

**MINISTRY OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
LIQUOR DISTRIBUTION BRANCH
BRIEFING NOTE**

PURPOSE: For DECISION for David Eby, QC
Attorney General

ISSUE: Reporting large cash transactions at BC Liquor Stores

RECOMMENDATION: s.13

SUMMARY:

- In February 2018, the BC Liquor Distribution Branch (LDB) was asked to explore updates to its policy around large cash transactions in BC Liquor Stores (BCLS) – specifically, to mandate that the LDB report any large cash transactions to the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC).
 - Large cash transactions are defined in the LDB's policy as any cash transactions of more than \$10,000.

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DATE:

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**MINISTRY OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
CORPORATE MANAGEMENT SERVICES BRANCH
INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE**

PURPOSE: For INFORMATION for David Eby, QC
Attorney General

ISSUE:

The 2017/18 audited Public Accounts of the Province of British Columbia are to be released later in July or Early August. The purpose of this note is to provide an overview of how the Ministry of Attorney General will be disclosed.

BACKGROUND:

The Public Accounts will reflect that AG ended the fiscal year 2017/18 with a surplus in the operating budget of \$0.369 million.

The Public Accounts are made available on the Ministry of Finance's web site www.fin.gov.bc.ca/pubs.htm upon their release.

KEY POINTS:

Additional Operations Budget:

In fiscal 2017/18, Ministry of Attorney General received approval to access the Contingencies (All Ministries) and New Programs Vote and Statutory Appropriations for additional funding for operations. As a result, the Public Accounts will show Ministry of Attorney General as having "Other Authorizations" totalling \$25.311 million for the following purposes:

Contingencies and New Programs Vote:	<u>\$ million</u>
Support Services – CRT TTI amortization (1.417 M), mandatory operating equipment operating costs (0.509 M) and IMIT infrastructure costs (1.481 M)	3.407
Major Cases	2.852
Civil Resolution Tribunal	2.636
Family Maintenance Enforcement Program	2.078
Justice Innovation and Transformation Initiatives	2.122
Federal Legal Aid Agreement	1.648
Independent Investigations Office	1.274
Public Engagement on Electoral Reform	0.656
Cannabis Implementation	0.534
BC Aboriginal Council	0.400
Other Justice Initiatives	0.597
Total Contingencies Access	\$18.204

Statutory Appropriation and Special Account Balance

Public Guardian and Trustee Special Account	0.378
Crown Proceeding Act	6.390
Public Inquiry Act	0.339
Total Other Authorizations	\$25.311

Ministry Operations Budget Variances for 2017/18:

In spite of the requirement for ministries to comply with budget limits, individual core businesses within ministries may report either net (under) or over-expenditures.

In fiscal 2017/18 several Ministry of Attorney General core businesses had variances; the information below identifies and describes these:

	<u>\$ million</u>
Legal Services	
Surplus due to increased recoveries for Government priorities and savings in Aboriginal Litigation	(2.150) surplus
Gaming Policy and Enforcement	
Surplus due to hiring lags	(0.193) surplus
Executive and Support Services	
Deficit is due to the centralization of IMIT infrastructure and amortization charges	2.344 deficit
Judiciary	
Minor savings in Provincial Court Judiciary	(0.080) surplus
Adjustment of Prior year Accrual	(0.289) surplus
Total Net (Surplus) / Shortfall	(0.369) surplus

Ministry Capital Expenditures for 2017/18:

In fiscal 2017/18, Ministry of Attorney General received approval to access the Capital Contingencies for cannabis implementation and critical mandatory operating equipment priorities. The Public Accounts will report Ministry of Attorney General's capital expenditures of \$7.836 million against a budget target of \$5.248 million. The contingencies access was provided for the start of the IMIT system build for cannabis implementation in the amount of \$1.673 million, as well as courthouse mandatory operating equipment in the amount of \$0.915 million.

Detailed Schedules of Payments:

Additional schedules are available on the Internet in support of the Public Accounts. These schedules of payments include salary and travel expenses for Ministers and Deputy Ministers, Order in Council appointees and employees earning more than \$75,000, government transfers and payments to suppliers in excess of \$25,000, and a detailed listing of all purchases made on the Corporate Purchasing Card.

Payments to Attorney General's Ministers will be reported in the Public Accounts as follows:

Member	Minister's Salary Increment	Minister's Travel	Capital City Allowance
Minister David Eby	\$28,197	\$23,289	\$12,496
Minister Suzanne Anton	\$24,783	\$155	\$0
Minister Andrew Wilkinson	\$31,193	\$4,708	\$1,828

Ministry financial staff have reviewed the supplementary schedules. There were no unexplained issues or sensitivities.

The Corporate Purchasing Card is used as an efficient way to make many small dollar purchases. In the past there have been questions to ministries about Purchasing Card transactions. A review of Purchasing Card transactions for 2017/18 was undertaken and the purchases have proven to be for valid business purposes.

Travel Expenditures:

The ministry has reviewed travel expenditures for the year and no unusual items were found. There were four individuals with total travel claims in excess of \$30,000.

Thomas Crabtree	Chief Judge	\$55,173
Joseph Temple	Crown Counsel	\$53,614
Nancy Adams	Judge	\$42,316
David Morton	Chair	\$39,989

Balanced Budget and Ministerial Accountability Act Certification

Under section 5 of the *Balanced Budget and Ministerial Accountability Act*, "Half of the 20% reduction in salary [heldback] ... in a fiscal year when a member of the Executive Council was a minister with portfolio responsible for operating expenses authorized by a vote, becomes due and payable to that member on the next day after the public accounts for that fiscal year are made public, if the actual amount of those operating expenses does not exceed the estimated amount of those operating expenses for that fiscal year in the main estimates."

For BBMAA reporting purposes, the ministry's adjusted budget will show as \$559.009 million compared to adjusted actuals of \$558.639 million.

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