Senator Marshall: Thank you. My next question is for Indigenous Services Canada and these are questions that are general in nature. Mr. Thompson, we have spoken many times about the various settlements. We were talking about child welfare, and the last time you came, you gave us an update.

That money has been disbursed now, and has it been disbursed by a third party?

Mr. Thompson: It has been disbursed and is currently in a trust. The next step is to determine what the compensation framework will be for the money to be disbursed, but it's not in the hand of the departments any more.

Senator Marshall: So it's gone.

Mr. Thompson: It's in the hands of the parties involved, and the compensation framework will now need to be approved before the disbursements start.

Senator Marshall: Who approves that? Your department?

Mr. Thompson: It's the federal court.

Senator Marshall: Are you able to tell us the name of the trustees or organization that disburses it?

Mr. Thompson: The organization that administers the trust is Deloitte.

Senator Marshall: We know that. What other ones are there? I always find it challenging to find out what the big settlements are. I think there was one in Crown-Indigenous Relations. I'm just trying to get a handle on where the big money is going.

Mr. Thompson: This is correct. When we appeared at the committee the last time, I was with my colleague from Crown-Indigenous Relations, and the majority of the settlements are now with them. At Indigenous Services Canada, we have a number of small settlements. We could provide what we have on our lists, but the big one is the child one.

Senator Marshall: If you can provide the list, that would be very helpful.

The Chair: Thank you.

Response:

Services aux Autochtones : liste des règlements payés durant l'année fiscale 2023-2024.			
Description du paiement	Nom du bénéficiaire	Montant	
Règlement d'une réclamation liée à l'entente de règlement relative aux Services à l'enfance et à la famille des Premières Nations, au principe de Jordan et au groupe Trout	Xavier Moushoom, Jeremy Meawasige (By His Litigation Guardian, Jonavon Joseph Meawasige) And Jonavon Joseph Meawasige & Assembly Of First Nations, Ashley Dawn Louise Bach, Karen Osachoff, Melissa Walterson, Noah Buffalo-Jackson (By His Litigation Guardian, Carolyn Buffalo And Dick Eugene Jackson Also Known As Richard Jackson & Assembly Of First Nations And Zacheus Joseph Trout	23 343 940 010 \$	
Règlement d'une réclamation liée à une allégation de mauvaise gestion des ressources pétrolières et gazières	Samson Cree Nation	134 000 000 \$	
Règlements soumis à une dispense de publication	Noms retenus	3 080 000 \$	
Règlement d'une réclamation liée au remboursement des frais de portage d'intérêts	BC Housing Management Commission	415 000 \$	
Règlement d'une réclamation liée à une intrusion et à des dommages causés par une décharge	Union Bar First Nation / Ashcroft & Company in Trust	100 000 \$	
Règlement d'une réclamation liée à l'érosion du rivage d'un terrain situé dans une réserve	James Baker and Debora Baker	15 000 \$	

Indigenous Services settlements settled in fiscal year 2023-24		
Description of Payment	Payee Name	Amount
Settlement of a claim related to the First Nations Child and Family Services, Jordan's Principle, and Trout Class Settlement	Xavier Moushoom, Jeremy Meawasige (By His Litigation Guardian, Jonavon Joseph Meawasige) And Jonavon Joseph Meawasige & Assembly Of First Nations, Ashley Dawn Louise Bach, Karen Osachoff, Melissa Walterson, Noah Buffalo- Jackson (By His Litigation Guardian, Carolyn Buffalo), Carolyn Buffalo And Dick Eugene Jackson Also Known As Richard Jackson & Assembly Of First Nations And Zacheus Joseph Trout	\$23,343,940,010
Settlement of claim related to alleged mismanagement of oil and gas resources	Samson Cree Nation	\$134,000,000
Settlement subject to publication exemption	Names withheld	\$3,080,000
Settlement of a claim related to reimbursement of interest carrying costs	BC Housing Management Commission	\$415,000
Settlement of a claim related to trespass and damages from landfill	Union Bar First Nation / Ashcroft & Company in Trust	\$100,000
Settlement of claim related to shoreline erosion to an on-reserve lot	James Baker and Debora Baker	\$15,000

Transcript of Question:

Senator Smith: Maybe we can go back to Mr. Thompson and Indigenous Services Canada.

In respect of the \$818 million in funding for the implementation of reforms to the First Nations Child and Family Service Program, ISC did not publish departmental results as of 2021-22 on various performance indicators. I'm just wondering if you can help me out, Mr. Thompson, with this — relating to First Nations Child and Family Services, including no results for percentage of First Nations children on reserve in care, no results for the percentage of children in care who are placed with a family member, and no results for percentage of First Nations communities offering family support services aimed at keeping families together. I'm just wondering with the implementation and all the work that you're doing, where are you with these particular measurements?

Mr. Thompson: As part of the settlement for the compensation, there was an agreement that there would be a negotiation on the long-term reform of the First Nations Child and Family Services. As part of the negotiations on the long-term reform, we have made the commitment to co-development a performance measurement framework with communities. The work is ongoing. It is part of the work we're doing right now on long-term reform. At the moment, we're still providing services to the program that we have in place, but we are currently negotiating on the long-term reform, and this will include a performance management framework that communities will be in agreement with.

Senator Smith: What is the time frame?

Mr. Thompson: It's ongoing. We are negotiating, and we want to complete the negotiation as soon as possible. This is happening as we speak, and it could be any time.

The Chair: Mr. Thompson, on the question asked by Senator Smith, if you feel that you want to add information to that question in writing through the clerk, we would appreciate that, so you can look at that question. Thank you.

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Response:

Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) will publish the current departmental results, including for the First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) Program indicators in place as of 2021-22 in the upcoming Departmental Result Report which will be tabled in Parliament this fall. Furthermore, ISC, the Child and Family Reform sector, is working with parties to the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal complaint on a co-developed performance management framework that reflects the changes to the Program. This new performance management framework is expected to be implemented on April 1, 2025. ISC will work with Program recipients on the new data collection requirements over the course of the 2025-26 fiscal year to support new and revised reporting requirements.

Services aux autochtones Canada (SAC) publiera les résultats ministériels courants, y compris pour les indicateurs du Programme des services à l'enfance et à la famille des Premières Nations (SEFPN) en place depuis 2021-2022, dans le prochain rapport sur les résultats ministériels qui sera déposé au Parlement cet automne. De plus, le secteur réforme aux services à l'enfance et à la famille travaillent avec les parties à la plainte du Tribunal canadien des droits de la personne sur un cadre de gestion du rendement élaboré conjointement qui reflète les changements apportés au Programme. Ce nouveau cadre de gestion du rendement devrait être mis en œuvre le 1er avril 2025. SAC travaillera avec les bénéficiaires du programme sur les nouvelles exigences en matière de collecte de données au cours de l'exercice 2025-26 pour prendre en charge les exigences nouvelles et révisées en matière de rapports.