

CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS TRIBUNAL

BETWEEN:

**FIRST NATIONS CHILD AND FAMILY CARING SOCIETY OF CANADA
and ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS**

Complainants

and

CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Commission

and

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CANADA
(representing the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada)

Respondent

and

**CHIEFS OF ONTARIO, NISHNAWBE ASKI NATION, and AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL CANADA**

Interested Parties

WILL-SAY STATEMENT: ANETA GILLIES

About Aneta Gillies

Aneta Gillies is the Director of Financial Oversight at Jordan's Principle Operations, which is situated within the Child, Families and Learning sector of Indigenous Services Canada (since May 2026). Aneta Gillies has held various roles with Indigenous Service Canada (ISC) relating to First Nations health and social services, and Jordan's Principle since 2019.

Roles and Responsibilities

Aneta is the lead on Financial Oversight at Jordan's Principle Operations and is responsible for ensuring effective financial controls and processes within the scope of Jordan's Principle implementation and ensuring compliance and accountability informed by Government of Canada financial policies procedures and guidelines within the context of ISC's Jordan's Principle operations.

Jordan's Principle Payment and Reimbursement Options for Approved Services

Aneta will speak to the payment and reimbursement options available under Jordan's Principle and the requirements associated with each. Aneta will also describe financial management requirements as they apply to the issuance of public funds within the context of ISC's Jordan's Principle operations. This may include references to recommendations from the *May 2025 Audit of Jordan's Principle*.

Aneta will outline and provide data on the mechanisms used under Jordan's Principle and will describe the processes, requirements, operational considerations, and frequency of use associated with each approach, including but not limited to the following:

- payments to service providers and vendors;
- reimbursements to families and communities, and organizations;
- contribution agreements for group requests, post-approval supports, and service coordinators; and
- acquisition cards or advance payments.

Her evidence will also address the financial controls and accountability requirements that govern Jordan's Principle payment and reimbursement processes. To the extent relevant to the orders sought by the Parties, Aneta will speak to the potential operational implications of the proposed changes to repayment and reimbursement processes.

Timelines for Payment and Reimbursement Options

Aneta will speak to the processes and timelines associated with payments, reimbursements and contribution agreements under Jordan's Principle. Her evidence will describe the payments and reimbursement processes and standards for Jordan's Principle requests, including expectations and guidance for the management of these as well as the controls and requirements that support appropriate financial stewardship and accountability in making best efforts to ensure families and requestors receiving services are being reimbursed in a timely manner. This will include but is not limited to the following:

- operational steps required to issue payments on an expedited basis, including the manual interventions that may be required by ISC and payment-processing staff;
- practical and operational limitations associated with expedited payment processes under Jordan's Principle;
- information and documentation required before payments or reimbursements can be issued, including invoices, vendor information, and supporting records; and
- the impact of incomplete, inaccurate, or missing information on processing times and reimbursements, as well as the measures ISC takes to obtain the information necessary to issue a payment.