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REQUEST DETAILS: Amount of MSP payment debt that has been written off or forgiven, by fiscal year, from 2010/11 through 2014/15. (Date Range for Record Search: From 04/01/2010 To 03/31/2015)

RESPONSE:

	for the 12 months ended March 31,						
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Write-Off amounts	\$ 43,106,374.05	\$ 16,251,223.65	\$ 27,870,182.55	\$ 157,507,940.69	\$ 54,947,294.26	\$ 40,564,738.50	\$ 340,247,753.70

MSP write-off amounts include premiums written off in accordance with Section 17 of the *BC Financial Administration Act* and BC Government Core Policy and Procedures Manual 7.2.26 Write-offs of Uncollectible Debts or Obligations which also includes amounts extinguished under the *BC Limitation Act*. MSP Premiums are also written off in accordance with the *Federal Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*. There are no provisions in the *Medicare Protection Act* or the Medical and Health Care Services Regulation that would allow the Ministry to forgive MSP premiums.

Ministries must ensure that uncollectable debts or obligations are reviewed at least once a year and identify those debts that should be submitted for write-off. A write-off removes a receivable from the accounts recorded in the Corporate Accounting System, but does not extinguish the legal right of the government to collect the debt or obligation. MSP accounts that are written off, but still legally collectable are still maintained on Canada Revenue Agency Refund Set-off Program and at Private Collection Agencies where possible.