collectively referred to as the « financial statements »).

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at MARCH 31, 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards («PSAS»).

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other matter - predecessor's report

The financial statements of ALGONQUIN NATION SECRETARIAT for the year ended MARCH 31, 2022 were audited by another auditor who issued an unqualified opinion. We were not mandated to audit the comparative figures and consequently we have not performed any work on these comparative financial statements.

Other information

We draw attention to the fact that the supplementary information included in the Schedules does not form part of the financial statements. We have not audited or reviewed this supplementary information and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a review conclusion or any other form of assurance on this supplementary information.

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with PSAS, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the organization's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also :

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control;
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management;
- conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to event or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future event or conditions may cause the organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Christine Noël CPA inc

Christine Noël CPA inc.
Christine Noël CPA auditrice
Amos, September 29, 2023

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Statement of operations

For the year ended March 31, 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
REVENUES		
Administration fees	30 147	15 114
ISC - Contributions	467 666	225 565
Ontario Secretariat of Aboriginal Affairs	(15 473)	-
Other revenues	9 162	-
Parks Canada	145 950	-
SAA	-	42 550
Deferred revenue from previous year	124 251	166 765
Deferred revenue to following year	(148 371)	(124 251)
	<u>613 332</u>	<u>325 743</u>
EXPENSES		
Salaries and fringe benefits	81 179	71 475
Amortization of fixed assets	1 025	-
Administration fees	30 147	15 114
Computer expenses	21 404	4 674
Dues and subscriptions	485	307
Interests and bank charges	73	57
Office supplies, postage and delivery	3 721	1 386
Professional fees - audit and accounting	15 491	13 875
Professional fees - legal	202 103	135 071
Professional fees - researchers and consultants	195 028	52 795
Rent	8 056	8 555
Travel and accomodation	42 109	7 377
	<u>600 821</u>	<u>310 686</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	<u>12 511</u>	<u>15 057</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Net investment in capital assets
For the year ended March 31, 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	\$	\$
NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	5 064	500
Plus : Acquisition of capital assets	124	20 966
Less : Amortization :	(1 025)	(327)
NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>4 163</u>	<u>21 139</u>

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Statement of financial position

March 31, 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash	462 650	236 033
Accounts receivable (Note 3)	146 455	209 147
	<u>609 105</u>	<u>445 180</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 5)	235 533	109 140
Deferred revenue to following year (Note 6)	148 371	124 251
	<u>383 904</u>	<u>233 391</u>
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	<u>225 201</u>	<u>211 789</u>
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Capital assets (Note 4)	4 163	5 064
	<u>4 163</u>	<u>5 064</u>
EQUITY		
Investment in capital assets	4 163	5 064
Unrestricted	225 201	211 789
	<u>229 364</u>	<u>216 853</u>
	<u>233 527</u>	<u>221 917</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Approved on behalf of the Board


Administrator


Administrator

Algonquin Nation Secretariat

Changes in net Assets

For the year ended March 31, 2023

	<u>Fixed assets</u>	<u>Unres-tricted</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
			\$	\$
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	5 064	211 789	216 853	201 796
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	(1 025)	13 536	12 511	15 057
	<u>4 039</u>	<u>225 325</u>	<u>229 364</u>	<u>216 853</u>
NET INVESTMENT IN FIXED ASSETS	124	(124)	-	-
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u>4 163</u>	<u>225 201</u>	<u>229 364</u>	<u>216 853</u>

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Statement of changes in net financial assets

March 31, 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	\$	\$
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>211 789</u>	<u>196 732</u>
Surplus for the year	<u>12 511</u>	<u>15 057</u>
Changes in capital assets		
Acquisition of capital assets	(124)	-
Amortization	<u>1 025</u>	<u>1 266</u>
	<u>901</u>	<u>1 266</u>
Changes in other non-financial assets		
Net financing by capital asset surplus	<u>-</u>	<u>(1 266)</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>(1 266)</u>
CHANGE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	<u>13 412</u>	<u>15 057</u>
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS, END OF THE YEAR	<u><u>225 201</u></u>	<u><u>211 789</u></u>

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Statement of cash flows

For the year ended March 31, 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	\$	\$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenues over expenses	12 511	15 057
<i>Non-cash items :</i>		
Amortization of capital assets	<u>1 025</u>	<u>1 266</u>
	13 536	16 323
<i>Net change in non-cash items related to operating activities</i>	<u>213 205</u>	<u>(41 848)</u>
	<u>226 741</u>	<u>(25 525)</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition of capital assets	(124)	-
Net financing by capital assets surplus	-	(1 266)
	<u>(124)</u>	<u>(1 266)</u>
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	226 617	(26 791)
BEGINNING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	<u>236 033</u>	<u>262 824</u>
ENDING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	<u><u>462 650</u></u>	<u><u>236 033</u></u>
Cash and cash equivalents consist of the following: :		
Cash	<u>462 650</u>	<u>236 033</u>
	<u><u>462 650</u></u>	<u><u>236 033</u></u>

Les notes complémentaires font partie intégrante des états financiers.

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Notes aux états financiers

Le March 31, 2023

1 STATUS AND NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

The organization is incorporated under part II of the *Canada Corporations act* and is a non-profit entity. It manages different projects related to land claims and other political issues for certain Algonquin First Nations of Western Quebec.

2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting standards

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and the following significant accounting policies have been applied:

Use of estimates

When preparing financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions concerning the following items :

- amounts reported as income and expenses for the year;
- amounts reported under assets and liabilities;
- disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date.

Assumptions are based on a number of factors, including experience, current events or actions that may be taken in the future, and other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Estimates are reviewed periodically, and any adjustments made are reflected in income for the year in question. These estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty, and actual results may differ from these estimates. The organization uses estimates when accounting for certain items, such as the useful life of property, plant and equipment, the provision for bad debts.

Cash and cash equivalents

The organization's policy is to present bank balances under cash and cash equivalents, including bank overdrafts when bank balances that fluctuate frequently from being positive to overdrawn, and term deposits with a maturity period of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Capital assets

Capital assets are accounted for at cost. Amortization is calculated on their estimated useful life using the following methods and rates :

Furnitures and equipment	Diminishing balance	20%
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When the organization determines that an item of property, plant and equipment no longer has any long-term service potential, the excess of its net book value over its residual value is expensed in the statement of earnings.

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2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Recognition of contributions

The organization follows the deferred method of accounting for contributions. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Contributions received as endowments are recognized as direct increases in net assets.

3 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	\$	\$
Grants and other receivable	139 788	207 562
<i>Government receivable</i> :		
Sales taxes	6 667	1 585
	<u>146 455</u>	<u>209 147</u>

4 FIXED ASSETS

		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	
		\$	\$	
	Coût	Amortissement cumulé	Valeur nette	Valeur nette
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Furnitures and equipment	102 180	98 017	4 163	5 064
	<u>102 180</u>	<u>98 017</u>	<u>4 163</u>	<u>5 064</u>

5 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	\$	\$
Accounts payable	235 533	109 140
	<u>235 533</u>	<u>109 140</u>

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6 DEFERRED REVENUE TO FOLLOWING YEAR

	Cash received during the year	Recognized as revenue	2023 \$	2022 \$
Land rights - Specific claims	40 857	60 113	40 857	60 113
Canoe construction	-	-	16 662	16 662
SAA - Consultation	-	6 256	-	6 256
PC - Obadjiwan TPA	22 223	22 247	22 223	22 247
AOO (Negotiations)	-	18 973	-	18 973
PC - Guardians	68 629	-	68 629	-
	<u>131 709</u>	<u>107 589</u>	<u>148 371</u>	<u>124 251</u>

7 CONTINGENCIES

The sales tax treatment of the organization can be challenged by the authorities. It is currently impossible to assess the outcome of this issue. The accounting of the amounts, if any, will be made upon the outcome of this analysis.

8 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Through its financial instruments, the Group is exposed to a variety of risks, although it is not exposed to any concentrations of risk. The main ones are detailed below :

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the organization will encounter difficulties in meeting commitments related to its financial liabilities. The organization is exposed to this risk principally with respect to its long-term debt, its retractable shares presented as liabilities, and its accounts payable.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a party to a financial asset will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the entity to incur a financial loss. The entity's credit risk arises mainly from trade receivables and notes receivable. The entity grants credit to its customers in the normal course of business.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in interest rates. The entity is exposure to interest rate risk in respect of both its fixed-rate and variable-rate financial instruments. Fixed-rate instruments expose the entity to fair value risk, since fair value varies inversely with changes in market interest rates. Variable interest rate instruments subject the entity to fluctuations in the related future cash flows.

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9 EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS

The organization supports the contributory defined benefit pension plan for substantially all of its employees. It is a multiemployer plan that is administered by the Native Benefits Plan. The pension for native employees is from 6,8 % to 8,5 % of the gross salary and the employer contributes 1,82 times the employee's contribution.

The expense are as follow :

2023	2022
\$	\$
9 291	9 291

10 COMPARATIVE FIGURES

For purposes of comparison with the current year, certain prior-year figures have been reclassified.

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Additional informations

For the year ended March 31, 2023

Statements of operations by projects

Unaudited

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Schedules

Graphics & clerical transcript - Schedule 1

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
REVENUES		
Parks Canada	9 550	-
Administration fees	30 147	30 228
Transfer to another schedule	(30 074)	-
	<u>9 623</u>	<u>30 228</u>
EXPENSES		
Salaries and fringe benefits	-	3
Amortization of fixed assets	1 025	-
Interests and bank charges	73	57
	<u>1 098</u>	<u>60</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	<u>8 525</u>	<u>30 168</u>
Cumulative surplus, beginning of year	<u>209 304</u>	<u>179 136</u>
Cumulative surplus, end of year	<u>217 829</u>	<u>209 304</u>

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Schedules

Land rights - Specific claims - Schedule 2

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
REVENUES		
Indigenous Services Canada ("ISC") - Fixed contribution	346 666	225 565
Deferred revenue from previous year	60 113	74 954
Deferred revenue to following year	(40 857)	(60 113)
Transfer from another schedule	10 686	-
	<u>376 608</u>	<u>240 406</u>
EXPENSES		
Salaries and fringe benefits	72 193	71 472
Administration fees	8 402	8 010
Computer expenses	4 000	4 526
Dues and subscriptions	461	80
Equipment	-	147
Office supplies, postage and delivery	1 152	1 388
Professional fees - audit and accounting	14 350	13 875
Professional fees - legal	166 194	80 000
Professional fees - researchers and consultants	99 675	50 498
Rent	4 618	8 556
Travel and accomodation	5 563	1 854
	<u>376 608</u>	<u>240 406</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cumulative surplus, beginning of year	<u>(8)</u>	<u>(8)</u>
Cumulative surplus, end of year	<u>(8)</u>	<u>(8)</u>

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Schedules

Canoe construction - Schedule 3

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
REVENUES		
Deferred revenue from previous year	16 662	16 662
Deferred revenue to following year	(16 662)	(16 662)
	-	-
Surplus (deficit) for the year	-	-
Cumulative surplus, beginning of year	-	-
Cumulative surplus, end of year	-	-

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Schedules

Enterprise fund - Schedule 4

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	\$	\$
REVENUES		
Transfer to another schedule	(2 012)	-
Other revenues	6 000	-
	<u>3 988</u>	<u>-</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	<u>3 988</u>	<u>-</u>
Cumulative surplus, beginning of year	<u>129 917</u>	<u>129 917</u>
Cumulative surplus, end of year	<u>133 905</u>	<u>129 917</u>

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Schedules

SAA - Consultation - Schedule 5

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
REVENUES		
Secrétariat aux affaires autochtones (SAA)	-	42 550
Deferred revenue from previous year	6 256	20 745
Deferred revenue to following year	-	(6 256)
Transfer from another schedule	31 116	-
	<u>37 372</u>	<u>57 039</u>
EXPENSES		
Administration fees	-	5 185
Catering	-	99
Professional fees - legal	34 183	47 256
Travel and accomodation	1 352	4 499
	<u>37 372</u>	<u>57 039</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cumulative surplus, beginning of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cumulative surplus, end of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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Schedules

PC - Obadjiwan summer program - Schedule 6

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	\$	\$
Cumulative surplus, beginning of year	<u>(18)</u>	<u>(18)</u>
Cumulative surplus, end of year	<u><u>(18)</u></u>	<u><u>(18)</u></u>

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PC - Obadjiwan TPA - Schedule 7

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
REVENUES		
Deferred revenue from previous year	22 247	23 636
Deferred revenue to following year	(22 223)	(22 247)
	<u>24</u>	<u>1 389</u>
EXPENSES		
Administration fees	-	126
Dues and subscriptions	24	228
Professional fees - legal	-	110
Travel and accomodation	-	925
	<u>24</u>	<u>1 389</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cumulative surplus, beginning of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cumulative surplus, end of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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Schedules

A00 (Negotiations) - Schedule 8

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	\$	\$
REVENUES		
Ontario Secretariat of Aboriginal Affairs	(15 473)	-
Deferred revenue from previous year	18 973	30 768
Deferred revenue to following year	-	(18 973)
Transfer from another schedule	970	-
	<u>4 470</u>	<u>11 795</u>
EXPENSES		
Administration fees	-	1 793
Frais d'administration et de gestion	2 745	-
Professional fees - legal	1 725	7 705
Professional fees - researchers and consultants	-	2 297
	<u>4 470</u>	<u>11 795</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cumulative surplus, beginning of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cumulative surplus, end of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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Schedules

PC - Guardians - Schedule 9

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
REVENUES		
Parks Canada	136 400	-
Deferred revenue to following year	(68 629)	-
	<u>67 771</u>	<u>-</u>
EXPENSES		
Salaries and fringe benefits	8 985	-
Frais d'administration et de gestion	6 163	-
Office supplies, postage and delivery	2 181	-
Professional fees - audit and accounting	1 141	-
Professional fees - researchers and consultants	41 430	-
Travel and accomodation	7 871	-
	<u>67 771</u>	<u>-</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cumulative surplus, beginning of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cumulative surplus, end of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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Schedules

DIAND - NCRW - Schedule 10

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	\$	\$
REVENUES		
Indigenous Services Canada ("ISC") - Fixed contribution	121 000	-
Other revenues	3 162	-
Transfer from another schedule	<u>(10 686)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>113 476</u>	<u>-</u>
EXPENSES		
Computer expenses	17 404	-
Frais d'administration et de gestion	11 000	-
Office supplies, postage and delivery	388	-
Professional fees - researchers and consultants	53 923	-
Rent	3 438	-
Travel and accomodation	<u>27 323</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>113 476</u>	<u>-</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cumulative surplus, beginning of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cumulative surplus, end of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

