

**OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY
 FY 1999**

The following tables summarize actions taken on OIG recommendations to recover funds or to put them to better use.

TABLE I - REPORTS WITH QUESTIONED COSTS. This table summarizes the Department's response to the OIG's recommendations for the recovery or redirection of questioned and unsupported costs. Questioned costs are those costs that are challenged because of a violation of law, regulation, grant, etc. These may be costs claimed by a grantee, findings on Medicare reimbursements (such as errors in billings), ineligible beneficiaries, or where Medicare regulations are not followed. Administrative cost audits are also included where the OIG may find that a State inappropriately claimed administrative costs for a HHS program. Unsupported costs are those costs questioned because they are not supported by adequate documentation. This information is provided in accordance with the Supplemental Appropriations and Rescissions Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-304) and the Inspector General Act Amendments of 1988. These costs are separate from the amount ordered or returned as a result of OIG investigations.

	Number	Dollar Value	
		Questioned	Unsupported
A. For which no management decision had been made by the commencement of the reporting period ¹	443	\$356,603,000	\$44,003,000
B. Which were issued during the reporting period	201	\$212,070,000	\$6,168,000
Subtotal (A + B)	644	\$568,673,000	\$50,171,000
Less:			
C. For which a management decision was made during the reporting period	278	\$265,673,000	\$28,140,000
(i) dollar value of disallowed costs		\$251,499,000	\$19,618,000
(ii) dollar value of costs not disallowed		\$14,174,000	\$8,522,000
D. For which no management decision had been made by the end of the reporting period	366	\$303,000,000	\$22,031,000
E. Reports for which no management decision was made within six months of issuance	540	\$475,370,000	\$6,900,000

¹ The opening balance was adjusted to reflect a net upward revaluation of recommendations in the amount of \$8.9 million.

Source: FY 1999 OIG Semi-Annual Reports

TABLE II- RECOMMENDATIONS THAT FUNDS BE PUT TO BETTER USE. This table summarizes reports that include recommendations that funds be put to better use through cost avoidances, budget savings, etc. They can be achieved through legislative changes; specific program improvements to prevent unnecessary obligations for expenditures of agency funds; or improvements in agency systems or operations.

	Number	Dollar Value
A. For which no management decision had been made by the commencement of the reporting period ¹	49	\$1,451,106,000
B. Which were issued during the reporting period	22	\$297,763,000
Subtotal (A + B)	71	\$1,748,869,000
Less:		
C. For which a management decision was made during the reporting period		
(i) dollar value of recommendations that were agreed to by management		
(a) based on proposed management action	40	\$312,748,000
(b) based on proposed legislative action		
Subtotals (a + b)	40	\$312,748,000
(ii) dollar value of recommendations that were not agreed to by management	3	\$175,000
Subtotals (i + ii)	43	\$312,923,000
E. Reports for which no management decision was made by the end of the reporting period	28	\$1,435,946,000

¹ The opening balance was adjusted to reflect an upward revaluation of recommendations in the amount of \$206.5 million.

Source: FY 1999 OIG Semi-Annual Reports