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Permanent Spending Legislation

Canadian Context and Role of PBO

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Expenditure Authorities

Annual Appropriations

- **Direct Program Expenses (e.g. salaries)**

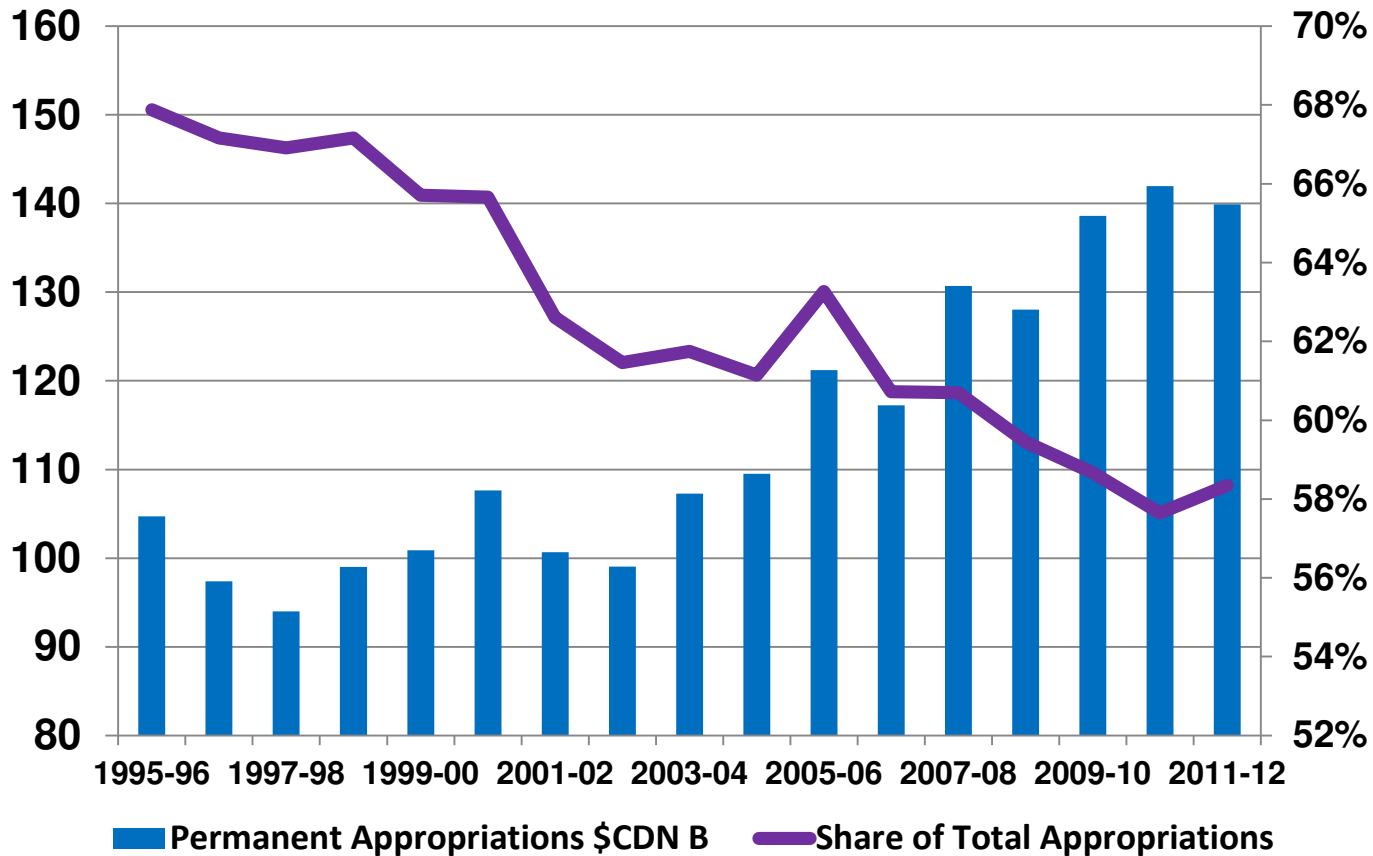
Permanent Authorities

- **Major transfers to sub-national governments; elderly, unemployment benefits**

Multi-year Authorities

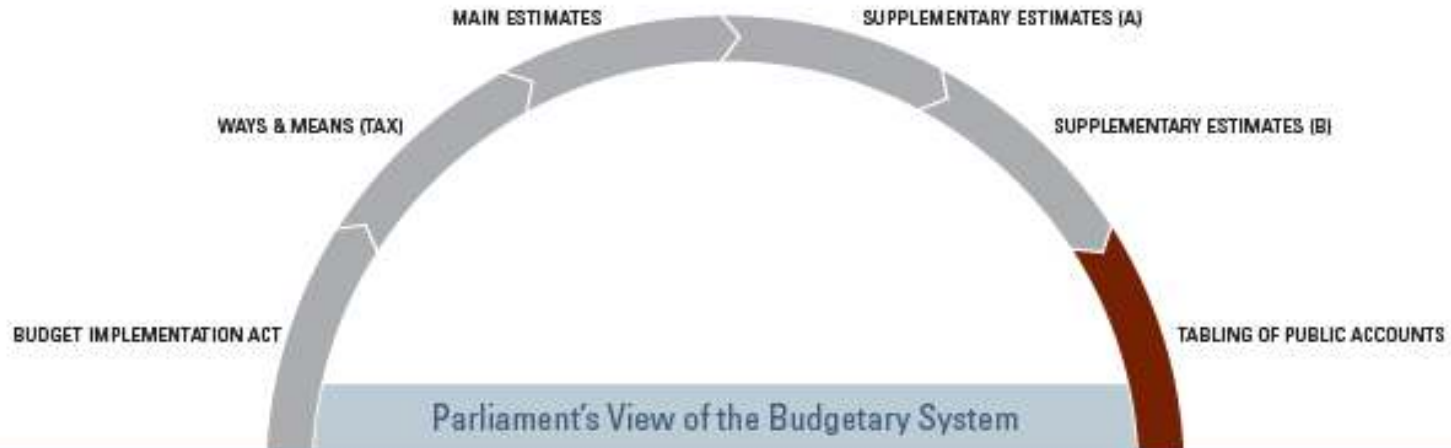
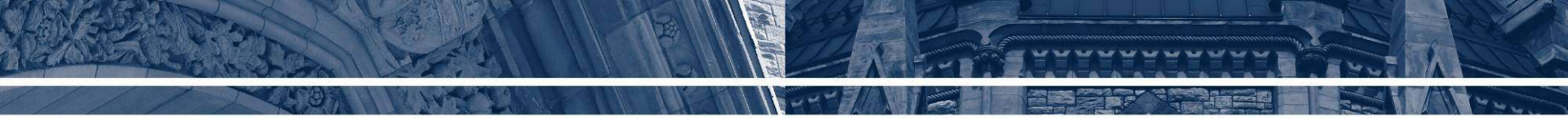
- **Project based transfers to third-parties**

Permanent Authorities Declining

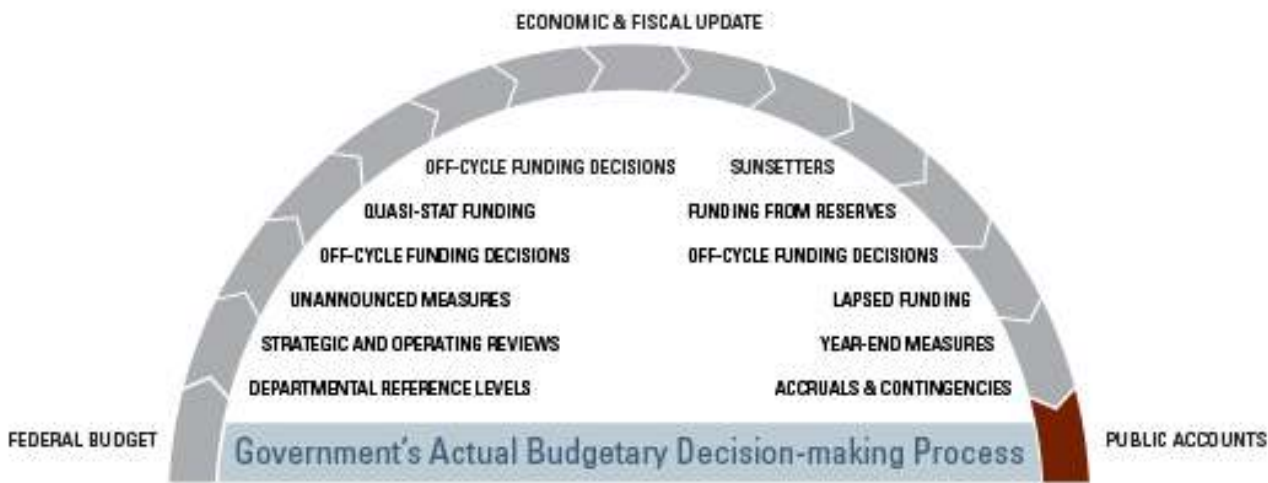


Modalities of Parliamentary Scrutiny

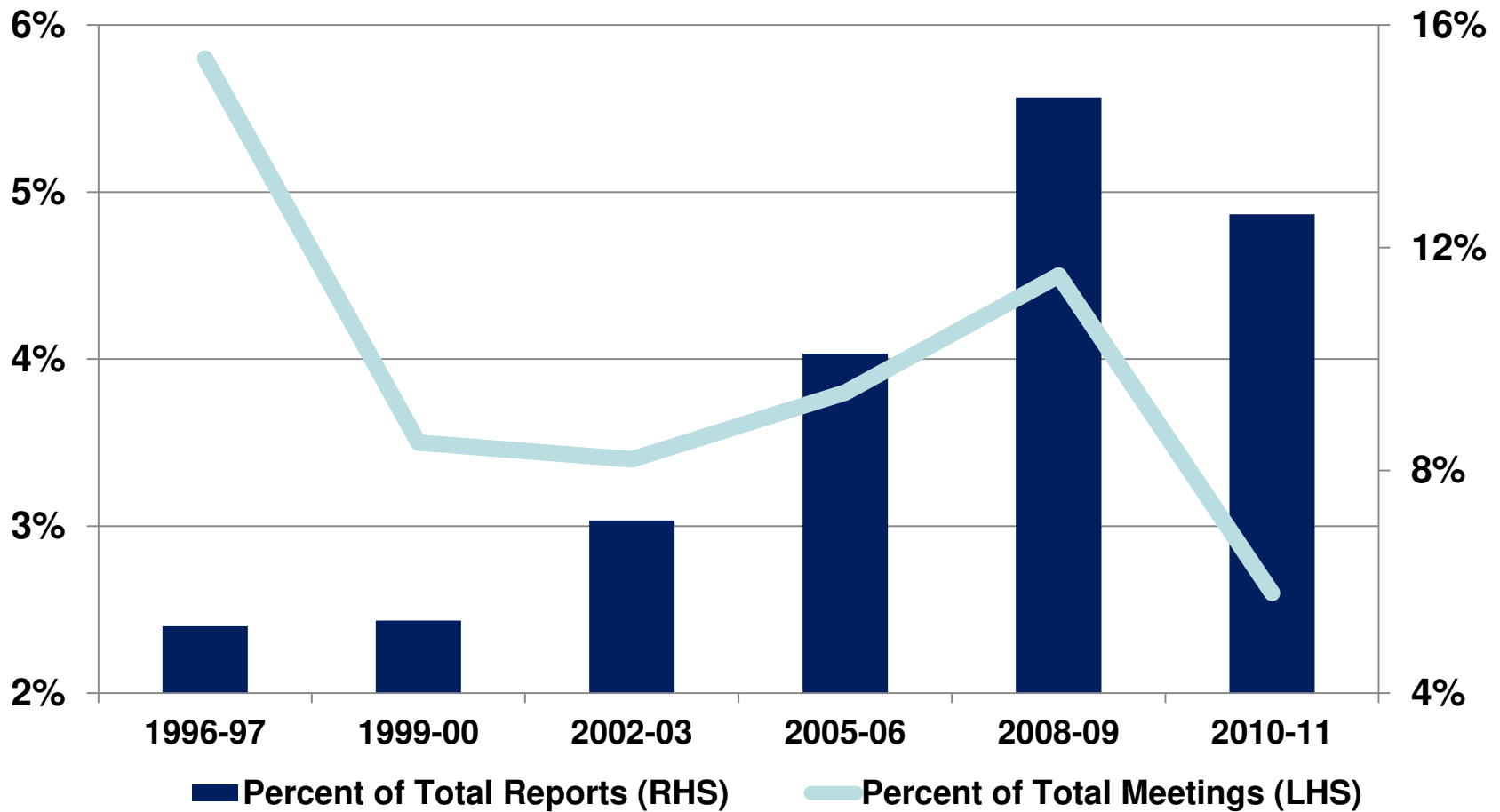
	Annual Parliamentary Review	Spending Limits	Required Evaluation
<i>Appropriations</i>	✓	✓	✓
<i>Permanent Authorities</i>	✗	✗	✓ ✗
<i>Multi-year Authorities</i>	✗	✓	✓



BRIDGING THE APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET GAP



Limited Interest





Role of Canadian PBO: Transparency

Identify Fiscal Consequences

- **Fiscal Sustainability Report**
- **Government began issuing own report in 2012**

Research on “Better” Scrutiny

- **Form, content and process for parliamentary fiscal scrutiny**
- **Parliamentary consensus built around an action plan.**