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Estimates

General Revenue Fund



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PREFACE

The *2015-16 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates* reports the requirements for public monies from the General Revenue Fund to fund the operations of the Legislative Assembly and its Offices for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2015. Together with the *2015-16 Government Estimates*, this document identifies the total requirements for public monies from the General Revenue Fund for the year.

This **Preface** provides a summary of the various kinds of information presented, an overview of the appropriations process, definitions of supply votes and selected terms, and a summary of any major changes in organization.

The **Schedule of Amounts to be Voted** illustrates how the supply votes will be presented in the schedule to the *Appropriation Act, 2015* to be tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

Summary information is provided in the following tables:

- Voted Spending by Office,
- Amounts Not Required to be Voted by Office, and
- Full Time Equivalent Employment.

The **details provided for each office** presents information on amounts for each office to be drawn from the General Revenue Fund as required by section 24 of the *Financial Administration Act*. The details include the following information, as applicable:

- Amount to be Voted,
- Supplementary Financial Information (including a statement of objective and services provided),
- Voted Spending by Program,
- Amounts Not Required to be Voted,
- Operational Statement, and
- Capital Plan Spending (where applicable).

Appropriations from the General Revenue Fund

In Alberta, the supply process is governed by the conventions and legal requirements of the Canadian Constitution, Alberta's *Financial Administration Act*, and the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

When the *2015-16 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates* is tabled in the Legislative Assembly, it will be moved to Committee of Supply. The Standing Orders direct that Committee of Supply will vote on the report without debate or amendment. The supply votes as approved by the resolutions of Committee of Supply will be drafted into the *Appropriation Act, 2015 Bill* introduced to the Legislative Assembly. Once this bill is enacted by royal assent, the Legislative Assembly and its Offices will have the authority to draw cash from the General Revenue Fund up to the limits of the supply votes set out in the *Act*.

The *2015-16 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates* details the estimated amounts required by each office for the coming year. Each Office's estimate amounts are divided into:

- those that require authority to draw cash from the General Revenue Fund under a supply vote pursuant to an appropriation act, and
- those that do not require a supply vote because no cash disbursement is required.

Most non-cash amounts are for expenses related to cash disbursed under a supply vote in a prior fiscal year. For example, amortization expense is related to the cash disbursements authorized under a capital supply vote when the capital asset was acquired. Other non-cash amounts are for transactions that will not require cash, such as the year-over-year changes in vacation benefit liabilities.

Definitions of Supply Votes and Other Terms

An **Estimate** is the amount requested by an Office of the Legislative Assembly to meet each of its planned commitments for the fiscal year. The *Financial Administration Act* requires the *2015-16 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates* to report estimates of any amount that will require a cash withdrawal from the General Revenue Fund during the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2015.

A **Supply Vote** is a discrete allocation from the *2015-16 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates* that defines the amount of cash funding that may be drawn from the General Revenue Fund for a specified purpose. Unlike government departments, each office's cash funding requirements for any and all expense, capital investment and financial transactions requirements are combined in a single vote for each Office and the Assembly itself.

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 under an existing 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.

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

Capital consists of cash disbursements for the purposes of investments by the Consolidated Government in tangible capital assets valued at \$5,000 or more.

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, or the purchase of inventories.

SCHEDULE OF AMOUNTS TO BE VOTED
 SUPPLY VOTES AS PRESENTED IN THE APPROPRIATION BILL

OFFICE and VOTE	2015-16 Estimate
Support to the Legislative Assembly	\$ 68,199,000
Office of the Auditor General	\$ 26,754,000
Office of the Ombudsman	\$ 3,282,000
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	\$ 31,685,000
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	\$ 953,000
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	\$ 6,843,000
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	\$ 12,967,000
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	\$ 1,249,000
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Total amount to be voted under section 1 of the <i>Appropriation Act, 2015</i>	\$ 151,932,000

VOTED SPENDING BY OFFICE

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2015-16 Estimate
	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Forecast	
EXPENSE				
Support to the Legislative Assembly	58,455	66,011	63,870	66,356
Office of the Auditor General	25,685	27,045	26,900	26,619
Office of the Ombudsman	3,099	3,349	3,289	3,282
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	3,376	6,017	6,017	31,185
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	947	973	973	953
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	6,075	6,983	6,563	6,843
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	11,754	12,427	13,057	12,917
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	1,125	1,274	1,215	1,249
Sub-total	110,516	124,079	121,884	149,404
CAPITAL INVESTMENT				
Support to the Legislative Assembly	2,638	3,127	2,434	1,566
Office of the Auditor General	465	255	195	135
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	573	500	500	500
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	148	-	-	-
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	24	75	175	50
Sub-total	3,848	3,957	3,304	2,251
FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS				
Support to the Legislative Assembly	264	277	226	277
Total	114,628	128,313	125,414	151,932

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED BY OFFICE

EXPENSE				
Support to the Legislative Assembly	2,364	277	2,280	277
Office of the Auditor General	142	370	315	250
Office of the Ombudsman	27	56	40	52
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	474	685	685	720
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	10	25	25	24
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	57	74	74	74
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	286	369	387	411
Total	3,360	1,856	3,806	1,808

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYMENT

	Comparable 2014-15 Budget	2015-16 Estimate
Support to the Legislative Assembly	407	405
Office of the Auditor General	148	148
Office of the Ombudsman	25	25
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	19	19
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	4	4
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	42	42
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	61	66
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	8	8
Total	714	717



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Support to the Legislative Assembly

THE HONOURABLE GENE ZWOZDESKY

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

W.J. DAVID McNEIL

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

The Legislative Assembly is the parliament of Alberta, consisting of members who are elected by the people of Alberta. Through them, Albertans make provincial laws and provide money needed by the government for the present and future good of the people of the province. In keeping with the time-honoured tradition of parliamentary self-government, the Lieutenant Governor gives assent to the laws so made by Albertans.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2015-16 Estimate
	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Forecast	
SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	61,357	69,415	66,530	68,199

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

To provide for the necessary administrative and financial support to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Provides all services required for the operation of the Legislative Assembly including committees.

Provides for publication of Alberta Hansard, the Order Paper, Votes and Proceedings, and Bills.

Provides for public information, public education and visitor services programs.

Provides a library service to the Legislature, public service and general public.

Provides for expenses incurred in connection with inter-parliamentary relations activities.

Provides for payment of mailing, telephone, and other communication expenses for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for expenses for Members' constituency and Legislature offices.

Provides for payment of indemnities, committee allowances, expense allowances, living expenses, and contributions for retirement investment plans to or on behalf of Members of the Legislative Assembly as authorized by the *Legislative Assembly Act*.

Provides for payment of premiums for health and disability benefits for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides information technology services to support Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for legal, procedural and security services to support Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for transportation expenses of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for payment of expenses associated with the redevelopment of the Edmonton Federal Building for space to be occupied by the Legislative Assembly (in addition to costs borne by Alberta Infrastructure).

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)

		Comparable			2015-16 Estimate
		2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Forecast	
EXPENSE					
1	Legislative Assembly Office Administration	18,420	22,645	21,998	23,584
2	Members of the Legislative Assembly Administration	31,949	35,269	33,717	34,312
3	Government Members' Services	2,874	3,033	2,600	4,927
4	Official Opposition Services	2,296	2,309	2,053	1,482
5	Liberal Opposition Services	835	849	849	894
6	NDP Opposition Services	785	774	774	815
7	Independent Member's Services (Ms. Kennedy-Glans, MLA)	4	-	69	-
8	Independent Member's Services (Mr. Sandu, MLA)	8	-	-	-
9	Independent Member's Services (Mr. Webber, MLA)	-	-	79	-
10	Independent Member's Services (Mr. Anglin, MLA)	-	-	48	192
11	Independent Member's Services (Mr. Allen, MLA)	71	183	74	-
12	Edmonton Federal Building Redevelopment	252	544	1,183	150
13	Employee Market Adjustment Contingency	961	-	-	-
14	Contingency Funding Possible Changes in Remuneration	-	405	426	-
CAPITAL INVESTMENT					
1	Legislative Assembly Office Administration	259	150	248	100
2	Members of the Legislative Assembly Administration	35	126	54	126
11	Edmonton Federal Building Redevelopment Project	2,344	2,851	2,132	1,340
ACQUISITION OF INVENTORY					
1	Legislative Assembly Office Administration	264	277	226	277
Total		61,357	69,415	66,530	68,199

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts are not included in any supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

EXPENSE

NON-CASH AMOUNTS

Amortization	2,013	-	2,013	-
Consumption of inventory	310	277	226	277
Valuation adjustments	41	-	41	-
Total	2,364	277	2,280	277

SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2015-16 Estimate
	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Forecast	
REVENUE				
Other Premiums, Fees and Licences	1	2	2	2
Other Revenue	323	314	314	400
Total	324	316	316	402
EXPENSE				
Support to the Legislative Assembly	60,819	66,288	66,150	66,633
Net Operating Result	(60,495)	(65,972)	(65,834)	(66,231)
CAPITAL INVESTMENT				
Support to the Legislative Assembly	2,638	3,127	2,434	1,566



ALBERTA

Office of the Auditor General

MERWAN N. SAHER

Auditor General

The mission of the Office of the Auditor General is to serve Albertans by conducting comprehensive risk-based audits that provide independent assessments to help the Legislative Assembly hold government accountable.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2015-16 Estimate
	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Forecast	
OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL	26,150	27,300	27,095	26,754

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

VISION

Adding value through expert auditing.

OBJECTIVE

To serve the Legislative Assembly and Albertans by examining and reporting publicly on government's management of, and accountability practices for, the public resources entrusted to it. Under the *Auditor General Act*, the Auditor General is the auditor of all government ministries, departments, funds and provincial agencies.

To succeed we must be, and be seen to be, independent and accountable.

SERVICES PROVIDED

The Office's core business is legislative auditing done through six lines of interrelated but separately distinguishable audit work:

1. **Financial statements**—providing assurance on the quality of the recurring financial reporting to the Legislative Assembly of 150 entities, including the government's consolidated financial statements.
2. **Compliance with laws**—identifying and reporting publicly if there has been non-compliance with the law.
3. **Performance measures**—reporting on the reliability, understandability, comparability, and completeness of selected performance measures.
4. **Results analysis**—developing a methodology to add credibility to management's analysis of performance.
5. **Systems**
 - **Stand-alone audits**—answering the question for major programs or initiatives, “Does the organization have the systems to accomplish its goals, including procedures to measure and report on effectiveness?”
 - **By-products of other audits**—recommending how to improve governance and accountability, internal control over financial management, information technology, or performance reporting.
6. **Research and advice**—researching to understand issues or to identify best practices. At the request of an organization of which the Office is the auditor, or a Committee of the Assembly, the Office may provide advice on a proposed course of action or a matter being studied.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)		Comparable			2015-16 Estimate
		2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Forecast	
EXPENSE					
1	Office of the Auditor General	25,685	27,045	26,900	26,619
CAPITAL INVESTMENT					
1	Office of the Auditor General	465	255	195	135
Total		26,150	27,300	27,095	26,754

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts are not included in any supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

EXPENSE					
NON-CASH AMOUNTS					
	Amortization	142	370	315	250

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2015-16 Estimate
	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Forecast	
REVENUE				
Audit Fees	953	-	-	-
EXPENSE				
Office of the Auditor General	25,827	27,415	27,215	26,869
Net Operating Result	(24,874)	(27,415)	(27,215)	(26,869)
CAPITAL INVESTMENT				
Office of the Auditor General	465	255	195	135



ALBERTA

Office of the Ombudsman

PETER HOURIHAN

Ombudsman

The Office of the Ombudsman responds to complaints of unfair treatment by provincial government authorities and designated professional organizations.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2015-16 Estimate
	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Forecast	
OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN	3,099	3,349	3,289	3,282

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

The Office of the Ombudsman responds to complaints by the public of unfair treatment through the administrative actions or decisions of the provincial government authorities, the patient concerns resolution process of Alberta Health Services and designated professional organizations. The Office conducts independent and impartial investigations into these complaints and, as warranted, provides recommendations to the respective authorities.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Initiates and conducts investigations, in response to written letters of complaint, into administrative matters which fall within the Ombudsman's authority to investigate as determined by the *Ombudsman Act*.

Provides a referral and information service to direct people to the appropriate contact, department or other complaint mechanism for complaints both within and outside government.

Offers education/training to assist Alberta government departments, agencies, boards, commissions, designated professional organizations and the patient concerns resolution process of Alberta Health Services in developing policy and procedures that enhance administrative fairness.

Offers outreach services across Alberta to increase/enhance awareness of the Office of the Ombudsman.

Conducts "own motion" investigations - this refers to instances where the Ombudsman, on his own initiative, decides to investigate an administrative issue within his jurisdiction.

Investigates administrative matters in response to ministerial requests or referrals from a committee of the Legislative Assembly.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2015-16 Estimate
	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Forecast	
EXPENSE				
1 Office of the Ombudsman	3,099	3,349	3,289	3,282
Total	3,099	3,349	3,289	3,282

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts are not included in any supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

EXPENSE

NON-CASH AMOUNTS				
Amortization	27	56	40	52
Total	27	56	40	52

OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN
 STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2015-16 Estimate
	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Forecast	
REVENUE				
Other Revenue	1	-	-	-
EXPENSE				
Office of the Ombudsman	3,126	3,405	3,329	3,334
Net Operating Result	(3,125)	(3,405)	(3,329)	(3,334)



ALBERTA

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

GLEN RESLER

Chief Electoral Officer

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer provides administrative, logistic and financial support for the register of electors, general elections and by-elections, and plebiscites in support of the *Election Act* and the *Senatorial Selection Act*. The Chief Electoral Officer monitors and records the financial activities of registered parties, constituency associations, candidates and third party advertisers to ensure compliance with the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2015-16 Estimate
	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Forecast	
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER	3,949	6,517	6,517	31,685

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

To provide administrative, logistic and financial support for the register of electors, general elections and by-elections, and plebiscites in support of the *Election Act* and the *Senatorial Selection Act*. To monitor and record the financial activities of registered parties, constituency associations, candidates, party leadership contests and third party advertisers to ensure compliance with the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Provides for the register of electors, elections, by-elections and plebiscites and for communication and liaison with the executive of registered parties, constituency associations, candidates and their campaign officials, third party advertisers and the general public pertaining to the established policies and procedures of the relevant Acts.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)		Comparable			2015-16 Estimate
		2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Forecast	
EXPENSE					
1	Corporate Services	3,376	4,549	3,578	3,075
2	Elections	-	1,468	2,439	28,110
CAPITAL INVESTMENT					
1	Corporate Services	573	500	500	500
Total		3,949	6,517	6,517	31,685

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts are not included in any supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

EXPENSE					
NON-CASH AMOUNTS					
	Amortization	474	685	685	720
Total		474	685	685	720

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2015-16 Estimate
	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Forecast	
REVENUE				
None	-	-	-	-
EXPENSE				
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	3,850	6,702	6,702	31,905
Net Operating Result	(3,850)	(6,702)	(6,702)	(31,905)
CAPITAL INVESTMENT				
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	573	500	500	500



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Office of the Ethics Commissioner

MARGUERITE TRUSSLER

Ethics Commissioner

The Office of the Ethics Commissioner is responsible for administering the *Conflicts of Interest Act*, the *Lobbyists Act*, and certain portions of the *Public Service Act*.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2015-16 Estimate
	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Forecast	
OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER	947	973	973	953

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

To provide Members of the Legislative Assembly, Designated Office Holders, and certain staff working in the Premier's and Minister's Offices, with advice and recommendations regarding understanding their private interests in relation to their public responsibilities and to provide an impartial investigation of allegations of conflict of interest pertaining to those individuals.

To create and maintain a publicly accessible lobbyists registry and to investigate alleged breaches of the *Lobbyists Act*.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Obtains information from Members of the Legislative Assembly, Designated Office Holders, and certain staff in the Premier's Office and Minister's Offices regarding their income, assets, liabilities, and financial interests and prepares public disclosure statements for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Investigates complaints received from the public or from an elected Member respecting an alleged breach of the *Conflicts of Interest Act* by a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Maintains a publicly accessible lobbyists registry and provides advice and information to lobbyists and citizens on matters covered by the *Lobbyists Act*.

Conducts investigations into possible contraventions of the *Lobbyists Act* and may require payment of an administrative penalty.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2015-16 Estimate
	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Forecast	
EXPENSE				
1 Office of the Ethics Commissioner	947	973	973	953
Total	947	973	973	953

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts are not included in any supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

EXPENSE

NON-CASH AMOUNTS				
Amortization	10	25	25	24
Total	10	25	25	24

OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER
 STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			2015-16 Estimate
	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Forecast	
REVENUE				
None	-	-	-	-
EXPENSE				
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	957	998	998	977
Net Operating Result	(957)	(998)	(998)	(977)
CAPITAL INVESTMENT				
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	25	-	-	-



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Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

JILL CLAYTON

Information and Privacy Commissioner

The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is responsible for overseeing the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the *Health Information Act*, and the *Personal Information Protection Act*.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2015-16 Estimate
	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Forecast	
OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER	6,223	6,983	6,563	6,843

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

VISION

A society that values and respects access to information and personal privacy.

OBJECTIVE

The Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta (the Commissioner) is an independent Officer of the Legislature and reports directly to the Legislative Assembly.

Through the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC), the Commissioner performs the legislative and regulatory responsibilities set out in the following laws:

- the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP),
- the *Health Information Act* (HIA), and
- the *Personal Information Protection Act* (PIPA)

SERVICES PROVIDED

The Commissioner is generally responsible for monitoring the administration of these laws (the Acts) to ensure their purposes are achieved. More specifically, the Commissioner's statutory powers and duties include, but are not limited to:

- Providing independent review and resolution on requests for review of responses to access to information requests and complaints related to the collection, use and disclosure of personal and health information.
- Conducting investigations on any matters relating to the application of the Acts, whether or not a review/complaint is requested.
- Conducting inquiries to decide questions of fact and law and issuing binding orders, whether or not a review is requested.
- Receiving comments from the public concerning the administration of the Acts.
- Giving advice and recommendations of general application respecting the rights or obligations of stakeholders under the Acts.
- Engaging in or commissioning research into any matter affecting the achievement of the purposes of the Acts.
- Commenting on the implications for freedom of information or for protection of personal privacy of proposed legislative schemes and existing or proposed programs.
- Commenting on the implications for access to or protection of health information.
- Commenting on the privacy and security implications of using or disclosing personal and health information for record linkages or for the purpose of performing data matching.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)		Comparable			2015-16 Estimate
		2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Forecast	
EXPENSE					
1	Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	6,075	6,983	6,563	6,843
CAPITAL INVESTMENT					
1	Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	148	-	-	-
Total		6,223	6,983	6,563	6,843

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts are not included in any supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

EXPENSE					
NON-CASH AMOUNTS					
	Amortization	57	74	74	74
Total		57	74	74	74

OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2015-16 Estimate
	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Forecast	
REVENUE				
Other Revenue	5	-	-	-
EXPENSE				
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	6,132	7,057	6,637	6,917
Net Operating Result	(6,127)	(7,057)	(6,637)	(6,917)
CAPITAL INVESTMENT				
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	148	-	-	-



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Office of the Child and Youth Advocate

DEL GRAFF

Child and Youth Advocate

The Office of the Child and Youth Advocate champions child and youth rights, amplifies child and youth voices, and fosters child and youth participation.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2015-16 Estimate
	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Forecast	
OFFICE OF THE CHILD AND YOUTH ADVOCATE	11,778	12,502	13,232	12,967

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

The Office of the Child and Youth Advocate provides individual and systemic advocacy services for children and youth in the child intervention and youth justice systems. The Advocate investigates systemic issues arising from serious injury to or death of a child receiving a designated service. In carrying out this function, the Advocate will have the powers of the Commissioner under the *Public Inquiries Act*. The Advocate may appoint lawyers to represent children with respect to any proceeding under the *Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act* and the *Protection of Sexually Exploited Children Act*.

SERVICES PROVIDED

1. Advocate on behalf of individual children and youth receiving designated services by ensuring that their rights, interests, and viewpoints are acknowledged and acted upon.
2. Provide quality legal representation to children and youth receiving services under the *Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act* or the *Protection of Sexually Exploited Children Act*.
3. Conduct investigations into systemic issues arising from the serious injury to or death of a child receiving designated services.
4. The Advocate will promote the rights, interests and viewpoints of vulnerable children through participation in processes in which decisions are made about them, and through public education.
5. Identify areas of systemic improvements in government systems that will enhance services for vulnerable children and youth.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)		Comparable			2015-16 Estimate
		2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Forecast	
EXPENSE					
1	Child and Youth Advocate's Office	651	785	698	710
2	Advocacy Services	2,919	3,230	3,071	3,151
3	Systemic Advocacy and Quality Assurance	291	366	557	717
4	Legal Representation for Children and Youth	4,568	3,971	4,176	3,980
5	Investigations	519	810	1,252	1,252
6	Engagement and Education	1,267	1,269	1,256	1,221
7	Strategic Support	1,539	1,996	2,047	1,886
CAPITAL INVESTMENT					
7	Strategic Support	24	75	175	50
Total		11,778	12,502	13,232	12,967

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts are not included in any supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

EXPENSE					
NON-CASH AMOUNTS					
	Amortization	214	241	259	283
	Valuation adjustments	72	128	128	128
Total		286	369	387	411

OFFICE OF THE CHILD YOUTH ADVOCATE

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2015-16 Estimate
	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Forecast	
REVENUE				
None	-	-	-	-
EXPENSE				
Child and Youth Advocate's Office	669	844	757	741
Advocacy Services	2,920	3,236	3,077	3,170
Systemic Advocacy and Quality Assurance	291	366	557	725
Legal Representation for Children and Youth	4,568	3,965	4,170	3,990
Investigations	525	827	1,269	1,284
Engagement and Education	1,272	1,273	1,260	1,231
Strategic Support	1,795	2,285	2,354	2,187
Total	12,040	12,796	13,444	13,328
Net Operating Result	(12,040)	(12,796)	(13,444)	(13,328)
CAPITAL INVESTMENT				
Strategic Support	24	75	175	50



ALBERTA

Office of the Public Interest Commissioner

PETER HOURIHAN

Public Interest Commissioner

The Office of the Public Interest Commissioner serves Albertans by facilitating the disclosure and investigation of significant matters relating to departments, public entities or offices of the legislature that employees believe may be unlawful, dangerous to the public or injurious to the public interest.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2015-16 Estimate
	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Forecast	
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST COMMISSIONER	1,125	1,274	1,215	1,249

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

The Office of the Public Interest Commissioner's governing legislation is the *Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act* which creates a safe avenue for public service employees to report, internally or to the Public Interest Commissioner, wrongdoing and/or reprisals relating to Alberta government ministries, agencies, boards, commissions and other jurisdictional entities. The Office of the Public Interest Commissioner conducts independent and impartial investigations into public service employees' concerns and makes recommendations respecting disclosures of wrongdoings and reprisals.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Facilitate the disclosure and investigation of significant and serious matters relating to departments, public entities and offices of the Legislature.

Protect employees who make those disclosures in accordance with the Act.

Manage, investigate and make recommendations respecting disclosures of wrongdoings and reprisals.

Promote public confidence in the administration of departments, public entities and offices of the Legislature.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)

		Comparable			2015-16 Estimate
		2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Forecast	
EXPENSE					
1	Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	1,125	1,274	1,215	1,249
Total		1,125	1,274	1,215	1,249

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST COMMISSIONER

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2015-16 Estimate
	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2014-15 Forecast	
REVENUE				
None	-	-	-	-
EXPENSE				
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	1,125	1,274	1,215	1,249
Net Operating Result	(1,125)	(1,274)	(1,215)	(1,249)