

Misuse of Public Funds or a Public Asset

A misuse of public funds or a public asset is listed as a wrongdoing in the Public Servants Disclosure Protection Act.

Among the numerous factors considered to make a finding of a misuse of public funds or a public asset, the Office of the Public Sector Integrity Commissioner will take into account the following interpretation:

- Misuse of public funds includes expenditures that are made without proper authorization or that are unlawful or contrary to applicable legislation, regulations, policies or procedures. Purchases that are wastefully unnecessary and that are not in keeping with the business or operational needs of the organization may also constitute a misuse of public funds.
- Misuse of public assets includes making inappropriate or unauthorized use of government property, and also includes a failure to safeguard such assets.

INFORMATION

Do you have questions? Do you want to make a disclosure of wrongdoing? Contact the Office of the Public Sector Integrity Commissioner of Canada.

Tel: 613-941-6400

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You may also make a disclosure to the designated senior officer within your organization or to your supervisor. It's your choice.

NOTE

All the information provided in a disclosure is thoroughly reviewed. The nature of the allegations, discretionary factors and restrictions under the Act are taken into consideration when deciding whether or not to investigate.

