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Corporate Reference Binder**

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Event Information / Opening Remarks

Event: 2021 Estimates Opening remarks

When: May 17, 2021

Where: Legislature, Birch Room

Length: 4-5 minutes

Opening Remarks:

- Thank you everyone for coming.

- Introduce ministry staff:
 - Kevin Jardine – Deputy Minister

 - Jeremy Hewitt – ADM, Climate Action Secretariat

 - Laurel Nash –ADM, Environmental Protection

 - James Mack - ADM, Environmental Sustainability

 - Jim Standen – ADM, BC Parks and Conservation Officer Service

 - Eleanor Arend – Associate Deputy Minister, Environmental Assessment Office

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- Scott Bailey – ADM, EAO
- Wes Boyd – ADM, Corporate Services for the Natural Resource Ministries
- Denise Rossander – ADM and Chief Information Officer, Innovation and Information Technology
- Kaye Krishna – DM, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – for TransLink.
- Deborah Bowman – ADM, Transportation Policy and Programs – for TransLink

Key Ministry Functions:

- Proud that at this pivotal time my ministry is doing vital work to tackle the threat of climate change and promoting cleaner communities and a clean-energy economy.

- We are protecting our environment for future generations.
- We are conserving our water, land, air and living resources.
- We are guarding British Columbia's amazing biodiversity and natural habitats.
- And during this challenging time of COVID, we are managing our world-class Parks system so that people have a safe way to recharge and maintain their mental and physical health in B.C.'s great outdoors.

Mandate commitments:

Progress made:

- My mandate recognizes the importance of outdoor recreation in the context of the pandemic.

- We are increasing our investment in BC Parks to promote access and protect nature in some of the most beautiful places on the planet.
- During the next three years, the BC Parks operating and capital budget combined will increase by more than \$83 million.
- This means new campsites, expanded trails, and strengthened management of the park system.
- Meanwhile, our protected areas in British Columbia continue to grow.
- Recently we created a new conservancy on Tahltan territory northwestern BC together with the Tahltan Central Government, industry, the Nature Conservancy and the BC Parks Foundation.
- We are working with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, TransLink,

and the TransLink Mayors' Council to reduce congestion, create a greener fleet, and provide safe, reliable public transportation that is so important for our communities.

- Our government has also continued to implement CleanBC – a comprehensive plan to meet our emissions targets and support cleaner, better future for people in B.C.
- CleanBC continues to be government priority through COVID-19 recovery.
- Budget 2021 adds another \$506 million to CleanBC, bringing the five-year total to \$2.2 billion.
- We're investing in cleaner transportation, buildings, industry and communities. And we're helping create clean energy jobs that will support families and sustain our communities through the recovery and into the future.

- We recently brought in specific sectoral targets to guide on the path to our 2030 emissions reduction commitment and released the first legislated climate accountability report.
- We are partnering with B.C. industry by investing in the CleanBC Industry Fund. Since 2019, the fund has invested \$43 million in carbon tax revenue in 32 innovative projects.
- The Industry Fund along with the CleanBC Industrial Incentive Program make up the CleanBC Program for Industry.
- Budget 2021 brings total funding for the program to \$519 million over the next three years.
- Together, these programs and others will help B.C. businesses thrive in a new global

investment climate worth trillions of dollars that is increasingly demanding companies be ready for the net-zero emissions economy of the future.

- Once again this summer we are tackling shoreline cleanup and derelict vessels in partnership with coastal Indigenous Nations through our Clean Coast, Clean Waters Initiative.
- These projects are protecting coastal communities and creating jobs with double the investment from last year.
- We have more than 60 projects planned or underway throughout B.C. to restore diverse ecosystems and conserve fish, wildlife and habitat.
- The projects are being completed through partnerships with Indigenous communities,

environmental groups, universities and local stewardship organizations.

- We are working together with British Columbians towards a healthy environment and cleaner future.

Align within broader government commitments:

- Putting people first.
- Creating a better future through fighting climate change.
- Lasting and meaningful reconciliation, and addressing issues of equity and racism.
- Building a strong, sustainable economy that works for everyone.

Happy to answer questions...

**Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
Estimates 2020: Supporting Staff**

NAME	TITLE
Environment & Climate Change Strategy	
Kevin Jardine	Deputy Minister, Environment & Climate Change Strategy
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Jeremy Hewitt	Assistant Deputy Minister, Climate Action Secretariat
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James Mack	Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Sustainability Division
Jim Standen	Assistant Deputy Minister, BC Parks and Conservation Officer Service Division
Denise Rossander	Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Information Officer, Innovation and Information Technology Division
Environmental Assessment Office	
Eleanor Arend	Associate Deputy Minister, Environmental Assessment Office
Scott Bailey	Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Assessment Office
TransLink	
Kaye Krishna	Deputy Minister, Transportation and Infrastructure
Deborah Bowman	Assistant Deputy Minister, Transportation Policy and Programs

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Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy

Estimates Briefing

Fiscal 2021-22

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Highlights

- The full Ministry budget of **\$301.36M** in 2021/22 is made up of the Ministry Operations vote, the Environmental Assessment Office vote, and two special accounts.
- This includes a **\$56.7M increase** in 2021/22, mainly for the CleanBC Program for Industry and enhancements of BC Parks.

Ministry Operations

- The Ministry Operations budget (Vote 24) in 2021/22 is \$250.1M – that’s \$55.2M or 28.3% higher than the 2020/21 budget.
- Most of this increase is due to a \$42.755M base budget increase for the CleanBC Program for Industry in 20/21 for activities previously funded through the contingency vote. A portion of the increase relates to funding provided to Climate Action BC to enable stronger performance tracking of CleanBC Investments.

➤ Environmental Assessment Office

- The 2021/22 EAO budget (Vote 25) is \$15.322M – that’s a \$0.61M or 4.1% higher increase from 2020/21, due mainly to increased funding to revitalize Environmental Assessment.
- The Restated 2020/21 reflects a transfer of the Information, Innovation Technology core business to Ministry Operations.

Special Accounts

- Budget 2021 authorizes increased expenditures of \$0.103M in the Sustainable Environment Fund.
- The Park Enhancement Fund budget increased \$0.8M from \$9.0M to \$9.8M to align with expected revenues. This restores the PEF expense reduction from Budget 2020.

Capital

- The capital budget is \$35.144M. The \$10.2M increase in 2021/22 is due mainly to increased acquisitions and improvements to enhance BC Parks.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY 2021/22 Budget Highlights

Ministry Operating Budget (\$ thousands)	2020/21	2021/22	\$ Change	% Change
Vote 24 - Ministry Operations	194,902	250,105	55,203	28.3%
Vote 25 - Environmental Assessment Office	14,712	15,322	610	4.1%
Sub-Total	209,614	265,427	55,813	26.6%
Park Enhancement Fund	9,000	9,800	800	8.9%
Sustainable Environment Fund	26,032	26,135	103	0.4%
Total	244,646	301,362	56,716	23.2%

Ministry Capital Budget (\$ thousands)	2020/21	2020/21	\$ Change	% Change
Vote 24 - Ministry Operations	24,521	34,744	10,223	41.7%
Park Enhancement Fund	400	400	-	-
Total	24,921	35,144	10,223	41.0%

Ministry Operating Budget

- The Ministry's 2021/22 operating budget is **\$301.362M**. This represents a net increase from 2020/21 of **\$56,716M**, or 23.2%, from the previous year. The net budget increase is comprised of:

a) **\$55.203M** increase in the Ministry Operations Vote;

- **42.755 M** Clean BC Program for Industry received funding lifts for **activities previously funded through notional access to contingency**.
- **9.145 M** increase to support **enhancement of BC Parks** facilities throughout the province.
- **1.800 M** increase to enable stronger **performance tracking of Clean BC Investments**.
- **1.542 M** increase in salary and benefits **rate adjustment** and **collective agreement provisions**.
- **0.011 M** increase to **Minister's Office for salaries and benefits**.
- **(0.050) M** planned decrease for **Blueberry Sechelt** funding from MIRR

b) **\$0.610M** net increase in the EAO vote;

- **0.511 M** funding provided for **Environmental Assessment Revitalization**.
- **0.099 M** increase in salary and benefits **rate adjustment** and **collective agreement provisions**

c) **\$0.800M** increase to the **Park Enhancement Fund** expenses to align with revenue projections.

d) **\$0.103M** increase to the **Sustainable Environment Fund** expenses

**Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
Budget 2021 Estimates Summary**

	2020/21 Estimates	Transfer Strategic Policy	Restated 2020-21 Estimates	Salaries and Benefits	EA Revitalization	BC Parks Enhancement	Clean BC Program for Industry	Clean BC Evaluation Toolkit	2021/22 Estimates	Climate Preparedness and Adaptation	BC Parks Enhancement	Clean BC Program for Industry	Other	2022/23 Estimates	BC Parks Enhancement	Clean BC Program for Industry	Other	2023/24 Estimates
Environmental Protection	12,935	0	12,935	408		0	0	0	13,343	0	0	0	0	13,343	0	0	0	13,343
Environmental Sustainability	22,669	(2,314)	20,355	188		0	0	0	20,543	0	0	0	0	20,543	0	0	0	20,543
BC Parks	40,682	0	40,682	210		8,030	0	0	48,922	0	2,044	0	0	50,966	1,524	0	0	52,490
Conservation Officer Service	19,014	0	19,014	240		0	0	0	19,254	0	0	0	0	19,254	0	0	0	19,254
Climate Action	12,883	0	12,883	64		0	0	1,755	14,702	(1,691)	0	0	0	13,011	0	0	0	13,011
Clean BC Program for Industry	55,365	0	55,365	21		0	42,755	0	98,141	0	0	43,987	0	142,128	0	48,427	0	190,555
IITD	6,770	0	6,770	300		0	0	0	7,070	0	0	0	0	7,070	0	0	0	7,070
Minister's Office	631	0	631	11		0	0	0	642	0	0	0	9	651	0	0	8	659
Deputy Minister's Office	1,161	0	1,161	22		0	0	0	1,183	0	0	0	0	1,183	0	0	0	1,183
Overhead	13,038	0	13,038	0		1,115	0	45	14,198	(60)	325	0	0	14,463	40	0	0	14,503
Strategic Policy	0	2,314	2,314	39		0	0	0	2,353	0	0	0	0	2,353	0	0	0	2,353
CSNR Recoveries	9,754	0	9,754	0		0	0	0	9,754	0	0	0	0	9,754	0	0	0	9,754
Ministry Operations	194,902	0	194,902	1,542	0	9,145	42,755	1,800	250,105	(1,751)	2,369	43,987	9	294,719	1,564	48,427	8	344,718
Environmental Assessment Office	14,712	0	14,712	99	511	0	0	0	15,322	0	0	0	0	15,322	0	0	0	15,322
	14,712	0	14,712	99	511	0	0	0	15,322	0	0	0	0	15,322	0	0	0	15,322
Sustainable Environment Fund	26,032	0	26,032	103		0	0	0	26,135	0	0	0	0	26,135	0	0	0	26,135
Park Enhancement Fund	9,000	0	9,000	0		800	0	0	9,800	0	0	0	0	9,800	0	0	0	9,800
Total Ministry	244,646	0	244,646	1,641	511	9,945	42,755	1,800	301,362	(1,751)	2,369	43,987	9	345,976	1,564	48,427	8	395,975

Restated 2021-2022 Estimates:

Transfer of **Strategic Policy** funding from **Environmental Sustainability** back to **Executive and Support Services** (Previous transfer was Budget 2017)

The **Information, Innovation & Technology Core Business** has been transferred from the **Environmental Assessment Office** Vote to **Ministry Operations**.

Budget 2021 Decisions:

BC Parks was provided \$9.945M, \$2.369M, and \$1.564M, respectively for 2021/22, 2022/23, and 2023/24, to support **enhancement of BC Parks** facilities throughout the province.

The **CleanBC Program for Industry** received funding lifts of \$42.755M for 2021/22, \$43.987M for 2022/23, and \$48.427M for 2023/24 for **activities previously funded through notional access to contingency**.

Climate Action received \$1.800M in 2021/22, and \$1.350M in each of 2022/23 and 2023/24 to enable stronger **performance tracking of CleanBC investments**.

Other increases account for a minor lift provided to the **Minister's Office** for Salaries and Benefits.

Decisions Prior to Budget 2021

Salaries and Benefits represents negotiated wage increases in collective agreements

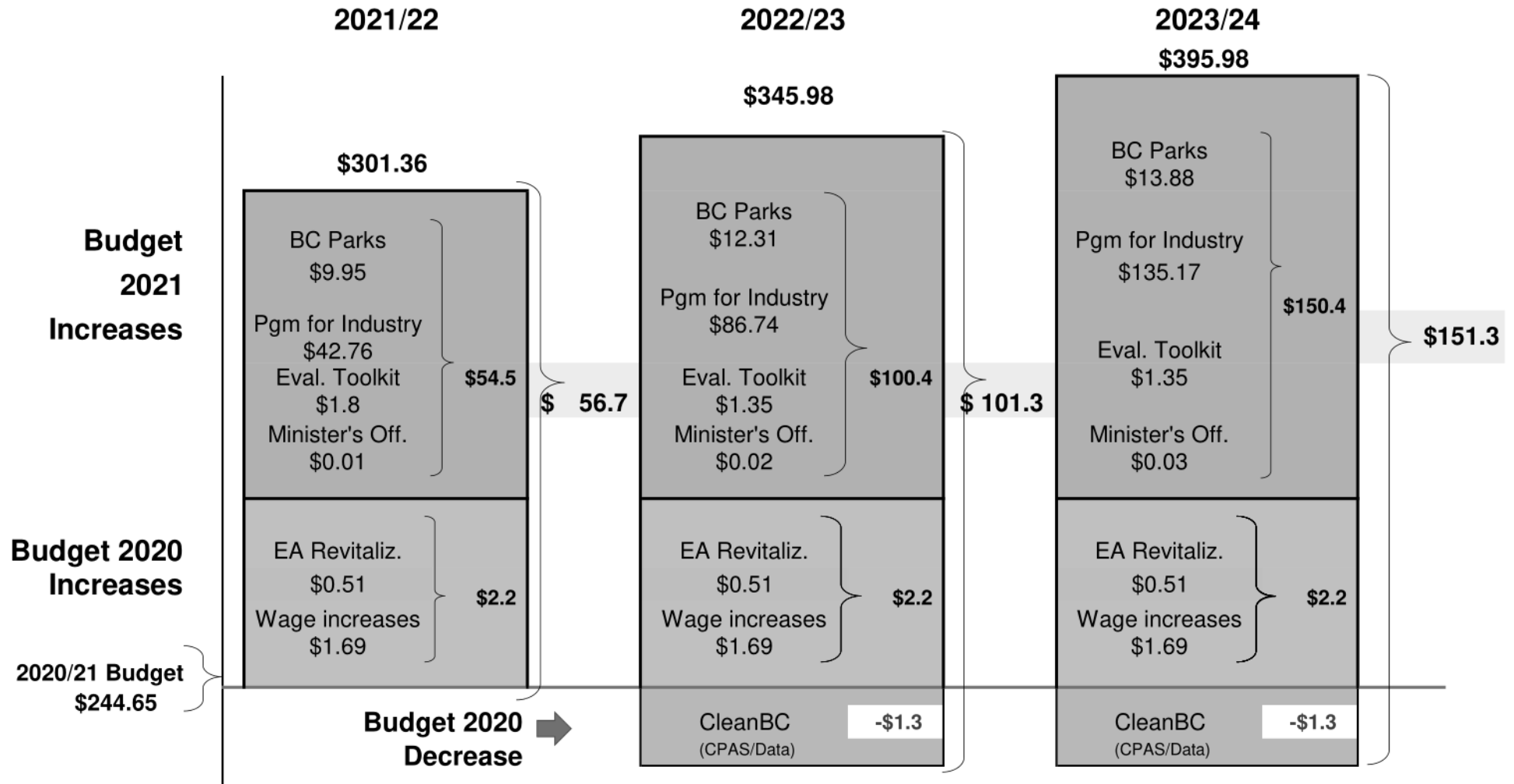
Funding provided to Climate Action for **climate investment activities** is ending in 2022/23.

EAO was provided funding for **Environmental Assessment Revitalization** of \$3.611M for 2021/22 (\$0.511M increase) and ongoing.

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy - Explanation of Budget Increases (\$ millions)

Q: By how much has the budget increased from 2020/21? A: See the yellow shaded amounts below.

The blue horizontal line represents the 2020/21 budget to which each subsequent fiscal year is compared. The lower boxes represent the budget changes announced for each of the three fiscal years in Budget 2020 (grey are increases; orange are decreases). The green shaded boxes represent budget lifts approved in Budget 2021.



Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
Ministry Operations
Budget 2021

Q: How has each fiscal year changed since Budget 2020 for Ministry Operations?

Ministry Operations	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Budget 2020 Plan	194,902	189,324	188,023	188,023
CleanBC Program for Industry		42,755	86,742	135,169
CleanBC Evaluation Toolkit		1,800	1,350	1,350
BC Parks		9,145	11,514	13,078
Minister's Office		11	20	28
Budget 2021 Lift		53,711	99,626	149,625
Transfer in of IITD		7,070	7,070	7,070
Total Budget 2020 changes		60,781	106,696	156,695
Budget 2020 Plan	194,902	250,105	294,719	344,718
Increase from Budget 2019		32.1%	56.7%	83.3%

Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
Vote 25 - Environmental Assessment Office and Special Accounts
Budget 2021

Q: How has each fiscal year changed since Budget 2020 for the Environmental Assessment Office and the two Special Accounts?

Environ'l Assessment Office	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Budget 2020	21,482	22,392	22,392	22,392
IITD transferred to Min Ops	(6,770)	(7,070)	(7,070)	(7,070)
Budget 2021	14,712	15,322	15,322	15,322
	14,712	15,322	15,322	15,322
Increase from Budget 2020		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Park Enhancement Fund	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Budget 2020	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
Budget increase		800	800	800
Budget 2021	9,000	9,800	9,800	9,800
Increase from Budget 2020		8.9%	8.9%	8.9%

Sustainable Environment Fund	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Budget 2020 restated	26,032	26,135	26,135	26,135
Adjustment		-	-	-
Budget 2020 Plan	26,032	26,135	26,135	26,135
Increase from Budget 2020		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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Ministry Operations
Budget 2021

Q: How has each fiscal year changed since Budget 2020 for Capital?

Ministry Operations	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Budget 2020 Plan	24,921	20,492	20,492	20,492
Expansion		5,000	5,000	5,000
Equipment		700	1,000	1,000
BC Parks - vehicles		4,130	1,000	
Parks land improvements - campsites		1,194	6,500	6,500
Parks land improvements - trails		2,398	2,500	2,500
Parks land improvements - backcountry		1,000	1,000	1,000
Budget 2021 Lift		14,422	17,000	16,000
Adjustments:				
Fleet replacement		(927)	(927)	(927)
Campsite expansion Budget 2017		1,157		
Budget 2021 Lift & Adjustments		14,652	16,073	15,073
Budget 2021 Plan	24,921	35,144	36,565	35,565
Increase from Budget 2020		71.5%	78.4%	73.6%

**Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
Operating Budget - 2020/21 to 2023/24**

By Core Business

	2020/21 Restated	Increase (Decrease)	2021/22 Estimates	Increase (Decrease)	2022/23 Plan	Increase (Decrease)	2023/24 Plan
Vote 24 - Ministry Operations							
Environmental Protection	12,935	408	13,343	-	13,343	-	13,343
Environmental Sustainability	20,355	188	20,543	-	20,543	-	20,543
BC Parks	40,682	8,240	48,922	2,044	50,966	1,524	52,490
Conservation Officer Service	19,014	240	19,254	-	19,254	-	19,254
Climate Action	12,883	1,819	14,702	(1,691)	13,011	-	13,011
CleanBC Program for Industry Information, Innovation and Technology	55,365	42,776	98,141	43,987	142,128	48,427	190,555
Executive and Support Services	6,770	300	7,070	-	7,070	-	7,070
Ministry Operations Sub-Total	26,898	1,232	28,130	274	28,404	48	28,452
Ministry Operations Sub-Total	194,902	55,203	250,105	44,614	294,719	49,999	344,718
Vote 25 - EAO							
Environmental Assessment Office	14,712	610	15,322	-	15,322	-	15,322
EAO Sub-Total	14,712	610	15,322	-	15,322	-	15,322
Special Accounts							
Park Enhancement Fund	9,000	800	9,800	-	9,800	-	9,800
Sustainable Environment Fund	26,032	103	26,135	-	26,135	-	26,135
Ministry Total	244,646	56,716	301,362	44,614	345,976	49,999	395,975

2021/22 Changes by Core Businesses

Ministry Operations - Increase of \$55.203M explained by:

BC Parks	Decrease	Blueberry Sechelt First Nation funding from MIRR elapsing. Budget 2019 decision -\$0.100M in 2018/19 & 2019/20; \$0.050 in 2020/21.	(50)
BC Parks	Increase	Enhancement of BC Park facilities and services.	8,030
Climate Action	Increase	Clean BC - Evaluation Toolkit for performance tracking.	1,755
Clean BC Program for Industry	Increase	Funding for program previously held as notional contingency access. 20% of program still in Contingencies - 2021/22 - \$21.790M.	42,755
Minister's Office	Increase	Staffing support for Minister and Parliamentary Secretary	11
Overhead	Increase	Vehicle operating costs and other overhead related to BC Parks and Climate Action new funding.	1,160
All Core Businesses	Increase	Change in Benefit Chargeback rate and Collective Agreement Provisions.	1,542
			55,203

Environmental Assessment Office - Increase of \$.610M

Funding to implement the revitalized Environmental Assessment Act - including new staff and alternative dispute resolution for First Nations	511
Change in Benefit Chargeback rate and Collective Agreement Provisions	99
	610

Park Enhancement Fund - Increase of \$.800M

Increase of expenses to match forecasted revenues. Reverses Budget 2020 fiscal adjustment.	800
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Sustainable Environment Fund - Increase of \$.103M

Budget 2019 decision to match expenses to expected revenues.	103
	103

2022/23 Changes by Core Businesses**Ministry Operations - Increase of \$44.614M explained by:**

BC Parks	Increase	Enhancement of BC Park facilities and services.	2,044
Climate Action	Decrease	Lapse of Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Funding from Budget 2020. It was 2 years of \$1.241M funding.	(1,241)
Climate Action	Decrease	Decrease of contract funding for Clean BC - Evaluation Toolkit. 2021/22- \$1.755M, 2022/23 & 2023/24 -\$1.305M	(450)
Clean BC Program for Industry	Increase	Funding for program previously held as notional contingency access. 20% of program still in Contingencies 2022/23 - \$28.372M.	43,987
Executive Support Services	Increase	Mainly vehicle operating costs and other overhead related to BC Parks new funding.	274
			<u>44,614</u>

2023/24 Changes by Core Businesses**Ministry Operations - Increase of \$49.999M explained by:**

BC Parks	Increase	Enhancement of BC Park facilities and services.	1,524
Clean BC Program for Industry	Increase	Funding for program previously held as notional contingency access. 20% of program still in Contingencies 2023/24 - \$38.045M	48,427
Executive Support Services	Increase	Overhead related to BC Parks new funding.	48
			<u>49,999</u>

**Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
Budget 2021 (\$000's)**

This table shows the components that result in the net budget increases for each of the 3 years of Budget 2021.

	Ministry Operations	Env. Assessment Office	Special Accounts*	Total Ministry Expenses
2020/21	188,132	21,482	35,032	244,646
Budget 2020 decisions				
Salaries and Benefits	1,542	99	103	1,744
BC Parks - Blueberry	(50)			(50)
EA Revitalization		511		511
Budget 2021 decisions				
CleanBC Program for Industry	42,755			42,755
CleanBC Evaluation Toolkit	1,800			1,800
BC Parks	9,145		800	9,945
Minister's Office	11			11
IITD Transfer from EAO to ENV	6,770	(6,770)		0
Total Budget Lift	61,973	(6,160)	903	56,716
2021/22	250,105	15,322	35,935	301,362
Budget 2020 decisions				
CleanBC	(1,301)			(1,301)
Budget 2021 decisions				
CleanBC lifts	43,537			43,537
BC Parks	2,369			2,369
Minister's Office	9			9
Total Budget Lift	44,614			44,614
2022/23	294,719	15,322	35,935	345,976
Budget 2021 decisions				
CleanBC lifts	48,427			48,427
BC Parks	1,564			1,564
Minister's Office	8			8
Total Budget Lift	49,999	0	0	49,999
2023/24	344,718	15,322	35,935	395,975

* In each year of 21/22 through 23/24, the expense budgets are \$9.8M for the Park Enhancement Fund and \$26.135 for Sustainable Environment Fund.

Resource Summary

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Core Business Area	2020/21 Restated Estimates ¹	2021/22 Estimates ²	2022/23 Plan	2023/24 Plan
Operating Expenses (\$000)				
Environmental Protection	12,935	13,343	13,343	13,343
Environmental Sustainability	20,355	20,543	20,543	20,543
BC Parks	40,682	48,922	50,966	52,490
Conservation Officer Service	19,014	19,254	19,254	19,254
Climate Action	12,883	14,702	13,011	13,011
Clean BC Program for Industry	55,365	98,141	142,128	190,555
Information, Innovation and Technology	6,770	7,070	7,070	7,070
Executive and Support Services	26,898	28,130	28,404	28,452
Sub-Total	194,902	250,105	294,719	344,718
Park Enhancement Fund	9,000	9,800	9,800	9,800
Sustainable Environment Fund	26,032	26,135	26,135	26,135
Total	229,934	286,040	330,654	380,653
Ministry Capital Expenditures (Consolidated Revenue Fund) (\$000)				
Executive and Support Services	24,521	34,744	36,165	35,165
Park Enhancement Fund	400	400	400	400
Total	24,921	35,144	36,565	35,565
Other Financing Transactions (\$000)				
Climate Action Greenhouse Gas Emissions offsets				
Disbursements	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Net Cash (Requirements)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)
Total Disbursements	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Total Net Cash Source (Requirements)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)

¹ For comparative purposes, amounts shown for 2020/21 have been restated to be consistent with the presentation of the 2021/22 Estimates.

² Further information on program funding and vote recoveries is available in the [Estimates and Supplement to the Estimates](#).

Resource Summary: The Environmental Assessment Office

Core Business Area	2020/21 Restated Estimates ¹	2021/22 Estimates	2022/23 Plan	2023/24 Plan
Operating Expenses (\$000)				
Environmental Assessment Office²	14,712	15,322	15,322	15,322
Total	14,712	15,322	15,322	15,322

¹ For comparative purposes, amounts shown for 2020/21 have been restated to be consistent with the presentation of the 2021/22 Estimates.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

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MINISTRY SUMMARY

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	Estimates 2020/21 ¹	Estimates 2021/22
VOTED APPROPRIATIONS		
Vote 24 — Ministry Operations.....	194,902	250,105
Vote 25 — Environmental Assessment Office.....	14,712	15,322
STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS		
Park Enhancement Fund Special Account.....	9,000	9,800
Sustainable Environment Fund Special Account.....	26,032	26,135
OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>244,646</u>	<u>301,362</u>
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES ²	24,921	35,144
LOANS, INVESTMENTS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS ³	10,000	10,000
REVENUE COLLECTED FOR, AND TRANSFERRED TO, OTHER ENTITIES ⁴	—	—

NOTES

¹ For comparative purposes, figures shown for the 2020/21 operating expenses; capital expenditures; loans, investments and other requirements; and revenue collected for, and transferred to, other entities are restated to be consistent with the presentation of the 2021/22 Estimates. A reconciliation of restated operating expenses and capital expenditures resulting from transfers between ministries is presented in Schedule A.

² A listing of estimated capital expenditures by ministry is presented in Schedule C.

³ A summary of loans, investments and other requirements by ministry is presented in Schedule D.

⁴ A summary of revenue collected for, and transferred to, other entities by ministry is presented in Schedule E.

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SUMMARY BY CORE BUSINESS

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OPERATING EXPENSES	2020/21	2021/22 ESTIMATES		
	Net	Gross	External Recoveries	Net
Core Business				
Environmental Protection.....	12,935	13,543	(200)	13,343
Environmental Sustainability.....	20,355	24,045	(3,502)	20,543
BC Parks.....	40,682	49,156	(234)	48,922
Conservation Officer Service.....	19,014	19,375	(121)	19,254
Climate Action.....	12,883	14,785	(83)	14,702
CleanBC Program for Industry.....	55,365	98,143	(2)	98,141
Information, Innovation and Technology.....	6,770	7,070	—	7,070
Executive and Support Services.....	26,898	28,132	(2)	28,130
Environmental Assessment Office.....	14,712	16,223	(901)	15,322
Park Enhancement Fund Special Account.....	9,000	10,300	(500)	9,800
Sustainable Environment Fund Special Account.....	26,032	26,135	—	26,135
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	244,646	306,907	(5,545)	301,362
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	Capital Expenditures	Capital Expenditures	Receipts and P3 Liabilities	Net
Core Business				
Executive and Support Services.....	24,521	34,744	—	34,744
Park Enhancement Fund Special Account.....	400	400	—	400
TOTAL	24,921	35,144	—	35,144
LOANS, INVESTMENTS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS	Net	Disbursements	Receipts	Net
Core Business				
Climate Action.....	10,000	10,000	—	10,000
TOTAL LOANS, INVESTMENTS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS	10,000	10,000	—	10,000

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

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Estimates
2020/21

Estimates
2021/22

VOTE 24 — MINISTRY OPERATIONS

This vote provides for the programs, operations, and other activities described in the voted appropriations under the following core businesses: Environmental Protection; Environmental Sustainability; BC Parks; Conservation Officer Service; Climate Action; CleanBC Program for Industry; Information, Innovation and Technology; and Executive and Support Services.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Voted Appropriation

Environmental Protection.....	12,935	13,343
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Voted Appropriation Description: This sub-vote provides for clean, healthy, and safe water, land, and air for all living things; administering the *Sustainable Environment Fund Act*; setting emission and discharge standards; monitoring and reporting on ambient air and water quality; reducing and removing contaminating toxins and waste; managing pesticide use; responding to high-risk environmental emergencies; and administering extended producer responsibility programs. Transfers are provided for activities concerned with protecting and managing the environment. Eligible costs are recovered from the Sustainable Environment Fund. Costs may be recovered from special accounts, ministries, other entities within government, other levels of government, organizations, and individuals for activities described within this sub-vote.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Voted Appropriation

Environmental Sustainability.....	20,355	20,543
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Voted Appropriation Description: This sub-vote provides for the development of legislation, policy, standards, and governance framework for the conservation and management of biodiversity, fish and wildlife species and their habitats; and the management and protection of the province's surface and ground water and watersheds which includes protecting, inventorying, enhancing, maintaining, and restoring terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems; supporting and leading research, science, and threat abatement programs to support conservation, management, and protection of all natural resource values, such as the aquatic invasive species defence program; supporting and leading outreach programs to integrate water and natural resource management into industry, municipal, and regional planning and development programs; and promoting Indigenous communities, public and stakeholder awareness and understanding of the state and wise use of water and natural resources. This sub-vote also provides for acquisition, collection, recording, management, interpretation, standardization, and coordination of air, water, snow, climate, and natural resource related inventories and data within the ministry and from other ministries; provision of social science expertise and services in economic and survey methodology, laboratory services to ministry-related vote activities; library services to the natural resource sector; development of knowledge management networks and environmental information management systems internal and external to the ministry; and effectiveness in monitoring and reporting activities and outcomes related to this vote. Transfers are provided for access, protection, and management of the environment. Costs may be recovered from special accounts, ministries, other entities within government, other levels of government, organizations, licensees, and individuals for activities described within this sub-vote.

BC PARKS

Voted Appropriation

BC Parks.....	40,682	48,922
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Voted Appropriation Description: This sub-vote provides for acquisition, planning, management, administration, recreation, conservation, and utilization of special areas, including provincial parks and protected areas; planning, protection, inventory, maintenance, and restoration of terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems in BC Parks and Protected Areas; wildfire planning, prevention, and awareness; initiation of compliance and enforcement activities; provision of commercial and non-commercial recreational opportunities; development and maintenance of provincial park facilities supporting public use of the front country, back country, and marine areas; promotion and management of recreation services; monitoring and reporting on park attendance, visitor satisfaction, and land status and condition; provision of information, marketing, education, community engagement, volunteers, and stewardship activities; promotion of use and awareness of the protected areas system; and fundraising from external sources to support program delivery. Transfers are provided for stewardship, information and education, and management and administration of parks and protected areas by third parties. Costs may be recovered from ministries, other entities within government, other levels of government, organizations, licensees, and individuals for activities described within this sub-vote.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

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	Estimates 2020/21	Estimates 2021/22
CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE		
Voted Appropriation		
Conservation Officer Service.....	<u>19,014</u>	<u>19,254</u>
Voted Appropriation Description: This sub-vote provides for activities related to upholding British Columbia laws and supporting the continuous improvement in compliance with requirements established by government to protect the environment, the province's natural resources, and related human health and safety, including education and promotion, inspections, investigations, and enforcement of standards for the protection of fish, wildlife, habitat, and the environment. This sub-vote also provides for enforcing environmental standards for natural resources management for government and revenue policies; managing public safety issues related to regulated activities, human/wildlife conflicts, and predator/livestock issues; combating natural resources crimes; and enforcing rules governing the use of forest service recreation sites, trails, and fire bans. Costs may be recovered from special accounts, ministries, other entities within government, other levels of government, agencies, organizations, and individuals for activities described within this sub-vote.		
CLIMATE ACTION		
Voted Appropriation		
Climate Action.....	<u>12,883</u>	<u>14,702</u>
Voted Appropriation Description: This sub-vote provides for support for the activities required to meet the province's climate action targets under the <i>Climate Change Accountability Act</i> , along with British Columbia's climate policies, the requirements under the <i>Greenhouse Gas Industrial Reporting and Control Act</i> , and for adapting to the impacts of climate change. This includes leading engagement processes across ministries, other governments, a diverse range of stakeholders, and the general public. Activities include developing and leading the province's climate action strategy; research and policy development on climate action measures; education and communication on impacts of climate change; advising and supporting Executive Council and its committees on matters of climate action and clean energy; the management and delivery of cross-government initiatives; and developing greenhouse gas requirements for industry, standardized offsets program, Carbon Neutral Government, and all related legislation and regulations. This sub-vote also provides for policy, planning, coordination and operational support, consultations, outreach, partnerships, education, research, and the procurement of carbon offsets. Costs may be recovered from special accounts, ministries, other entities within government, other levels of government, organizations, and individuals for activities described within this sub-vote.		
CLEANBC PROGRAM FOR INDUSTRY		
Voted Appropriation		
CleanBC Program for Industry.....	<u>55,365</u>	<u>98,141</u>
Voted Appropriation Description: This sub-vote provides funding for administration and implementation of programs that improve the competitiveness of large industrial emitters operating within British Columbia, supports projects that identify or reduce greenhouse gas emissions from large industrial emitters, and provides incentives for large industrial emitters to identify or reduce emissions to meet low emission benchmarks. Costs may be recovered from ministries, other entities within government, other levels of government, organizations, and individuals for activities described within this sub-vote.		

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

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	Estimates 2020/21	Estimates 2021/22
INFORMATION, INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY		
Voted Appropriation		
Information, Innovation and Technology.....	6,770	7,070
Voted Appropriation Description: This sub-vote provides for corporate governance, planning, and management in relation to information management/information technology innovation, transformation, and service delivery for the natural resource ministries. This sub-vote also provides for leadership, services, advice, and support in relation to digital services of information management/information technology and business processes. Costs may be recovered from special accounts and ministries for activities described within this sub-vote.		
EXECUTIVE AND SUPPORT SERVICES		
Voted Appropriations		
Minister's Office.....	631	642
Corporate Services.....	26,267	27,488
	26,898	28,130
Voted Appropriations Description: This sub-vote provides for the office of the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Minister responsible for TransLink; the administration of the <i>South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Act</i> ; the office of the Parliamentary Secretary for Environment; and executive support, including the deputy minister's office, corporate administration, and corporate business innovation, including strategic planning; systems planning; business review and planning; corporate policy development; coordination of legislation and intergovernmental relations; program evaluation; and economic and regulatory impact analysis. This sub-vote also provides for the management and delivery of programs that report information to the public on the state of the environment and environmental trends; executive direction to the ministry; finance, administrative, and strategic human resources; information and privacy; revenue collection; and trust fund management for ministry operations, programs, and clients. Transfers are provided for activities concerned with access, protection, and management of the environment. Costs may be recovered from special accounts, ministries, other entities within government, other levels of government, organizations, and individuals for activities described within this sub-vote.		
VOTE 24 — MINISTRY OPERATIONS	194,902	250,105

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

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Estimates
2020/21

Estimates
2021/22

VOTE 25 — ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OFFICE

This vote provides for the programs, operations, and other activities described in the voted appropriation under the following core business: Environmental Assessment Office.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OFFICE

Voted Appropriation

Environmental Assessment Office.....	<u>14,712</u>	<u>15,322</u>
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Voted Appropriation Description: This sub-vote provides for the administration and continuous improvement of an objective, publicly accessible, and neutrally administered process under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The process assesses environmental, economic, social, cultural, and health effects of major projects proposed in British Columbia; identifies means for preventing or reducing adverse effects; and regulates certified projects to ensure compliance with legally-binding project conditions. The Environmental Assessment Office promotes sustainability and supports reconciliation with Indigenous peoples in British Columbia. The Environmental Assessment Office also facilitates public participation in environmental assessments and coordinates assessments with other governments, including Indigenous nations, and with other provincial ministries and agencies. Where projects have proceeded successfully through the process, the Environmental Assessment Office leads compliance and effectiveness monitoring, audit, and management, often in collaboration with other government agencies. Costs may be recovered from ministries, other entities within government, other levels of government, organizations, businesses, and individuals for activities described within this sub-vote.

VOTE 25 — ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OFFICE

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