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PREFACE

The **2019-20 Interim Supply Estimates** reports the requirements for public monies from the General Revenue Fund to fund the operations of the Offices of the Legislative Assembly and the Government from April 1, 2019 to November 30, 2019, inclusive. By the end of this period, the Government anticipates the estimates and appropriations required for the full fiscal year commencing April 1, 2019 will have passed the Legislative Assembly and its committees, and received royal assent.

The amounts in these estimates address only those funding requirements for which the Government will need to obtain authority under an appropriation act for the full fiscal year commencing April 1, 2019. No statutory cash appropriations from the General Revenue Fund or other Funds are reported. No non-cash estimate amounts are reported.

Interim funding authority was provided by Special Warrants 02/2019 and 04/2019 under Orders in Council 85/2019 and 87/2019 pursuant to sections 26 and 26.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* and the various sections of the guiding legislation for the offices of the Legislature. Sections 26(3) and 26(4) of the *Financial Administration Act* establish special warrants as "deemed" supply votes for the purpose of the Act, including section 28 which governs the calculation of lapses and encumbrances. While special warrants authorize departments and offices of the Legislature to draw funds from the General Revenue Fund, they do not constitute legislated appropriation authority. As required by section 26(5) of the *Financial Administration Act*, the Legislature will be asked to ratify the interim appropriation authority provided by the Special Warrants by enacting an interim supply appropriation bill.

The **Schedule of Interim Supply Amounts to be Voted** illustrates the amounts for the *Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act,* 2019 Bill as they would be presented if Committee of Supply resolved to affirm the supply votes as shown.

Definitions of Supply Votes and Other Terms

For the purpose of the 2019-20 Interim Supply Estimates, an **Estimate** is the amount requested by the government to meet its commitments for the fiscal period of April 1, 2019 to November 30, 2019, inclusive.

An **Appropriation** is an authorization to withdraw and expend public money from the General Revenue Fund or another provincial fund or account. The *Financial Administration Act* requires that all such authorities be provided in legislation passed by the Legislative Assembly. Appropriations may be created by an appropriation act or another statute. Appropriations under an appropriation act must be created pursuant to a supply vote, or a set of supply votes, as resolved by the Committee of Supply.

A **Supply Vote** is a discrete allocation that defines an amount of cash funding that may be drawn from the General Revenue Fund for a specified purpose within a definite period of time. Following the principle of ministerial accountability, supply votes are divided along departmental lines. Four types of supply vote are used in the *2019-20 Interim Supply Estimates*: Expense, Capital Investment, Financial Transactions and a general vote for each Office of the Legislative Assembly.

Expense amounts are cash disbursements for the purposes of salaries, supplies and services, operating grants, capital grants to parties outside the consolidated government reporting entity, as well as interest expense and other debt servicing costs for borrowing related to both capital and general government purposes.

Capital Investment consists of cash disbursements for the purposes of investments by the Consolidated Government in tangible capital assets valued at \$5,000 or more. These amounts include department expense for capital payments to related parties that are expected to result in the creation of a tangible capital asset for that related party and for the Consolidated Government as a whole.

Financial Transactions consist of cash disbursements for the purposes of payments for the reduction of a liability (including debt repayment), expenses to be recognized in a future year, the acquisition of financial assets (including in particular the making of loans or advances), or the purchase of inventories.

Lottery Fund Transfer is the transfer of lottery and gaming proceeds from the Lottery Fund to the General Revenue Fund.

Special Warrants take the place of supply votes for the purposes of the *Financial Administration Act*, including authorizing disbursement of public money and the calculation of lapses and encumbrances at public accounts. The special warrant amounts for 2019-20 are superceded and replaced by the interim supply estimate amounts, which will in turn be replaced by the full year 2019-20 estimate amounts.

SCHEDULE OF INTERIM SUPPLY AMOUNTS TO BE VOTED

| DEPARTMENT and VOTE | Estimate |
|--|---|
| LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY | |
| SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY | \$ 47,398,000 |
| OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL | \$ 18,000,000 |
| OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN | \$ 2,717,000 |
| OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER | \$ 22,153,000 |
| OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER | \$ 630,000 |
| OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER | \$ 4,582,000 |
| OFFICE OF THE CHILD AND YOUTH ADVOCATE | \$ 10,132,000 |
| OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST COMMISSIONER | \$ 696,000 |
| OFFICE OF THE ELECTION COMMISSIONER | \$ 1,018,000 |
| Amounts to be voted under Section 1 of the Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2019 | \$ 107,326,000 |
| GOVERNMENT | |
| ADVANCED EDUCATION Expense Capital Investment Financial Transactions | \$ 1,685,728,000 192,288,000 459,133,000 |
| AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY Expense Capital Investment Financial Transactions | \$ 426,430,000 8,925,000 873,000 |
| CHILDREN'S SERVICES Expense Capital Investment | \$ 883,063,000 25,000 |
| COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES Expense Capital Investment | \$ 2,230,621,000 365,000 |
| CULTURE, MULTICULTURALISM, AND STATUS OF WOMEN Expense Capital Investment Financial Transactions | \$ 199,106,000 1,111,000 523,000 |

SCHEDULE OF INTERIM SUPPLY AMOUNTS TO BE VOTED ... continued

| DEPARTMENT and VOTE | Estimate |
|---|----------------------|
| GOVERNMENT continued | |
| ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE AND TOURISM | |
| Expense | \$ 221,228,000 |
| Capital Investment | 4,183,000 |
| EDUCATION | |
| Expense | \$ 3,270,586,000 |
| Capital Investment | 75,043,000 |
| Financial Transactions | 10,900,000 |
| ENERGY | |
| Expense | \$ 309,651,000 |
| Capital Investment | 300,000 |
| Financial Transactions | 95,094,000 |
| ENVIRONMENT AND PARKS | |
| Expense | \$ 435,307,000 |
| Capital Investment | 44,768,000 |
| EXECUTIVE COUNCIL | |
| Expense | \$ 13,555,000 |
| Capital Investment | 17,000 |
| HEALTH | |
| Expense | \$ 13,792,748,000 |
| Capital Investment | 165,923,000 |
| Financial Transactions | 45,213,000 |
| INDIGENOUS RELATIONS | |
| Expense | \$ 136,899,000 |
| Capital Investment | 17,000 |
| Financial Transactions | 14,157,000 |
| INFRASTRUCTURE | |
| Expense | \$ 330,730,000 |
| Capital Investment | 981,000,000 |
| Financial Transactions | 37,000,000 |
| JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL | |
| Expense | \$ 844,474,000 |
| Capital Investment | 2,968,000 |
| LABOUR AND IMMIGRATION | |
| Expense | \$ 155,730,000 |
| Capital Investment | 767,000 |

SCHEDULE OF INTERIM SUPPLY AMOUNTS TO BE VOTED ... continued

| EPARTMENT and VOTE | | Estimate |
|---|----|----------------|
| OVERNMENT continued | | |
| MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS | | |
| Expense | \$ | 1,222,467,000 |
| Capital Investment | | 5,467,000 |
| Financial Transactions | | 31,905,000 |
| SENIORS AND HOUSING | | |
| Expense | \$ | 336,926,000 |
| Capital Investment | | 107,430,000 |
| Financial Transactions | | 14,807,000 |
| SERVICE ALBERTA | | |
| Expense | \$ | 405,937,000 |
| Capital Investment | | 65,800,000 |
| Financial Transactions | | 8,500,000 |
| TRANSPORTATION | | |
| Expense | \$ | 804,955,000 |
| Capital Investment | | 702,338,000 |
| Financial Transactions | | 66,626,000 |
| TREASURY BOARD AND FINANCE | | |
| Expense | \$ | 139,976,000 |
| Capital Investment | | 17,000 |
| Financial Transactions | | 908,000 |
| Transfer from the Lottery Fund | | 943,387,000 |
| Expense amounts to be voted under Section 2 of the Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2019 | \$ | 27,846,117,000 |
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| Capital Investment amounts to be voted under | | |
| Section 3 of the Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2019 | \$ | 2,358,752,000 |
| Financial Transactions amounts to be voted under | | |
| Section 4 of the Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2019 | \$ | 785,639,000 |
| Transfer amounts from the Lottery Fund to be voted under | | |
| Section 5 of the Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2019 | \$ | 943,387,000 |