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INTRODUCTION

The 2022-23 Estimates set out details of the Operating and Capital spending requirements of Ministries and Legislative Offices for the year commencing April 1, 2022 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 on page vii).

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.

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.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

NOTE: Spending is forecast for the fiscal year 2022-23 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.

OFFICE OF THE ASSEMBLY

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 *Lobbyists Registration Act, 1998*; 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*.

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 2022-23	Estimates 2021-22	Difference Between 2022-23 and 2021-22	Actual 2020-21
OPERATING EXPENSE					
201	Office of the Assembly Program	177,861,200	158,511,600	19,349,600	138,477,812
202	Commission(er)'s Program	31,231,100	30,722,700	508,400	27,902,724
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED		209,092,300	189,234,300	19,858,000	166,380,536
Total Operating Expense		209,092,300	189,234,300	19,858,000	166,380,536
Total Including Consolidation & Other Adjustments		209,092,300	189,234,300	19,858,000	166,380,536
Total Operating and Capital Including Consolidation and Other Adjustments (not including Assets)		209,092,300	189,234,300	19,858,000	166,380,536

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
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ITEM #	ITEM	Estimates 2022-23	Estimates 2021-22	Difference Between 2022-23 and 2021-22	Actual 2020-21
OPERATING EXPENSE					
1	Office of the Speaker	353,400	469,500	(116,100)	145,008
2	Office of the Clerk	1,262,300	1,229,300	33,000	998,805
3	Legislative Services	15,375,900	14,940,700	435,200	12,179,918
4	Information and Technology Services	15,104,700	14,654,500	450,200	12,408,813
5	Administrative Services	9,446,200	8,737,400	708,800	7,932,167
6	Sergeant at Arms and Precinct Properties	31,234,700	30,734,800	499,900	21,628,933
8	Caucus Support Services	16,229,500	11,195,100	5,034,400	10,370,065
9	Members' Compensation and Travel	28,982,700	24,373,000	4,609,700	22,132,043
10	Members' Office Support Services	56,313,300	50,398,700	5,914,600	46,605,079
11	Ontario Legislative Internship Program	326,000	315,000	11,000	312,700
13	Facility Upgrades	3,232,500	1,463,600	1,768,900	3,764,281
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED		177,861,200	158,511,600	19,349,600	138,477,812
Total Operating Expense		177,861,200	158,511,600	19,349,600	138,477,812

OFFICE OF THE ASSEMBLY PROGRAM - VOTE 201, cont'd

STANDARD ACCOUNTS CLASSIFICATION
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VOTE - ITEM #	STANDARD ACCOUNT BY ITEM AND SUB-ITEMS	
	OPERATING EXPENSE	
201-1	Office of the Speaker	
	Salaries and wages	3,700
	Employee benefits	200
	Transportation and communication	131,600
	Services	183,600
	Supplies and equipment	34,300
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	353,400
201-2	Office of the Clerk	
	Salaries and wages	827,400
	Employee benefits	225,700
	Transportation and communication	44,900
	Services	148,100
	Supplies and equipment	16,200
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	1,262,300
201-3	Legislative Services	
	Salaries and wages	9,765,900
	Employee benefits	2,344,800
	Transportation and communication	736,500
	Services	2,045,200
	Supplies and equipment	586,500
	Subtotal	15,478,900
	Less: Recoveries	103,000
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	15,375,900
201-4	Information and Technology Services	
	Salaries and wages	9,427,600
	Employee benefits	2,262,900
	Transportation and communication	186,500
	Services	2,068,600
	Supplies and equipment	1,160,600
	Subtotal	15,106,200
	Less: Recoveries	1,500
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	15,104,700

OFFICE OF THE ASSEMBLY PROGRAM - VOTE 201, cont'd

STANDARD ACCOUNTS CLASSIFICATION, cont'd
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VOTE - ITEM #	STANDARD ACCOUNT BY ITEM AND SUB-ITEMS	
OPERATING EXPENSE		
201-5	Administrative Services	
	Salaries and wages	5,556,400
	Employee benefits	1,621,100
	Transportation and communication	841,000
	Services	1,286,800
	Supplies and equipment	201,900
	Subtotal	9,507,200
	Less: Recoveries	61,000
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	9,446,200
201-6	Sergeant at Arms and Precinct Properties	
	Salaries and wages	11,637,200
	Employee benefits	2,793,000
	Transportation and communication	866,000
	Services	10,286,700
	Supplies and equipment	5,781,800
	Subtotal	31,364,700
	Less: Recoveries	130,000
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	31,234,700
201-8	Caucus Support Services	
	Salaries and wages	11,543,000
	Employee benefits	2,742,500
	Transportation and communication	341,400
	Services	1,336,500
	Supplies and equipment	266,100
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	16,229,500
201-9	Members' Compensation and Travel	
	Salaries and wages	19,065,800
	Employee benefits	4,960,400
	Transportation and communication	2,373,600
	Services	2,571,200
	Supplies and equipment	11,700
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	28,982,700

OFFICE OF THE ASSEMBLY PROGRAM - VOTE 201, cont'd

STANDARD ACCOUNTS CLASSIFICATION, cont'd
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VOTE - ITEM #	STANDARD ACCOUNT BY ITEM AND SUB-ITEMS	
OPERATING EXPENSE		
201-10	Members' Office Support Services	
	Salaries and wages	27,586,900
	Employee benefits	5,923,400
	Transportation and communication	5,791,300
	Services	11,823,200
	Supplies and equipment	5,188,500
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	56,313,300
201-11	Ontario Legislative Internship Program	
	Transfer payments	
	Ontario Legislative Internship Program	326,000
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	326,000
201-13	Facility Upgrades	
	Services	3,232,500
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	3,232,500
	Total Operating Expense for Office of the Assembly Program	177,861,200

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 *Lobbyists Registration Act, 1998*; 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*.

VOTE SUMMARY
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ITEM #	ITEM	Estimates 2022-23	Estimates 2021-22	Difference Between 2022-23 and 2021-22	Actual 2020-21
OPERATING EXPENSE					
2	Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	22,632,300	21,952,600	679,700	20,127,257
3	Office of the Integrity Commissioner	4,627,800	4,803,400	(175,600)	3,837,848
6	Financial Accountability Officer	3,971,000	3,966,700	4,300	3,937,619
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED		31,231,100	30,722,700	508,400	27,902,724
Total Operating Expense		31,231,100	30,722,700	508,400	27,902,724

COMMISSION(ER)'S PROGRAM - VOTE 202, cont'd

STANDARD ACCOUNTS CLASSIFICATION
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VOTE - ITEM #	STANDARD ACCOUNT BY ITEM AND SUB-ITEMS	
OPERATING EXPENSE		
202-2	Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	
	Salaries and wages	14,900,500
	Employee benefits	3,980,400
	Transportation and communication	122,000
	Services	3,492,400
	Supplies and equipment	137,000
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	22,632,300
202-3	Office of the Integrity Commissioner	
	Salaries and wages	2,816,800
	Employee benefits	676,000
	Transportation and communication	77,300
	Services	980,000
	Supplies and equipment	77,700
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	4,627,800
202-6	Financial Accountability Officer	
	Salaries and wages	2,549,700
	Employee benefits	611,900
	Transportation and communication	56,500
	Services	642,900
	Supplies and equipment	110,000
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	3,971,000
	Total Operating Expense for Commission(er)'s Program	31,231,100

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

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 Sustainability, Transparency and Accountability Act, 2019*, in an election year the Auditor General is also required to review and report on the reasonableness of the most recent multi-year fiscal plan prepared by the Ministry of Finance.

PROGRAM SUMMARY (\$)

VOTE	PROGRAM	Estimates 2022-23	Estimates 2021-22	Difference Between 2022-23 and 2021-22	Actual 2020-21
OPERATING EXPENSE					
2501	Office of the Auditor General Program	26,247,800	25,427,300	820,500	24,585,416
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED	26,247,800	25,427,300	820,500	24,585,416
	Statutory Appropriations	672,100	522,100	150,000	406,688
	Total Operating Expense	26,919,900	25,949,400	970,500	24,992,104
	Total Including Consolidation & Other Adjustments	26,919,900	25,949,400	970,500	24,992,104
	Total Operating and Capital Including Consolidation and Other Adjustments (not including Assets)	26,919,900	25,949,400	970,500	24,992,104

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 Sustainability, Transparency and Accountability Act, 2019*, in an election year the Auditor General is also required to review and report on the reasonableness of the most recent multi-year fiscal plan 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*.

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ITEM #	ITEM	Estimates 2022-23	Estimates 2021-22	Difference Between 2022-23 and 2021-22	Actual 2020-21
OPERATING EXPENSE					
1	Office of the Auditor General	26,247,800	25,427,300	820,500	24,585,416
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED	26,247,800	25,427,300	820,500	24,585,416
S	<i>The Auditor General Act</i>	672,100	522,100	150,000	406,688
	Total Statutory Appropriations	672,100	522,100	150,000	406,688
	Total Operating Expense	26,919,900	25,949,400	970,500	24,992,104

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL PROGRAM - VOTE 2501, cont'd

STANDARD ACCOUNTS CLASSIFICATION
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VOTE - ITEM #	STANDARD ACCOUNT BY ITEM AND SUB-ITEMS	
OPERATING EXPENSE		
2501-1	Office of the Auditor General	
	Salaries and wages	17,035,500
	Employee benefits	4,531,600
	Transportation and communication	471,600
	Services	3,751,800
	Supplies and equipment	384,800
	Transfer payments	
	CAAF-FCAR Inc.	72,500
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	26,247,800
The Auditor General Act		
S	The Auditor General Act	672,100
	Total Operating Expense for Office of the Auditor General Program	26,919,900

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

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 2022-23	Estimates 2021-22	Difference Between 2022-23 and 2021-22	Actual 2020-21
OPERATING EXPENSE					
501	Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Program	43,889,700	39,226,600	4,663,100	29,255,725
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED	43,889,700	39,226,600	4,663,100	29,255,725
	Statutory Appropriations	-	-	-	20,592,211
	Total Operating Expense	43,889,700	39,226,600	4,663,100	49,847,936
	Total Including Consolidation & Other Adjustments	43,889,700	39,226,600	4,663,100	49,847,936
	Total Operating and Capital Including Consolidation and Other Adjustments (not including Assets)	43,889,700	39,226,600	4,663,100	49,847,936

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 837 Constituency Associations and 25 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
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ITEM #	ITEM	Estimates 2022-23	Estimates 2021-22	Difference Between 2022-23 and 2021-22	Actual 2020-21
OPERATING EXPENSE					
1	Election Administration	17,432,000	15,685,000	1,747,000	11,563,683
2	Election Finances Administration	26,457,700	23,541,600	2,916,100	17,692,042
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED		43,889,700	39,226,600	4,663,100	29,255,725
S	<i>The Election Act</i>	-	-	-	20,592,211
	Total Statutory Appropriations	-	-	-	20,592,211
Total Operating Expense		43,889,700	39,226,600	4,663,100	49,847,936

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER PROGRAM - VOTE 501, cont'd

STANDARD ACCOUNTS CLASSIFICATION
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VOTE - ITEM #	STANDARD ACCOUNT BY ITEM AND SUB-ITEMS	
	OPERATING EXPENSE	
501-1	Election Administration	
	Salaries and wages	14,058,100
	Employee benefits	3,373,900
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	17,432,000
501-2	Election Finances Administration	
	Salaries and wages	1,725,600
	Employee benefits	414,100
	Transportation and communication	22,000
	Services	906,900
	Supplies and equipment	10,000
	Other transactions	
	Election Expense Subsidies under the <i>Election Finances Act</i>	23,380,100
	Subtotal	26,458,700
	Less: Recoveries	1,000
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	26,457,700
	Total Operating Expense for Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Program	43,889,700

OMBUDSMAN ONTARIO

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
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VOTE	PROGRAM	Estimates 2022-23	Estimates 2021-22	Difference Between 2022-23 and 2021-22	Actual 2020-21
OPERATING EXPENSE					
2301	Ombudsman Ontario Program	31,280,100	30,468,600	811,500	23,080,167
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED	31,280,100	30,468,600	811,500	23,080,167
	Total Operating Expense	31,280,100	30,468,600	811,500	23,080,167
	Total Including Consolidation & Other Adjustments	31,280,100	30,468,600	811,500	23,080,167
	Total Operating and Capital Including Consolidation and Other Adjustments (not including Assets)	31,280,100	30,468,600	811,500	23,080,167

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.

The Ombudsman resolves and investigates complaints about provincial government ministries, corporations, agencies, boards, commissions and tribunals (with some exceptions), as well as French language services, child protection services, municipalities, universities and school boards.

During the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the Office of the Ombudsman received more than 25,000 complaints. The Office's approved staff complement in 2021-2022 was 186 FTEs.

**VOTE SUMMARY
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ITEM #	ITEM	Estimates 2022-23	Estimates 2021-22	Difference Between 2022-23 and 2021-22	Actual 2020-21
OPERATING EXPENSE					
1	The Ombudsman	31,280,100	30,468,600	811,500	23,080,167
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED		31,280,100	30,468,600	811,500	23,080,167
Total Operating Expense		31,280,100	30,468,600	811,500	23,080,167

OMBUDSMAN ONTARIO PROGRAM - VOTE 2301, cont'd

STANDARD ACCOUNTS CLASSIFICATION
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VOTE - ITEM #	STANDARD ACCOUNT BY ITEM AND SUB-ITEMS	
OPERATING EXPENSE		
2301-1	The Ombudsman	
	Salaries and wages	18,693,500
	Employee benefits	4,468,900
	Transportation and communication	1,520,500
	Services	5,766,800
	Supplies and equipment	830,400
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	31,280,100
	Total Operating Expense for Ombudsman Ontario Program	31,280,100

