



Executive Summary

Total Government commitment to AAP:

AthletesCAN recommends increasing the AAP budget and athlete funding levels by 20% to reflect the Bank of Canada consumer price index (CPI).

There has been a considerable increase in funding commitments for sport by the Federal government leading up to and following the Vancouver 2010 Olympic & Paralympic Games, however there has not been an increase in direct funding to athletes.

Since the previous changes to the AAP budget in 2004, the cumulative CPI has risen by 14%¹; today, athletes are receiving less than they were in 2004 and are less able to effectively manage living and training expenses. By the expected mid-point (2012-2013) of the next AAP budget period (2011-2016) CPI is targeted to rise by 20% since 2004.

An increase of 20% would reflect an increase in the AAP budget from \$27 million to \$32.4 million.

We recommend an increase of 20% to the total AAP budget, with the following impacts:

- Increase in direct athlete funding levels for senior cards from \$1500 to \$1800 per month and for development cards from \$900 to \$1080 per month;
- Continue to fund athlete education and general increases in tuition costs for post-secondary education;
- Provide additional funding to support Sport Canada's recommendations of needs based funding for the top 4 in the world ranked performers (Excellence funding, Child Dependents funding, and Performance Support Funding).

This recommendation will simply keep athletes on par with the increase in living costs since the previous changes to the AAP funding levels. This funding status quo is reasonable, considering the increasing expectations on athletes to perform, and a standard application of the consumer price index.

Please see the "Appendix: Bank of Canada Consumer Price Index Changes" for a breakdown of these calculations.

¹ See appendix: Bank of Canada Consumer Price Index Changes



Appendix: Bank of Canada Consumer Price Index Changes

Year End	Consumer Price Index		Cumulative	
	Actual*	Expected	2003=1	Inflation
2003	0	0	1.00	
2004	1.80%		1.02	1.8%
2005	2.20%		1.04	4.0%
2006	2.00%		1.06	6.1%
2007	2.20%		1.08	8.5%
2008	2.30%		1.11	10.9%
2009	3.00%		1.11	11.3%
2010		2.00%	1.14	13.5%
2011		2.00%	1.16	15.8%
2012		2.00%	1.18	18.1%
2013		2.00%	1.20	20.5%
2014		2.00%	1.23	22.9%
2015		2.00%	1.25	25.3%
2016		2.00%	1.28	27.8%
2017		2.00%	1.30	30.4%
2018		2.00%	1.33	33.0%
2019		2.00%	1.36	35.7%
2020		2.00%	1.38	38.4%

*Statistics Canada: <http://www40.statcan.ca/l01/cst01/econ46a-eng.htm>
 Expected inflation of 2% is based on the Bank of Canada policy target for inflation.