

2007-08 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates

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OFFICES OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PREFACE

The **2007-08 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates** present the budget plans for the Offices of the Legislative Assembly.

The Legislative Assembly will be asked to appropriate money from the General Revenue Fund based on these Estimates, pursuant to section 1(1) of the *Appropriation Act*, 2007.

The **Schedule of Amounts to be Voted** shows the Vote for each Office of the Legislative Assembly, excerpted from the *Appropriation Act*, 2007.

The **Summary by Office** shows amounts for Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases, together with historical data on a comparable basis.

Expense consists of salaries, supplies and services, grants, payments to Members of the Legislative Assembly and amortization of capital assets, unless otherwise noted.

Equipment / Inventory Purchases are defined as capital assets which are routinely moved or which may be installed as a service level improvement. These purchases have a minimum value of \$5,000, unless otherwise noted.

The **Summary of Voted Expense by Object for all Offices** identifies amounts for salaries, supplies and services, grants, payments to Members of the Legislative Assembly and amortization of capital assets.

Budgeted Full-Time Equivalent Employment is shown for each Office for 2007-08, as well as 2006-07.

Voted Estimates of Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases are presented for each Office by program, as well as any **Lottery Funded Initiative.**

A Statement of Operations and the Change in Capital Assets are also presented for each Office.

OFFICES OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SCHEDULE OF AMOUNTS TO BE VOTED

for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2008

OFFICE/	
VOTE	Estimate
OFFICES OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	
SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$ 52,086,000
OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$ 20,770,000
OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN	
Expense	\$ 2,546,000
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$ 13,228,000
OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$ 884,000
OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER	
Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	\$ 5,128,000
Amount of Expense or Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases to be voted under	
section 1(1) of the Appropriation Act, 2007	\$ 94,642,000

SUMMARY BY OFFICE

(thousands of dollars)

		Comparable		
	2007-08	2006-07	2006-07	2005-06
	Estimate	Forecast	Budget	Actual
Expense				
Support to the Legislative Assembly*	51,148	42,844	45,060	39,056
Office of the Auditor General	20,190	19,046	19,046	17,844
Office of the Ombudsman	2,546	2,242	2,327	2,133
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	13,003	2,302	2,631	1,753
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	684	393	413	360
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	5,114	4,500	4,500	4,359
Expense	92,685	71,327	73,977	65,505
Equipment / Inventory Purchases				
Support to the Legislative Assembly**	938	967	876	1,199
Office of the Auditor General	580	120	120	157
Office of the Ombudsman	-	-	-	17
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	225	134	134	292
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	200	-	-	5
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	14	10	10	14
Equipment / Inventory Purchases	1,957	1,231	1,140	1,684
Total Voted Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	94,642	72,558	75,117	67,189

^{*} Support to the Legislative Assembly does not budget for the amortization arising from capital equipment purchases.

^{**} Support to the Legislative Assembly has a capitalization threshold of \$2,500 rather than \$5,000.

OFFICES OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - Continued

SUMMARY OF VOTED EXPENSE BY OBJECT FOR ALL OFFICES

(thousands of dollars)

	2007-08 Estimate	
Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits	48,666	
Supplies and Services	28,077	
Grants to Others	7	
Payments to Members of the Legislative Assembly	15,329	
Amortization of Capital Assets*	606	
Total Voted Expense	92,685	

^{*} Support to the Legislative Assembly does not budget for the amortization arising from capital equipment purchases.

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYMENT

		Comparable
	2007-08	2006-07
	Estimate	Budget
Support to the Legislative Assembly	245	245
Office of the Auditor General	122	131
Office of the Ombudsman	24	21
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	13	10
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	4	3
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	38	37
Total Full-Time Equivalent Employment	446	447



SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THE HONOURABLE KEN KOWALSKI

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly 325 Legislature Building, (780) 427-2464

W. J. DAVID McNEIL

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly 801 Legislature Annex, (780) 427-2478

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		
	2007-08	2006-07	2006-07	2005-06
	Estimate	Forecast	Budget	Actual
EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES	52,086	43,811	45,936	40,255

SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - Continued

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 and living expenses to 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 Legislative Assembly.

Provides for transportation expenses of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for payment of transition allowances to former Members of the Legislative Assembly.

SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - Continued (thousands of dollars)

		Comparable			
		2007-08	2006-07	2006-07	2005-06
		Estimate	Forecast	Budget	Actual
	Expense*				
1	Legislative Assembly Office Administration	15,881	13,239	13,603	11,343
2	Legislative Assembly Centennial Programs	-	-	-	385
3	Members of the Legislative Assembly Administration	29,072	25,483	27,291	23,508
4	Government Members' Services	3,240	2,179	2,220	1,845
5	Official Opposition Services	1,810	1,436	1,439	1,422
6	NDP Opposition Services	650	447	447	470
7	Alberta Alliance Opposition Services	153	60	60	83
8	Independent Member's Services	153	-	-	-
9	Vacant Electoral Division	126	-	-	-
10	Private Member Contingency	63	-	-	-
	Expense	51,148	42,844	45,060	39,056
	Equipment / Inventory Purchases**				
1	Legislative Assembly Office Administration	728	713	666	971
3	Members of the Legislative Assembly Administration	210	210	210	205
4	Government Members' Services	-	41	-	4
5	Official Opposition Services	-	3	-	14
6	NDP Opposition Services	-	-	-	5
	Equipment / Inventory Purchases	938	967	876	1,199
Total \	Voted Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	52,086	43,811	45,936	40,255

^{*} Support to the Legislative Assembly does not budget for the amortization arising from capital equipment purchases.

 $^{^{\}star\star}$ Support to the Legislative Assembly has a capitalization threshold of \$2,500 rather than \$5,000.

SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - Continued (thousands of dollars)

The following identifies initiatives receiving funding from the Lottery Fund. These initiatives and amounts are included in the Voted Estimates.

LOTTERY FUNDED INITIATIVES

			C		
		2007-08	2006-07	2006-07	2005-06
		Estimate	Forecast	Budget	Actual
2	Legislative Assembly Centennial Programs	-	-	-	385
Total	Lottery Funded Initiatives	-	-	-	385

SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - Continued (thousands of dollars)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	Comparable				
	2007-08	2006-07	2006-07	2005-06	
	Estimate	Forecast	Budget	Actua	
REVENUE					
Internal Government Transfers					
Lottery Fund	-	-	-	415	
Premiums, Fees and Licences					
Various	1	1	1	-	
Other Revenue					
Various	527	424	433	696	
Total Revenue	528	425	434	1,111	
EXPENSE					
Voted					
Support to the Legislative Assembly	51,148	42,844	45,060	39,056	
Total Voted Expense	51,148	42,844	45,060	39,056	
Statutory .	·	,	,		
Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions	-	-	-	1,299	
Total Voted and Statutory Expense	51,148	42,844	45,060	40,355	
Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-	
Net Operating Result	(50,620)	(42,419)	(44,626)	(39,244)	
CHANGE IN CAPITAL ASSETS					
New Capital Investment	938	967	876	1,199	
Less: Disposal of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-	
Less: Amortization of Capital Assets	•	-	-	(1,032)	
Increase (Decrease) in Capital Assets	938	967	876	167	



OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

FRED J. DUNN

Auditor General
8th Floor, 9925 - 109 Street, (780) 427-4220

The mission of the Office of the Auditor General of Alberta is to identify opportunities and propose solutions for the improved use of public resources, and to improve and add credibility to performance reporting, including financial reporting, to Albertans.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

	_		Comparable	
	2007-08	2006-07	2006-07	2005-06
	Estimate	Forecast	Budget	Actual
EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES	20,770	19,166	19,166	18,001

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL - Continued

OBJECTIVE

To conduct professional, independent audits and express opinions as required by section 18 of the *Auditor General Act* and other statutes, on the financial statements of the Crown including departments, regulated funds, provincial agencies and other organizations or bodies of which the Auditor General is auditor.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Reports to the Legislative Assembly on the work of the Office of the Auditor General, and on matters which were observed during the course of that work, as required by section 19 of the *Auditor General Act*, after the end of the fiscal year of the Crown.

Undertakes special auditing or investigative assignments as may be specified by the Legislative Assembly and also, under certain conditions, as specified by the Executive Council.

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL - Continued (thousands of dollars)

			Comparable		
		2007-08	2006-07	2006-07	2005-06
		Estimate	Forecast	Budget	Actual
	Expense				
1	Office of the Auditor General	20,190	19,046	19,046	17,844
	Expense	20,190	19,046	19,046	17,844
	Equipment / Inventory Purchases				
1	Office of the Auditor General	580	120	120	157
	Equipment / Inventory Purchases	580	120	120	157
Total	Voted Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	20,770	19,166	19,166	18,001

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL - Continued (thousands of dollars)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

		Comparable		
	2007-08	2006-07	2006-07	2005-06
	Estimate	Forecast	Budget	Actual
REVENUE				
Other Revenue				
Audit Fees	2,595	2,644	2,185	2,632
Total Revenue	2,595	2,644	2,185	2,632
EXPENSE				
Voted				
Office of the Auditor General	20,190	19,046	19,046	17,844
Total Voted Expense	20,190	19,046	19,046	17,844
Statutory				
Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions	-	-	-	-
Total Voted and Statutory Expense	20,190	19,046	19,046	17,844
Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-
Net Operating Result	(17,595)	(16,402)	(16,861)	(15,212)
CHANGE IN CAPITAL ASSETS				
New Capital Investment	580	120	120	157
Less: Disposal of Capital Assets	-	-	-	(4)
Less: Amortization of Capital Assets	(290)	(265)	(265)	(317)
Increase (Decrease) in Capital Assets	290	(145)	(145)	(164)



OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

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Ombudsman
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10303 Jasper Avenue, (780) 427-2756

The Office of the Ombudsman promotes fairness in public administration within the Government of Alberta.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

	_	Comparable			
	2007-08	2006-07	2006-07	2005-06	
	Estimate	Forecast	Budget	Actual	
EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES	2,546	2,242	2,327	2,150	

OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN - Continued

OBJECTIVE

To conduct professional, independent and impartial investigations into complaints from people who believe that they have been treated unfairly through the administrative actions or decisions of Alberta government ministries, certain professional organizations and the patient concerns resolution process of Regional Health Authorities and the Alberta Cancer Board. To recommend corrective actions if a complaint is supported.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Initiates investigations, in response to written letters of complaint, into administrative matters which fall within its jurisdiction.

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.

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

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

OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN - Continued (thousands of dollars)

			Comparable		
		2007-08	2006-07	2006-07	2005-06
		Estimate	Forecast	Budget	Actual
	Expense				
1	Office of the Ombudsman	2,546	2,242	2,327	2,133
	Expense	2,546	2,242	2,327	2,133
	Equipment / Inventory Purchases				
1	Office of the Ombudsman	-	-	-	17
	Equipment / Inventory Purchases	-	-	-	17
Total	Voted Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	2,546	2,242	2,327	2,150

OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN - Continued (thousands of dollars)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

		Comparable		
	2007-08	2006-07	2006-07	2005-06
	Estimate	Forecast	Budget	Actua
REVENUE				
None	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	-	-	-	-
EXPENSE Voted				
Office of the Ombudsman	2,546	2,242	2,327	2,133
Total Voted Expense	2,546	2,242	2,327	2,133
Statutory Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions	-	-	-	45
Total Voted and Statutory Expense	2,546	2,242	2,327	2,178
Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Capital Assets	•	-	-	-
Net Operating Result	(2,546)	(2,242)	(2,327)	(2,178)
CHANGE IN CAPITAL ASSETS				
New Capital Investment	-	-	-	17
Less: Disposal of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-
Less: Amortization of Capital Assets	(6)	-	-	(6)
Increase (Decrease) in Capital Assets	(6)	-	-	11



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

LORNE GIBSON

Chief Electoral Officer Suite 100 11510 Kingsway Avenue, (780) 427-1035

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 and candidates to ensure compliance with the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

		Comparable			
	2007-08	2006-07	2006-07	2005-06	
	Estimate	Forecast	Budget	Actual	
EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES	13,228	2,436	2,765	2,045	

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER - Continued

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 and candidates 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, and the general public pertaining to the established policies and procedures of the relevant Acts.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER - Continued (thousands of dollars)

			Comparable		
		2007-08	2006-07	2006-07	2005-06
		Estimate	Forecast	Budget	Actual
	Expense				
1	Corporate Services	1,496	1,198	1,109	854
2	Elections	9,233	223	321	86
3	Register of Electors	2,274	881	1,201	813
	Expense	13,003	2,302	2,631	1,753
	Equipment / Inventory Purchases				
1	Corporate Services	225	134	134	292
	Equipment / Inventory Purchases	225	134	134	292
Total	Voted Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	13,228	2,436	2,765	2,045

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER - Continued (thousands of dollars)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	Comparable			
	2007-08	2006-07	2006-07	2005-06
	Estimate	Forecast	Budget	Actua
REVENUE				
Other Revenue				
Various	-	-	-	27
Total Revenue	-	-	-	27
EXPENSE				
Voted				
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	13,003	2,302	2,631	1,753
Total Voted Expense	13,003	2,302	2,631	1,753
Statutory				
Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions	-	-	-	(66)
Total Voted and Statutory Expense	13,003	2,302	2,631	1,687
Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-
Net Operating Result	(13,003)	(2,302)	(2,631)	(1,660)
CHANGE IN CAPITAL ASSETS				
	205	124	124	202
New Capital Investment Less: Disposal of Capital Assets	225	134	134	292
Less: Amortization of Capital Assets	(249)	(226)	(250)	(166)
Increase (Decrease) in Capital Assets	(24)	(92)	(116)	126



OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER

DONALD M. HAMILTON

Ethics Commissioner 1250, 9925 - 109 Street, (780) 422-2273

The Office of the Ethics Commissioner is responsible for administering the *Conflicts of Interest Act* and the lobbyists registry under the *Lobbyists Act* (subject to legislative approval). The Office also has responsibility for administering the Financial Disclosure and Conflict of Interest directive for designated senior officials.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

	_	Comparable			
	2007-08	2006-07	2006-07	2005-06	
	Estimate	Forecast	Budget	Actual	
EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES	884	393	413	365	

OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER - Continued

OBJECTIVE

To provide elected Members of the Legislative Assembly and senior officials of the government with advice and recommendations regarding their private interests in relation to their public responsibilities and to provide an impartial investigation of allegations of conflict of interest from the public and from elected Members.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Promotes the understanding by Members of the Legislative Assembly of their obligations under the *Conflicts of Interest Act*, by senior officials of their obligations under the directive issued by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, and by the public of conflict of interest obligations of Members of the Legislative Assembly and senior officials.

Obtains information from Members of the Legislative Assembly and senior government officials 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 Act by a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides advice and recommendations on matters respecting obligations of the Members of the Legislative Assembly under the Act, and of senior officials pursuant to the directive of the Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

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

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

OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER - Continued (thousands of dollars)

			Comparable		
		2007-08	2006-07	2006-07	2005-06
		Estimate	Forecast	Budget	Actual
	Expense				
1	Office of the Ethics Commissioner	684	393	413	360
	Expense	684	393	413	360
	Equipment / Inventory Purchases				
1	Office of the Ethics Commissioner	200	-	-	5
	Equipment / Inventory Purchases	200	-	-	5
Total	Voted Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	884	393	413	365

OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER - Continued (thousands of dollars)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	2007-08	Comparable		
		2006-07	2006-07	2005-06
	Estimate	Forecast	Budget	Actual
REVENUE				
None	-	-	-	1
Total Revenue	-	-	-	1
EXPENSE Voted				
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	684	393	413	360
Total Voted Expense	684	393	413	360
Statutory				
Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions	<u> </u>	-	-	6
Total Voted and Statutory Expense	684	393	413	366
Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-
Net Operating Result	(684)	(393)	(413)	(365)
CHANGE IN CAPITAL ASSETS				
New Capital Investment	200	-	-	5
Less: Disposal of Capital Assets		-	-	-
Less: Amortization of Capital Assets	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)
Increase (Decrease) in Capital Assets	197	(3)	(3)	2



OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER

FRANK WORK, Q.C.

Information and Privacy Commissioner 410, 9925 - 109 Street, (780) 422-6860

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			
	2007-08	2006-07	2006-07	2005-06	
	Estimate	Forecast	Budget	Actual	
EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES	5,128	4,510	4,510	4,373	

OBJECTIVE

The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner administers the following legislation governing access to information and protection of privacy:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Health Information Act Personal Information Protection Act

These statutes were enacted by the Legislature to bring about meaningful changes in how public and private sector organizations operate. Each Act positions the Commissioner to exercise powers affecting the conduct and practices of various groups of information holders. The major operational purposes of the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner are:

- to facilitate the resolution of matters dealing with access to information and protection of personal privacy under the three relevant Alberta statutes.
- · to advocate protection of privacy for Albertans, and
- to advance open and accountable government in all Alberta public bodies.

As an oversight body with quasi-judicial powers, the Office strives to create an Alberta society where personal privacy is respected and public bodies are seen as open and accountable.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Provides impartial review of information holder decisions under the three statutes.

Investigates complaints and concerns regarding breaches of privacy obligations by information holders.

Produces information, organizes events, gives presentations, and issues media releases for public awareness, general education and professional development.

Monitors the general operation of each statute, assesses compliance with legislation and addresses instances of non-compliance.

Supports work done by information holders to assure privacy protection and to enhance routine disclosure and active dissemination of general information.

Assesses and advises on the privacy implications of information schemes, new programs and proposed legislation, and assists law-makers to address access and privacy needs.

Promotes research and discussion of emerging issues and technologies.

OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER - Continued (thousands of dollars)

			Comparable		
		2007-08	2007-08 2006-07	2006-07	2005-06
		Estimate	Forecast	Budget	Actual
	Expense				
1	Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	5,114	4,500	4,500	4,359
	Expense	5,114	4,500	4,500	4,359
	Equipment / Inventory Purchases				
1	Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	14	10	10	14
	Equipment / Inventory Purchases	14	10	10	14
Total	Voted Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases	5,128	4,510	4,510	4,373

OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER - Continued (thousands of dollars)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

		Comparable		
	2007-08 Estimate	2006-07	2006-07	2005-06
		Forecast	Budget	Actual
REVENUE				
None	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	-	-	-	-
EXPENSE				
Voted Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	5,114	4,500	4,500	4,359
Total Voted Expense	5,114	4,500	4,500	4,359
Statutory Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions		-	-	8
Total Voted and Statutory Expense Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Capital Assets	5,114	4,500 -	4,500 -	4,367 -
Net Operating Result	(5,114)	(4,500)	(4,500)	(4,367)
CHANGE IN CAPITAL ASSETS				
New Capital Investment	14	10	10	14
Less: Disposal of Capital Assets	-	-	-	-
Less: Amortization of Capital Assets	(58)			(102)
Increase (Decrease) in Capital Assets	(44)	10	10	(88)