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Introduction

The 2020-21 Estimates set out details of the Operating and Capital spending requirements of Ministries and Legislative Offices for the year commencing April 1, 2020 and constitute the Government's formal request to the Legislature for approval of the expenditures involved. Once approved by the Legislature in the Supply Act, the Estimates become the legal spending authority for each Ministry/Office.

The services or programs which Ministries and Offices are responsible for delivering are each identified by a unique Vote number within the Estimates. Votes in turn are sub-divided into Items in order to distinguish between their different functions. This Vote/Item structure permits the Legislature to be more specific in appropriating funds to particular services. Within each Item, expenditures are shown by Standard Account, i.e. Salaries and wages, Employee benefits, Transportation and communication, Services, Transfer payments etc. (see explanatory notes below).

For comparative purposes, Estimates and Actual amounts for prior years are provided on (Ministry) Program Summary and Vote Summary pages. These amounts are restated to provide comparability where functional reorganizations and transfers, Supplementary Estimates or accounting changes have occurred.

Estimates for all Legislative Offices are presented on the modified cash basis of accounting.

Where it is necessary to seek the Legislature’s approval for additional expenditures after the tabling of the Main Estimates, Supplementary Estimates may be tabled.

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Explanatory notes

NOTE: Spending is forecast for the fiscal year 2020-21 under seven Standard Accounts at the item level. The descriptions of the contents of the Standard Accounts given below are intended to serve as brief outlines only and should not be considered all inclusive.

Salaries and Wages

Includes salaries and wages, overtime and other remuneration paid to regular, probationary, unclassified and other staff; temporary help costs; indemnities and allowances paid to Members of the Legislative Assembly; and special allowances paid to employees.

Employee Benefits

Includes the government’s contribution as an employer to the Canada Pension Plan; the Ontario Public Service Employees’ Union Pension Plan; the Public Service Pension Plan; Employment Insurance; the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board; and other employee benefit plans.

Transportation and Communication

Includes traveling expenses of employees on government business and recipients of government services,

such as wards of the province; relocation expenses of employees who transferred or were recruited; expenses of moving office furniture and equipment; costs of transportation of goods other than for initial delivery; mailing costs, such as postage and registration; and communication costs, such as telephone and data communications.

Services

Includes information services, such as, advertising and communication services provided by professional agencies and advertising placed directly with the media; rental and purchased repair and maintenance of machinery, equipment, buildings, land and engineering structures; data processing services; insurance premiums; and other professional and special services.

Supplies and Equipment

Includes provision for the purchase of all machinery and equipment including motor vehicles and computers, both new and used; and the purchase of all materials, supplies and utilities.

Transfer Payments

Includes grants, subsidies, assistance to persons; the business sector; non-commercial institutions; and other government bodies.

Other Transactions

Includes special transactions, such as interest incentives and subsidies; guarantees honoured; losses on loans; and repayable grants.

Note on Statutory Appropriations

Amounts required for Statutory Appropriations are shown, where applicable, as separate entries under the Standard Accounts Classification details relating to each item.

Note on Cost-Recovery Items

In cases where the anticipated recovery of costs of an item is equal to or greater than the expenditures, the balance of the item is shown at the nominal value of \$1,000.

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Expenditure Estimates for the Office of the Assembly (2020-21)

The 2020-21 Estimates set out details of the operating and capital spending requirements of ministries and legislative offices for the year starting on April 1, 2020.

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Summary

The Office of the Legislative Assembly, established by the Province of Ontario under the *Legislative Assembly Act* of Ontario on December 20, 1974, exists to provide procedural, financial and operational support for all Members of Provincial Parliament in the House, Committees and constituency offices.

The Office also includes the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario who oversees Ontario's *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; the Office of the Integrity Commissioner who administers the *Members' Integrity Act, 1994*; the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; the *Cabinet Ministers' and Opposition Leaders' Expenses Review and Accountability Act, 2002*; *Public Sector Expenses Review Act, 2009*; as well as disclosing and investigating wrongdoing and ethical conduct under the *Public Service of Ontario Act, 2006*; and the Office of Financial Accountability Officer whose mandate is to administer the *Financial Accountability Officer Act, 2013*.

Effective April 1, 2019, duties associated with the position of Environmental Commissioner are transferred to the Environment Minister and the Auditor General. Effective May 1, 2019, duties associated with the position of French Language Services Commissioner are transferred to the Ombudsman. Effective May 1, 2019, the office of the Provincial Youth Advocate merged with the Ombudsman's office.

All funds are paid out of the Legislative Assembly Fund, which is separate and independent of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Program summary

Vote	Program	Estimates 2020-21	Estimates 2019-20	Difference between 2020-21 and 2019-20	Actual 2018-19
Operating expense					
201	Office of the Assembly Program	\$160,233,000	\$156,921,600	\$3,311,400	\$145,242,420
202	Commission(er)'s Program	\$29,031,000	\$30,172,600	(\$1,141,600)	\$46,216,101
Total operating expense to be voted		\$189,264,000	\$187,094,200	\$2,169,800	\$191,458,521
Total operating expense		\$189,264,000	\$187,094,200	\$2,169,800	\$191,458,521
Total including consolidation & other adjustments		\$189,264,000	\$187,094,200	\$2,169,800	\$191,458,521
Total operating and		\$189,264,000	\$187,094,200	\$2,169,800	\$191,458,521

capital including
consolidation and
other adjustments
(not including
assets)

Office of the Assembly Program - vote 201

This program includes salaries and allowances and all support services provided to Members by the various offices of the Assembly.

Vote summary

Item number	Item	Estimates 2020-21	Estimates 2019-20	Difference between 2020-21 and 2019-20	Actual 2018-19
Operating expense					
1	Office of the Speaker	\$435,900	\$319,900	\$116,000	\$278,519
2	Office of the Clerk	\$926,800	\$917,500	\$9,300	\$706,112
3	Legislative services	\$14,808,000	\$13,664,100	\$1,143,900	\$12,412,762
4	Information and technology services	\$13,437,200	\$12,982,700	\$454,500	\$11,398,144
5	Administrative	\$8,757,400	\$8,656,700	\$100,700	\$7,208,795

services					
6	Sergeant at Arms and Precinct Properties	\$31,304,200	\$22,403,600	\$8,900,600	\$20,402,433
8	Caucus support services	\$11,297,300	\$11,375,500	(\$78,200)	\$13,618,383
9	Members' Compensation and Travel	\$24,726,300	\$25,947,800	(\$1,221,500)	\$27,912,169
10	Members' Office Support Services	\$50,384,700	\$50,215,500	\$169,200	\$48,696,906
11	Ontario Legislative Internship Program	\$314,700	\$309,800	\$4,900	\$297,478
13	Facility upgrades	\$3,840,500	\$10,128,500	(\$6,288,000)	\$2,310,719
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$160,233,000	\$156,921,600	\$3,311,400	\$145,242,420
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Standard account by item and sub-items

Vote-item	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount
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number		
Operating expense		
201-1	Office of the Speaker	
	Salaries and wages	\$3,700
	Employee benefits	\$200
	Transportation and communication	\$230,100
	Services	\$167,600
	Supplies and equipment	\$34,300
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$435,900
201-2	Office of the Clerk	
	Salaries and wages	\$571,900
	Employee benefits	\$164,300
	Transportation and communication	\$26,300
	Services	\$148,100
	Supplies and equipment	\$16,200
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$926,800

201-3	Legislative Services	
	Salaries and wages	\$9,517,400
	Employee benefits	\$2,285,200
	Transportation and communication	\$683,900
	Services	\$1,837,100
	Supplies and equipment	\$587,400
	Subtotal	\$14,911,000
	Less: recoveries	\$103,000
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$14,808,000
201-4	Information and Technology Services	
	Salaries and wages	\$8,562,900
	Employee benefits	\$2,055,400
	Transportation and communication	\$178,300
	Services	\$1,693,500
	Supplies and equipment	\$948,600

	Subtotal	\$13,438,700
	Less: recoveries	\$1,500
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$13,437,200
201-5	Administrative services	
	Salaries and wages	\$5,286,700
	Employee benefits	\$1,235,800
	Transportation and communication	\$751,500
	Services	\$1,306,000
	Supplies and equipment	\$238,400
	Subtotal	\$8,818,400
	Less: recoveries	\$61,000
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$8,757,400
201-6	Sergeant at Arms and Precinct Properties	
	Salaries and wages	\$11,322,700
	Employee benefits	\$2,717,500
	Transportation and communication	\$1,069,500

Services	\$9,172,200
Supplies and equipment	\$7,152,300
Subtotal	\$31,434,200
Less: recoveries	\$130,000
Total operating expense to be voted	\$31,304,200

201-8	Caucus support services	
	Salaries and wages	\$7,638,000
	Employee benefits	\$1,805,300
	Transportation and communication	\$341,400
	Services	\$1,336,500
	Supplies and equipment	\$176,100
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$11,297,300

201-9	Members' compensation and travel	
	Salaries and wages	\$15,856,500
	Employee benefits	\$4,190,100

Transportation and communication	\$2,373,600
Services	\$2,294,400
Supplies and equipment	\$11,700
Total operating expense to be voted	\$24,726,300

201-10	Members' Office Support Services	
	Salaries and wages	\$24,669,800
	Employee benefits	\$5,223,300
	Transportation and communication	\$5,791,300
	Services	\$11,247,400
	Supplies and equipment	\$3,452,900
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$50,384,700

201-11	Ontario Legislative Internship Program	
	Transfer payments	
	Ontario Legislative Internship Program	\$314,700
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$314,700

201-13 Facility upgrades

Services	\$3,840,500
Total operating expense to be voted	\$3,840,500
Total operating expense for Office of the Assembly Program	\$160,233,000

Commission(er)'s Program - vote 202

This program includes the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario who oversees Ontario's *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; the Office of the Integrity Commissioner who administers the *Members' Integrity Act, 1994*; the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; the *Cabinet Ministers' and Opposition Leaders' Expenses Review and Accountability Act, 2002*; *Public Sector Expenses Review Act, 2009*; as well as disclosing and investigating wrongdoing and ethical conduct under the *Public Service of Ontario Act, 2006*; and the Office of Financial Accountability Officer whose mandate is to administer the *Financial Accountability Officer Act, 2013*.

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Vote summary

Item number	Item	Estimates 2020-21	Estimates 2019-20	Difference between 2020-21 and 2019-20	Actual 2018-19
-	Operating expense	-	-	-	
-	Environmental Commissioner	-	-	-	\$5,245,665

2	Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	\$20,652,600	\$19,706,000	\$946,600	\$19,238,285
3	Office of the Integrity Commissioner	\$4,528,400	\$4,667,500	(\$139,100)	\$2,896,020
-	Office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth	-	\$1,543,300	(\$1,543,300)	\$13,210,979
-	Office of the French Language Services Commissioner	-	\$544,800	(\$544,800)	\$2,624,058
6	Financial Accountability Officer	\$3,850,000	\$3,711,000	\$139,000	\$3,001,094
Total operating expense to be voted		\$29,031,000	\$30,172,600	(\$1,141,600)	\$46,216,101
Total operating expense		\$29,031,000	\$30,172,600	(\$1,141,600)	\$46,216,101

Standard account by item and sub-items

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount
Operating expense		

202-2	Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	
	Salaries and wages	\$13,885,500
	Employee benefits	\$3,682,500
	Transportation and communication	\$286,700
	Services	\$2,475,900
	Supplies and equipment	\$322,000
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$20,652,600
202-3	Office of the Integrity Commissioner	
	Salaries and wages	\$2,756,800
	Employee benefits	\$661,600
	Transportation and communication	\$92,300
	Services	\$930,000
	Supplies and equipment	\$87,700
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$4,528,400
202-6	Financial Accountability Officer	
	Salaries and wages	\$2,452,100

Employee benefits	\$588,500
Transportation and communication	\$56,500
Services	\$642,900
Supplies and equipment	\$110,000
Total operating expense to be voted	\$3,850,000
Total operating expense for Commission(er)'s Program	\$29,031,000

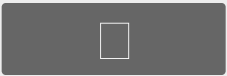
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Expenditure Estimates for the Office of the Auditor General (2020-21)

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Summary

The Auditor General, who is an Officer of the Assembly, conducts independent audits of government programs, the financial statements of the Province and numerous agencies of the Crown, broader public-sector organizations, and reviews under the authority of the *Auditor General Act* and various other statutes and authorities. The results of these audits and reviews provide assurance, objective information and advice to the Legislative Assembly. In doing so, the Office of the Auditor General assists the Assembly in holding the government, its administrators, and grant recipients accountable for their stewardship of public funds and for the achievement of value-for-money in the delivery of services to the public.

On April 1, 2019, Restoring Trust, *Transparency and Accountability Act* (the “Act”) was proclaimed. The Act amends the *Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993* to transfer some of the responsibilities of the former Office of the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario to the Office of the Auditor General of Ontario. The Office’s expanded responsibilities include reporting annually on the operations of the *Environmental Bill of Rights*.

Additionally, under the *Government Advertising Act, 2004*, the Auditor General is required to review specified types of advertising and certain printed matter proposed by government offices to determine whether they meet the standards required by that Act.

Under the Acts, the Auditor General reports the results of the work conducted each year directly to the Legislative Assembly.

As required by the *Fiscal Transparency and Accountability Act, 2004*, in an election year the Auditor General is also required to review and report on the reasonableness of a Pre-Election Report prepared by the Ministry of Finance.

Program summary

Vote	Program	Estimates 2020-21	Estimates 2019-20	Difference between 2020-21 and 2019-20	Actual 2018-19
Operating expense					
2501	Office of the Auditor General Program	\$25,561,700	\$25,796,000	(\$234,300)	\$19,372,042
Total operating expense to be voted		\$25,561,700	\$25,796,000	(\$234,300)	\$19,372,042
Statutory Appropriations		\$522,100	\$522,100	-	\$629,316
Total operating expense		\$26,083,800	\$26,318,100	(\$234,300)	\$20,001,358
Total including consolidation & other adjustments		\$26,083,800	\$26,318,100	(\$234,300)	\$20,001,358

Total operating and capital including consolidation and other adjustments (not including assets)	\$26,083,800	\$26,318,100	(\$234,300)	\$20,001,358
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Office of the Auditor General Program - vote 2501

The Auditor General conducts independent value-for-money and financial statement audits under the authority of the *Auditor General Act* and various other statutes and authorities. As well, under the authority of the *Government Advertising Act, 2004*, the Auditor General is required to review government advertising and certain printed matter proposed by government offices to determine if the advertising or printed matter meet the standards required by that Act. As required by the Fiscal *Transparency and Accountability Act, 2004*, in an election year the Auditor General is also required to review and report on the reasonableness of a Pre-Election Report prepared by the Ministry of Finance. As of April 1, 2019, the Auditor General is also required to annually report on the operations of the *Environmental Bill of Rights*.

Vote summary

Item number	Item	Estimates 2020-21	Estimates 2019-20	Difference between 2020-21 and 2019-20	Actual 2018-19
Operating expense					
1	Office of the Auditor General	\$25,561,700	\$25,796,000	(\$234,300)	\$19,372,042
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$25,561,700	\$25,796,000	(\$234,300)	\$19,372,042
S	The Auditor General Act	\$522,100	\$522,100	-	\$629,316

Total statutory appropriations	\$522,100	\$522,100	-	\$629,316
Total operating expense	\$26,083,800	\$26,318,100	(\$234,300)	\$20,001,358

Standard account by item and sub-items

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount
Operating expense		
2501-1	Office of the Auditor General	
	Salaries and wages	\$16,310,600
	Employee benefits	\$4,430,400
	Transportation and communication	\$471,600
	Services	\$3,891,800
	Supplies and equipment	\$384,800
	Transfer payments	
	CAAF-FCAR Inc.	\$72,500
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$25,561,700

The Auditor General Act

Statutory	The Auditor General Act	\$522,100
Total operating expense for Office of the Auditor General Program		\$26,083,800

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Expenditure Estimates for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (2020-21)

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Summary

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (Elections Ontario) administers the *Election Act* and the *Election Finances Act*. The Office operates under the direction of the Chief Electoral Officer who reports directly to the Legislative Assembly on the conduct of elections.

Program summary

Vote	Program	Estimates	Estimates	Difference	Actual
		2020-21	2019-20	between 2020-21 and 2019-20	2018-19

Operating expense

501	Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Program	\$33,814,900	\$41,059,600	(\$7,244,700)	\$34,754,297
Total operating expense to be voted		\$33,814,900	\$41,059,600	(\$7,244,700)	\$34,754,297
Statutory Appropriations		-	-	-	\$125,193,725
Total operating expense		\$33,814,900	\$41,059,600	(\$7,244,700)	\$159,948,022
Total including consolidation & other adjustments		\$33,814,900	\$41,059,600	(\$7,244,700)	\$159,948,022
Total operating and capital including consolidation and other adjustments (not including assets)		\$33,814,900	\$41,059,600	(\$7,244,700)	\$159,948,022

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Program - vote 501

The Office conducts general elections and by-elections of Members to the Legislative Assembly and provides research, public information and policy advice relating to the electoral process. The Office also trains, directs and supervises the returning officer in each of the 124 electoral districts.

The Chief Electoral Officer also administers the *Election Finances Act*. Over 672 Constituency Associations and 23 registered political parties must file annual returns and inform Elections Ontario of any changes to registration information. Any form filed with Elections Ontario is reviewed for compliance with the *Election*

Finances Act.

The Office has responsibility to administer referenda under the *Taxpayer Protection Act, 1999*.

The Office serves Ministries, agencies and the public on a continuing basis by conducting historical and comparative research and providing policy advice and general information regarding the electoral process.

Vote summary

Item number	Item	Estimates 2020-21	Estimates 2019-20	Difference between 2020-21 and 2019-20	Actual 2018-19
Operating expense					
1	Election Administration	\$14,572,100	\$14,572,100	-	\$11,485,365
2	Election Finances Administration	\$19,242,800	\$26,487,500	(\$7,244,700)	\$23,268,932
Total operating expense to be voted		\$33,814,900	\$41,059,600	(\$7,244,700)	\$34,754,297
S	The <i>Election Act</i>	-	-	-	\$125,193,725
Total statutory appropriations		-	-	-	\$125,193,725
Total operating expense		\$33,814,900	\$41,059,600	(\$7,244,700)	\$159,948,022

Standard account by item and sub-items

Vote- item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount
Operating expense		
501-1	Election Administration	
	Salaries and wages	\$11,751,700
	Employee benefits	\$2,820,400
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$14,572,100
501-2	Election Finances Administration	
	Salaries and wages	\$1,629,600
	Employee benefits	\$391,100
	Transportation and communication	\$22,000
	Services	\$958,100
	Supplies and equipment	\$10,000
	Other transactions	
	Election Expense Subsidies under the <i>Election Finances Act</i>	\$16,233,000

Subtotal	\$19,243,800
Less: recoveries	\$1,000
Total operating expense to be voted	\$19,242,800
Total operating expense for Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Program	\$33,814,900

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Expenditure Estimates for Ombudsman Ontario (2020-21)

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Summary

The Ombudsman of Ontario is an Officer of the Provincial Legislature who is independent of government and political parties. The Ombudsman’s job is to ensure government accountability through effective oversight of the administration of government services. The Ombudsman's authority to investigate complaints is set out in the *Ombudsman Act*.

Individuals may contact the Office of the Ombudsman to lodge a complaint through multiple avenues. Complaints can be received in person, in writing, via toll-free telephone, email, or online complaint form. The Office provides extensive information about its operations and specific investigations in both English and French, on its website at www.ombudsman.on.ca.

Program summary

Vote	Program	Estimates	Estimates	Difference	Actual
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	2020-21	2019-20	between 2020-21 and 2019-20	2018-19
Operating expense				
2301 Ombudsman Ontario Program	\$30,468,600	\$32,644,800	(\$2,176,200)	\$15,300,041
Total operating expense to be voted	\$30,468,600	\$32,644,800	(\$2,176,200)	\$15,300,041
Total operating expense	\$30,468,600	\$32,644,800	(\$2,176,200)	\$15,300,041
Total including consolidation & other adjustments	\$30,468,600	\$32,644,800	(\$2,176,200)	\$15,300,041
Total operating and capital including consolidation and other adjustments (not including assets)	\$30,468,600	\$32,644,800	(\$2,176,200)	\$15,300,041

Ombudsman Ontario Program - vote 2301

The Ombudsman is an officer of the Legislature whose mandate is set out in the *Ombudsman Act*. The Ombudsman promotes fairness, accountability and transparency in the public sector by investigating complaints and systemic issues within his jurisdiction, and making recommendations to improve the administration of public policy, programs and services.

As of May 1, 2019, the Ombudsman’s mandate was expanded to include complaints related to children and

youth in care (children’s aid societies, group and foster homes), as well as French language services. This is the result of legislation passed in December 2018 that transferred the responsibilities of the formerly independent French Language Services Commissioner (FLSC) to the Ombudsman, as well as the investigative function of the formerly independent Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth (PACY).

During the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the Office of the Ombudsman received 26,423 complaints. The Office’s staff complement in 2019-2020 was 186 FTEs.

Vote summary

Item number	Item	Estimates 2020-21	Estimates 2019-20	Difference between 2020-21 and 2019-20	Actual 2018-19
Operating expense					
1	The Ombudsman	\$30,468,600	\$32,644,800	(\$2,176,200)	\$15,300,041
	Total operating expense to be voted	\$30,468,600	\$32,644,800	(\$2,176,200)	\$15,300,041
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Standard account by item and sub-items

Vote-item number	Standard account by item and sub-items	Amount
Operating expense		
2301-1	The Ombudsman	

Salaries and wages	\$18,039,000
Employee benefits	\$4,311,900
Transportation and communication	\$1,520,500
Services	\$5,766,800
Supplies and equipment	\$830,400
Total operating expense to be voted	\$30,468,600
Total operating expense for Ombudsman Ontario Program	\$30,468,600

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