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INTRODUCTION

The 2024-25 Estimates set out details of the Operating and Capital spending requirements of Ministries and Legislative Offices for the year commencing April 1, 2024, 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 2024-25 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 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 refundable income tax credits, grants, subsidies, assistance to persons, the business sector, non-commercial institutions and other government bodies; entitlements, shared cost agreements and other transfers to individuals, organizations or other governments.

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 2024-25	Estimates 2023-24	Difference Between 2024-25 and 2023-24	Actual 2022-23
OPERATING EXPENSE					
201	Office of the Assembly Program	208,224,300	190,953,700	17,270,600	155,585,989
202	Commission(er)'s Program	41,641,800	36,072,900	5,568,900	29,887,176
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED		249,866,100	227,026,600	22,839,500	185,473,165
Total Operating Expense		249,866,100	227,026,600	22,839,500	185,473,165
Total Including Consolidation & Other Adjustments		249,866,100	227,026,600	22,839,500	185,473,165
Total Operating and Capital Including Consolidation and Other Adjustments (not including Assets)		249,866,100	227,026,600	22,839,500	185,473,165

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 2024-25	Estimates 2023-24	Difference Between 2024-25 and 2023-24	Actual 2022-23
OPERATING EXPENSE					
1	Office of the Speaker	489,500	353,400	136,100	299,632
2	Office of the Clerk	1,770,400	1,412,500	357,900	1,264,953
3	Legislative Services	20,847,700	16,631,600	4,216,100	13,126,219
4	Information and Technology Services	20,105,600	15,846,600	4,259,000	13,694,629
5	Administrative Services	11,590,700	9,365,500	2,225,200	8,350,318
8	Caucus Support Services	11,147,900	13,022,800	(1,874,900)	13,059,189
9	Members' Compensation and Travel	24,632,800	24,824,000	(191,200)	26,424,712
10	Members' Office Support Services	69,625,800	65,143,800	4,482,000	52,413,771
11	Ontario Legislative Internship Program	355,000	344,000	11,000	292,120
13	Facility Upgrades	3,963,400	4,197,700	(234,300)	2,000,637
14	Building Services	18,386,800	17,115,000	1,271,800	12,641,416
15	Sergeant at Arms	25,308,700	22,696,800	2,611,900	12,018,393
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED		208,224,300	190,953,700	17,270,600	155,585,989
Total Operating Expense		208,224,300	190,953,700	17,270,600	155,585,989

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	267,700
	Services	183,600
	Supplies and equipment	34,300
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	489,500
201-2	Office of the Clerk	
	Salaries and wages	1,226,400
	Employee benefits	321,400
	Transportation and communication	26,300
	Services	155,100
	Supplies and equipment	41,200
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	1,770,400
201-3	Legislative Services	
	Salaries and wages	14,114,800
	Employee benefits	3,328,700
	Transportation and communication	686,500
	Services	2,234,200
	Supplies and equipment	586,500
	Subtotal	20,950,700
	Less: Recoveries	103,000
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	20,847,700
201-4	Information and Technology Services	
	Salaries and wages	12,801,700
	Employee benefits	3,072,900
	Transportation and communication	280,300
	Services	1,813,600
	Supplies and equipment	2,138,600
	Subtotal	20,107,100
	Less: Recoveries	1,500
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	20,105,600

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	7,290,900
	Employee benefits	1,716,900
	Transportation and communication	715,500
	Services	1,684,800
	Supplies and equipment	182,600
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	11,590,700
201-8	Caucus Support Services	
	Salaries and wages	7,517,500
	Employee benefits	1,776,400
	Transportation and communication	341,400
	Services	1,336,500
	Supplies and equipment	176,100
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	11,147,900
201-9	Members' Compensation and Travel	
	Salaries and wages	15,305,500
	Employee benefits	4,519,100
	Transportation and communication	2,373,600
	Services	2,422,900
	Supplies and equipment	11,700
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	24,632,800
201-10	Members' Office Support Services	
	Salaries and wages	36,380,200
	Employee benefits	5,312,600
	Transportation and communication	5,791,300
	Services	18,441,300
	Supplies and equipment	3,700,400
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	69,625,800

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		
201-11	Ontario Legislative Internship Program	
	Transfer payments	
	Ontario Legislative Internship Program	355,000
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	355,000
201-13	Facility Upgrades	
	Services	3,963,400
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	3,963,400
201-14	Building Services	
	Salaries and wages	5,854,800
	Employee benefits	1,404,100
	Transportation and communication	15,700
	Services	8,145,900
	Supplies and equipment	3,657,300
	Subtotal	19,077,800
	Less: Recoveries	691,000
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	18,386,800
201-15	Sergeant at Arms	
	Salaries and wages	10,994,300
	Employee benefits	2,693,200
	Transportation and communication	59,300
	Services	11,081,800
	Supplies and equipment	480,100
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	25,308,700
	Total Operating Expense for Office of the Assembly Program	208,224,300

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 2024-25	Estimates 2023-24	Difference Between 2024-25 and 2023-24	Actual 2022-23
OPERATING EXPENSE					
2	Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	31,213,600	27,199,300	4,014,300	22,501,177
3	Office of the Integrity Commissioner	5,781,800	4,720,800	1,061,000	3,436,880
6	Financial Accountability Officer	4,646,400	4,152,800	493,600	3,949,119
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED		41,641,800	36,072,900	5,568,900	29,887,176
Total Operating Expense		41,641,800	36,072,900	5,568,900	29,887,176

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	21,132,000
	Employee benefits	5,492,400
	Transportation and communication	185,300
	Services	4,242,800
	Supplies and equipment	161,100
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	31,213,600
202-3	Office of the Integrity Commissioner	
	Salaries and wages	3,674,700
	Employee benefits	882,100
	Transportation and communication	77,300
	Services	1,050,000
	Supplies and equipment	97,700
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	5,781,800
202-6	Financial Accountability Officer	
	Salaries and wages	3,094,300
	Employee benefits	742,700
	Transportation and communication	56,500
	Services	642,900
	Supplies and equipment	110,000
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	4,646,400
	Total Operating Expense for Commission(er)'s Program	41,641,800

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

The Auditor General, who is an Officer of the Assembly, conducts independent audits of the Public Accounts of Ontario, agencies of the Crown, and institutions that receive government grants under the authority of the *Auditor General Act*. In doing so, the Office promotes accountability, efficiencies and due regard to economy in government operations and in broader public sector organizations.

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 2024-25	Estimates 2023-24	Difference Between 2024-25 and 2023-24	Actual 2022-23
OPERATING EXPENSE					
2501	Office of the Auditor General Program	30,358,700	26,194,700	4,164,000	26,246,272
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED	30,358,700	26,194,700	4,164,000	26,246,272
	Statutory Appropriations	522,100	522,100	-	577,362
	Total Operating Expense	30,880,800	26,716,800	4,164,000	26,823,634
	Total Including Consolidation & Other Adjustments	30,880,800	26,716,800	4,164,000	26,823,634
	Total Operating and Capital Including Consolidation and Other Adjustments (not including Assets)	30,880,800	26,716,800	4,164,000	26,823,634

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL PROGRAM - VOTE 2501

The Auditor General conducts independent audits of the Public Accounts of Ontario, agencies of the Crown, and institutions that receive government grants under the authority of the *Auditor General Act*. 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*.

VOTE SUMMARY
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ITEM #	ITEM	Estimates 2024-25	Estimates 2023-24	Difference Between 2024-25 and 2023-24	Actual 2022-23
OPERATING EXPENSE					
1	Office of the Auditor General	30,358,700	26,194,700	4,164,000	26,246,272
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED	30,358,700	26,194,700	4,164,000	26,246,272
S	The <i>Auditor General Act</i>	522,100	522,100	-	577,362
	Total Statutory Appropriations	522,100	522,100	-	577,362
	Total Operating Expense	30,880,800	26,716,800	4,164,000	26,823,634

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	19,990,400
	Employee benefits	5,687,600
	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	30,358,700
The Auditor General Act		
S	The Auditor General Act	522,100
	Total Operating Expense for Office of the Auditor General Program	30,880,800

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 2024-25	Estimates 2023-24	Difference Between 2024-25 and 2023-24	Actual 2022-23
OPERATING EXPENSE					
501	Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Program	45,694,400	43,736,600	1,957,800	36,143,442
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED	45,694,400	43,736,600	1,957,800	36,143,442
	Statutory Appropriations	-	-	-	135,955,778
	Total Operating Expense	45,694,400	43,736,600	1,957,800	172,099,220
	Total Including Consolidation & Other Adjustments	45,694,400	43,736,600	1,957,800	172,099,220
	Total Operating and Capital Including Consolidation and Other Adjustments (not including Assets)	45,694,400	43,736,600	1,957,800	172,099,220

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 795 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 2024-25	Estimates 2023-24	Difference Between 2024-25 and 2023-24	Actual 2022-23
OPERATING EXPENSE					
1	Election Administration	26,346,100	19,757,000	6,589,100	13,152,723
2	Election Finances Administration	19,348,300	23,979,600	(4,631,300)	22,990,719
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED		45,694,400	43,736,600	1,957,800	36,143,442
S	<i>The Election Act</i>	-	-	-	135,955,778
	Total Statutory Appropriations	-	-	-	135,955,778
Total Operating Expense		45,694,400	43,736,600	1,957,800	172,099,220

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	21,246,900
	Employee benefits	5,099,200
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	26,346,100
501-2	Election Finances Administration	
	Salaries and wages	2,495,300
	Employee benefits	598,900
	Transportation and communication	22,000
	Services	736,100
	Supplies and equipment	10,000
	Other transactions	
	Election Expense Subsidies under the <i>Election Finances Act</i>	15,487,000
	Subtotal	19,349,300
	Less: Recoveries	1,000
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	19,348,300
	Total Operating Expense for Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Program	45,694,400

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 2024-25	Estimates 2023-24	Difference Between 2024-25 and 2023-24	Actual 2022-23
OPERATING EXPENSE					
2301	Ombudsman Ontario Program	33,097,100	29,465,000	3,632,100	24,056,845
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED	33,097,100	29,465,000	3,632,100	24,056,845
	Total Operating Expense	33,097,100	29,465,000	3,632,100	24,056,845
	Total Including Consolidation & Other Adjustments	33,097,100	29,465,000	3,632,100	24,056,845
	Total Operating and Capital Including Consolidation and Other Adjustments (not including Assets)	33,097,100	29,465,000	3,632,100	24,056,845

OMBUDSMAN ONTARIO PROGRAM - VOTE 2301

The Ombudsman is an independent, non-partisan Officer of the Ontario Legislature, appointed by all parties, whose role is to ensure that the provincial government and public sector serve people in a way that is fair, accountable, transparent and respectful of their rights.

The Office of the Ontario Ombudsman was established in 1975 and takes complaints about the administrative decisions and actions of more than 1,000 public sector and government bodies in Ontario, as well as French language services and services provided in the child protection sector.

During the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the Office of the Ombudsman received more than 27,000 complaints. The office's approved staff complement in 2023-2024 was 186 FTEs.

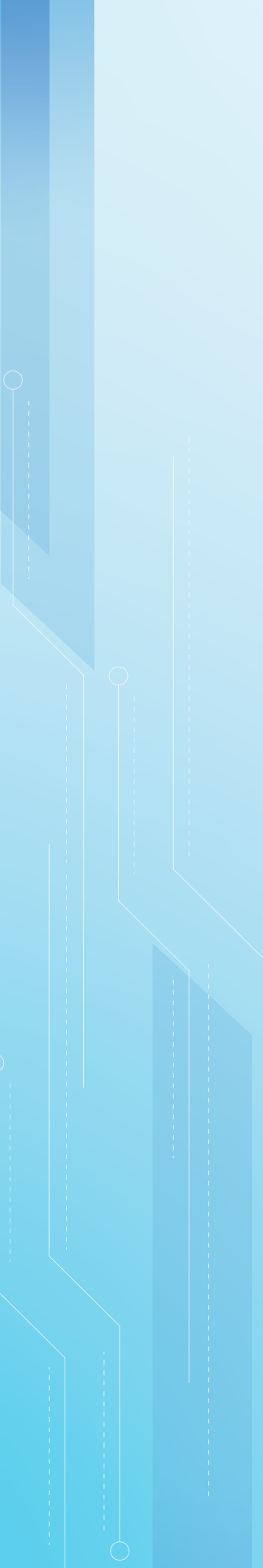
VOTE SUMMARY
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ITEM #	ITEM	Estimates 2024-25	Estimates 2023-24	Difference Between 2024-25 and 2023-24	Actual 2022-23
OPERATING EXPENSE					
1	The Ombudsman	33,097,100	29,465,000	3,632,100	24,056,845
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED		33,097,100	29,465,000	3,632,100	24,056,845
Total Operating Expense		33,097,100	29,465,000	3,632,100	24,056,845

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	20,400,700
	Employee benefits	4,878,700
	Transportation and communication	1,520,500
	Services	5,466,800
	Supplies and equipment	830,400
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	33,097,100
	Total Operating Expense for Ombudsman Ontario Program	33,097,100



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