

Consultants by the numbers

6,000 Estimated number of consultants, including “ghosts,” operating in Canada.

1,600 Members of the Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants at its 2004 launch

1,068 Members as of June 13, 2007

560 Number of memberships suspended or revoked, as of December 2006, for failing to meet standards

UNKNOWN Number of agents and unregulated consultants offering immigration advice abroad to prospective migrants

5 Percentage of CSIC members stationed abroad

\$2,067 Annual dues to be a registered consultant

\$0 Dues of a “ghost” consultant who does the same work but doesn’t join

\$1.2 million Cost to taxpayers to establish CSIC

3 Number of CSIC board resignations in the regulator’s early days in which governance and management issues were cited

209 Complaints received by CSIC (Nov. 1, 2005 to Oct. 31, 2006)

1 in 2 Were about competence and quality of service

1 in 4 Were outside CSIC’s jurisdiction (ghost consultants or lawyers)

6 Percentage of closed cases including members that resulted in “corrective action”

0 Disciplinary hearings held since inception of CSIC (2004)