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### NAME: 2024/25 vs 2025/26 Budgets by Sub-Vote

Summary:

	2024/25 Restated	2025/26	Increase / (Decrease) \$	Increase / (Decrease) %
Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat	4.838	5.191	0.353	7.30%
Cabinet Operations	2.421	2.465	0.044	1.82%
Executive and Support Services				
Premier's Office	5.932	6.534	0.602	10.15%
Deputy Minister's Office	4.186	4.260	0.074	1.77%
Subtotal Executive and Support Services	10.118	10.794	0.676	6.68%
Total Office of the Premier	17.377	18.450	1.073	6.17%

#### Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat

Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat (\$ millions)	2024/25 Restated	2025/26
2024/25 Budget (Restated)	4.838	4.838
Increases / (Decreases):		
Shared Recovery Wage Mandate		0.091
Other Increase		0.262
Budget 2025/26:		5.191
Changes from prior year plan increase / (decrease):		0.353
Percentage changes from prior year plan:		7.30%

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Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat current year changes include:

- The shared recovery wage mandate of \$0.091M for union (and exempt equivalent) staff for agreements that ratified as of December 31, 2021, as well as ongoing funding for 2024/25 management increases.
- Base \$0.262M funding increase to support the expanded role of the Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat will fulfill in relation to local government relations plus anticipated support for international trade.

#### **Cabinet Operations**

Cabinet Operations (\$ millions)	2024/25 Restated	2025/26
2024/25 Budget (Restated)	2.421	2.421
Increases / (Decreases):		
Shared Recovery Wage Mandate Funding		0.044
Budget 2025/26:		2.465
Changes from prior year plan increase / (decrease):		0.044
Percentage changes from prior year plan:		1.82%

Cabinet Operations current year changes include:

 The shared recovery wage mandate of \$0.044M for union (and exempt equivalent) staff for agreements that ratified as of December 31, 2021, as well as ongoing funding for 2024/25 management increases.

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#### Planning and Priorities Secretariat

The Planning and Priorities Secretariat net budget was reduced to \$0 as a result of an internal re-organization.

#### Premier's Office

Premier's Office (\$ millions)	2024/25 Restated	2025/26
2024/25 Budget (Restated)	5.932	5.932
Increases / (Decreases):		
Shared Recovery Wage Mandate Funding	1 1	0.116
Other Increase		0.486
Budget 2025/26:		6.534
Changes from prior year plan increase / (decrease):		0.602
Percentage changes from prior year plan:		10.15%

#### Premier's Office current year changes include:

- The shared recovery wage mandate of \$0.116M for union (and exempt equivalent) staff for agreements that ratified as of December 31, 2021, as well as ongoing funding for 2024/25 management increases.
- A \$0.486M increase to support the Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities plus the additional travel requirements of the Premier's Office related to international trade.

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#### **Deputy Minister's Office**

Deputy Minister's Office (\$ millions)	2024/25 Restated	2025/26
2024/25 Budget (Restated)	4.186	4.186
Increases / (Decreases):		
Shared Recovery Wage Mandate Funding		0.074
Budget 2025/26:		4.260
Changes from prior year plan increase / (decrease):		0.074
Percentage changes from prior year plan:		1.77%

Deputy Minister's Office current year changes include:

 The shared recovery wage mandate of \$0.074M for union (and exempt equivalent) staff for agreements that ratified as of December 31, 2021, as well as ongoing funding for 2024/25 management increases.

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ISSUE: INCREASE IN THE OFFICE OF THE PREMIER'S VOTE BY \$1.073 M

#### ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- This is due to \$0.325M base budget increases related to the Shared Recovery Mandate, which includes general wage increases for union (and exempt equivalent) staff for agreements that ratified as of December 31, 2021, as well as ongoing funding for 2024/25 management increases.
  - o \$0.116M Premier's Office
  - \$0.074M Deputy Minister Office
  - \$0.044M Cabinet Operations
  - \$0.091M Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat
- Net new funding of \$0.748M:
  - \$0.486M for Premier's Office to support the Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities plus additional travel requirements of the Office related to international trade.
  - \$0.262M for Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat support the expanded in relation to local government relations and anticipated support for international trade.
- There was also an additional budget transfer of \$0.623M from Housing and Municipal Affairs to the Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat, which was not included in the above total as it was added to the restated 2024/2025 budget amounts. This transfer included 7 FTEs and operating funding to address strategic relations and consultations with local governments and local government organization, as part of the November 18, 2024 formation of government.

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#### **DATA TABLES:**

A summary including all changes is included in table 1.

**TABLE 1: ESTIMATES SUMMARY** 

	2024/25 Restated Estimates <sup>1</sup>	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Plan	2027/28 Plan
0	perating Expe	nses (\$ million	s)	
Executive and Support Services	10.118	10.794	10.794	10.794
Premier's Office	5.932	6.534	6.534	6.534
Deputy Minister Office	4.186	4.260	4.260	4.260
Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat	4.838	5.191	5.191	5.191
Cabinet Operations	2.421	2.465	2.465	2.465
Total	17.377	18.450	18.450	18.450

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The 2024/25 figures are restated and consistent with the 2024/25 Estimates.

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 The following tables break down the preceding summary into Shared Recovery Mandate changes, net new funding, funding reallocations and funding transferred in from the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs.

TABLE 2: CHANGE SUMMARY FOR SHARED RECOVERY MANDATE FUNDING:

Change Summary	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Plan	2027/28 Plan
Operating Ex	penses (\$ millio	ons)	
Shared Recovery Mandate Funding			
Executive and Support Services Premier's Office	0.116	0.116	0.116
Executive and Support Services Deputy Minster Office	0.074	0.074	0.074
Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat	0.083	0.083	0.083
Cabinet Operations	0.044	0.044	0.044
Sub-Total	0.317	0.317	0.317
Transfer of Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs Shared Recovery Mandate funding to the Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat	0.008	0.008	0.008
Total	0.325	0.325	0.325

 Shared Recovery Mandate applies to all public sector employers with unionized employees whose collective agreements expire on or after December 31, 2021. This funding supports negotiated general wage increases over a three-year term. The Shared Recovery Mandate are prorated over the core business based on the annual salary expenses.

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**TABLE 3: CHANGE SUMMARY RELATED TO OTHER INCREASES** 

Change Summary	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Plan	2027/28 Plan
Operatin	g Expenses (\$ mil	llions)	
Other Increases			
Premier's Office	0.486	0.486	0.486
Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat	0.262	0.262	0.262
Sub-Total	0.748	0.748	0.748

- Net new funding of \$0.748M:
  - \$0.486M for Premier's Office to support the Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities plus additional travel requirements of the Office related to international trade.
  - \$0.262M for Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat support the expanded role in relation to local government relations and anticipated support for international trade.

TABLE 4: CHANGE SUMMARY RELATED TO INTERNAL RE-ORGANIZATION

Change Summary	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Plan	2027/28 Plan		
Operating Expenses (\$ millions)					
Internal Re-Organization			16. = 1		
ESS – Deputy Minster Office	1.266	1.266	1.266		
IGRS	0.378	0.378	0.378		
Cab Ops	0.128	0.128	0.128		
PPS	-1.772	-1.772	-1.772		
Sub-Total	0.0	0.0	0.0		

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 In addition to the increases in previous tables, table 4 shows a change summary related to a reorganization within the Office which reallocated funding internally. This adjustment is fiscal neutral.

TABLE 5: CHANGE SUMMARY RELATED TO THE TRANSFER FROM THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Change Summary	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Plan	2027/28 Plan
Operating	Expenses (\$ mil	llions)	
Transfer	1477		
Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat	0.623	0.623	0.623

 There was also an additional budget transfer of \$0.623M from Housing and Municipal Affairs to IGRS, which was not included in the Vote increase total as it was added to the restated 2024/2025 budget amounts. This transfer included salaries (7 FTEs) and operating funding to address strategic relations and consultations with local governments and local government organization, as part of the November 18, 2024, formation of government.

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#### **Budget 2020 To Budget 2025 Change Summary**

Since February 2020, the Office of the Premier budget has increased by \$6.493M:

- In Budget 2025 the budget increased by \$1.073M:
  - Incremental funding increase of \$0.32 M for Shared Recovery Wage Mandate including general wage increases for union staff for agreements that ratified as of December 31, 2021, as well as ongoing funding for 2024/25 management increases.
  - Base funding of \$0.748M to support an expanded mandate with the Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural communities, funding for travel to support international trade, and funding to support an expanded role with local governments
  - There was also an additional budget transfer of \$0.623M from the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs to Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat, which was not included in the above total as it was added to the restated 2024/2025 budget amounts. This transfer included salaries and operating funding to address strategic relations and consultations with local governments and local government organizations, as part of the November 18, 2024, formation of government.
- In Budget 2024 the budget increased by \$0.709M:
  - Incremental funding increase of \$0.709M for Shared Recovery Wage Mandate including general wage increases for union staff for agreements that ratified as of December 31,2021, as well as ongoing funding for 2023/24 management increases.
- In Budget 2023 the budget increased by \$1.353M:
  - Incremental funding increase of \$0.686M for Shared Recovery Wage Mandate includes general wage increases for union staff for agreements that ratified as of December 31, 2021, as well as ongoing funding for 2022/23 management increases; and
  - Base funding of \$0.667M to provide additional funding to support December 2022 Mandate Letter commitments and provide greater coordinated support to ministries by the Premier's Office. This includes funding for additional salaries and benefits (including 2

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positions located in Vancouver), and a small increase to travel and information technology costs.

- In Budget 2022 the budget increased by \$0.014M to provide additional funding for increased costs for services provided to ministries by the Legal Services Branch.
- In Budget 2021 the budget increased by \$3.344M:
  - Incremental funding increase of \$1.739M for resources to support Mandate Letter commitments and provincial COVID-19 response initiatives; and
  - Base funding of \$1.605M to establish a Planning and Priorities Secretariat.
- In Budget 2020 the budget increased by \$0.029M:
  - Fiscal adjustment of \$0.513M reduction for government redirection of previously planned ministry budget allocations to core programs and services,
  - \$0.042M to reflect the benefits rate for 2020/21;
  - Partially offset by an increase of \$0.500M in base funding to meet government's commitment to enhanced public engagement and communication.

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\$ millions	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Feb 2018 Service Plan	11.305	11.305	11.305				
Benefits Chargeback Rate	0.044	0.000	0.000				
Feb 2019 Service Plan	11.349	11.305	11.305	11.305			
Benefits Chargeback Rate		0.042	0.042	0.042			
Fiscal Adjustment		(0.513)	(0.513)	(0.513)			
Base Budget Build		0.500	0.500	0.500			
Feb 2020 Service Plan		11.334	11.334	11.334	11.334	-	
Budget 2021 Resourcing			3.344	3.344	3.344		
Feb 2021 Service Plan			14.678	14.678	14.678	14.678	
Legal Services Funding				0.014	0.014	0.014	
Feb 2022 Service Plan				14.692	14.692	14.692	14.692
SRM Allocations					0.686	0.686	0.686
Base Budget Build					0.667	0.667	0.667
Feb 2023 Service Plan					16.045	16.045	16.045
SRM Allocations						0.709	0.709
MUNI Transfer							0.623
Feb 2024 Service Plan						16.754	17.377
SRM Allocations							0,325
Budget Lift							0.748
Feb 2025 Service Plan							18.450
Year Over Year Change		0.029	3.344	0.014	1.353	0.709	1.073
Net Change Since Feb 2020			3.344	3.358	4.711	5.420	6.493

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#### NAME: BUDGET vs YTD ACTUALS 2024/25

**TABLE 1: ESTIMATE SUMMARY:** 

	2024/25 Restated Estimates <sup>1</sup>	2024/25 Actual Expenditures	Variance	
Operating Expenses (\$ millions)  Executive and Support Services  10.118  8.422  Premier's Office 5.932 6.042  Deputy Minister Office 4.186 2.380  Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat 4.838 4.425  Cabinet Operations 2.421 2.187				
	10.118	8.422	1.696	
Premier's Office	5.932	6.042	(0.110)	
Deputy Minister Office	4.186	2.380	1.806	
	4.838	4.425	0.413	
Cabinet Operations	2.421	2.187	0.234	
Planning and Priorities Secretariat	4	1.053	(1.053)	
Total	17.377	16.088	1.289	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The 2024/25 figures are restated and consistent with the 2024/25 Estimates.

- The total surplus of \$1.289M for the Office of the Premier for 2024/25 includes:
  - \$1.696M surplus for Executive and Support Services due to a interregnum period savings in salaries as well as the Planning and Priorities Secretariat (PPS) Budget getting partly allocated to Executive and Support Services.
  - \$0.413M surplus for Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat due to PPS budget being partly allocated to IGRS.
  - \$0.234M surplus for Cabinet Operations due to savings in salaries as well as the PPS budget getting partly allocated to Cabinet Operations.
  - \$1.053M pressure for Planning and Priorities Secretariat which was dissolved and redistributed within the Vote in year. Pressure is offset within the Vote.

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# Office of the Premier 3 Year Budget Changes by Core Business

	OFFICE C	get Sumn OF THE P (\$ 000's)					
	2024/25 Restated	2025/26	24/25 to 25/26	2026/27	25/26 to 26/27	2027/28	26/27 to 27/28
Intergovernmental Relations Secre	etariat					11.3	
Service Plan 24/25	3,837	3,837	0	3,837	0	3,837	0
Internal Re-Organization	378	378	0	378	0	378	0
Budget Increase	0	262	262	262	0	262	0
SRM Funding	0	91	91	91	0	91	0
HMA Transfer	623	623	0	623	0	623	0
Service Plan 25/26	4,838	5,191	353	5,191	0	5,191	0
Cabinet Operations							
Service Plan 24/25	2,293	2,293	0	2,293	0	2,293	0
Internal Re-Organization	128	128	0	128	0	128	0
SRM Funding	0	44	44	44	0	44	0
Service Plan 25/26	2,421	2,465	44	2,465	0	2,465	0
Planning and Priorities Secretarial							
Service Plan 24/25	1,772	1,772	0	1,772	0	1,772	0
	(1,772)	(1,772)	0	(1,772)	o	(1,772)	
Internal Re-Organization Service Plan 25/26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Service Flan 25/20	U	•	•		·		·
Office of the Premier							
Service Plan 24/25	5,932	5,932	0	5,932	0	5,932	0
SRM Funding	0	116	116	116	0	116	0
Budget Lift	0	486	486	486	0	486	0
Service Plan 25/26	5,932	6,534	602	6,534	0	6,534	0
Deputy Minister's Office							
Service Plan 24/25	2,920	2,920	0	2,920	0	2,920	0
Internal Re-Organization	1,266	1,266	0	1,266	0	1,266	0
SRM Funding	0	74	74	74	0	74	0
Service Plan 25/26	4,186	4,260	74	4,260	0	4,260	0
TOTAL							
Service Plan 24/25	16,754	16,754	0	16,754	0	16,754	0
SRM Funding	0	325	325	325	0	325	0
Budget Increase	0	262	262	262	0	262	0
Internal Re-Organization	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HMA Transfer	623	623	0	623	0	623	0
Service Plan 25/26	17,377	17,964	587	17,964	0	17,964	0

#### FTE BURN BY CORE BUSINESS 2024/2025

Core Business	FTE (April 2024)	FTE (March 2025)	FTE Variance	2024 Average	2025 Average
Vote 11 - Office of the Pr	emier				
Executive and Support Services	43.8	44.1	-0.3	42.8	42.1
Premier's Office	33.8	34.1	-0.3	33.1	33.0
Deputy Minister Office	10.0	10.0	0	9.7	9.1
Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat	26.2	31.6	-5.4	27.1	28.1
Cabinet Operations	14.2	13.0	1.2	13.4	13.5
Planning and Priorities Secretariat	8.0	1.0	7	8.5	6.0
Total Office of the Premier	92.2	89.6	2.6	91.8	89.7

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#### FTE COUNT AND ANALYSIS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

Since 2022/2023, the Office of the Premier FTE count has been relatively stable:

The FTE Count over a period of 3 years is shown in Table 1.

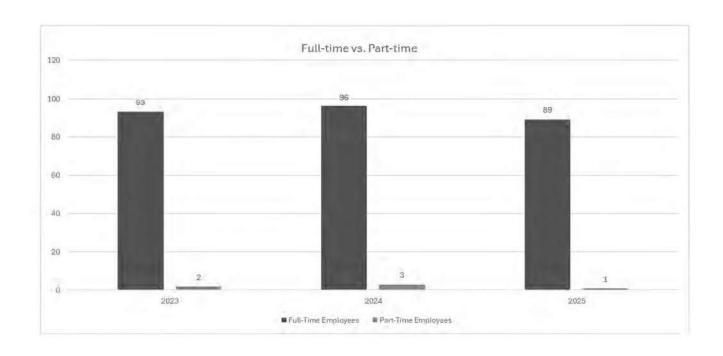
TABLE 1: ESTIMATE SUMMARY:

	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025
Full-Time ar	nd Part-Time Er	mployee Coun	t
Full-Time Employees <sup>1</sup>	93	96	89
Part-Time Employees <sup>2</sup>	2	3	1
Total	95	99	90

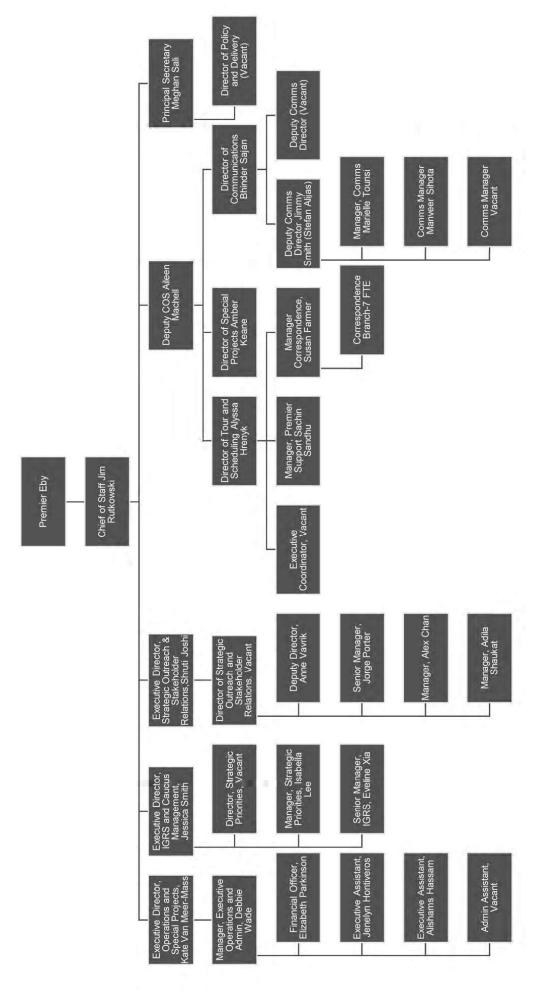
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In 2024/2025 The Full-Time Employees volume is lower than prior years, due to dissolution of the *Planning and Priorities Secretariat*. A portion of those positions have been absorbed by the other divisions within the Office of the Premier.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In 2024/2025, the part-time employee was from the *Intergovernmental Relations* Secretariat.



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# 2025/26 - 2027/28 Service Plan

March 2025



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# Premier's Accountability Statement



The Office of the Premier 2025/26 – 2027/28 Service Plan was prepared under my direction in accordance with the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*. I am accountable for the basis on which the plan has been prepared.

Honourable David Eby, K

February 18, 2025

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### Strategic Direction

In 2025/26, the Government of British Columbia will continue to prioritize delivering the services and infrastructure needed for people to build good lives in strong communities.

To support this objective, Government will focus on growing the economy, responding to the threat of tariffs, creating good paying jobs, improving affordability, strengthening health care and education, and making communities safer.

Government will also continue deepening relationships with Indigenous Peoples while advancing implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act Action Plan.

This 2025/26 service plan outlines how the Office of the Premier will support the government's priorities and selected action items identified in the mandate letters issued by the Premier to ministers and parliamentary secretaries in January 2025.

### Purpose of the Office of the Premier

The Premier serves as the President of the Executive Council (Cabinet) of the Government of British Columbia. The Office of the Premier assists the Premier in overseeing and leading government. In addition, it supports the Cabinet decision-making process. As a central agency, the Office facilitates effective policy coordination across the public service and ensures a strategic and corporate level approach is undertaken on the development and implementation of key priorities. The Premier is advised by the Deputy Minister to the Premier, Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Public Service on matters of public policy and management and operational issues. The Office of the Premier:

- Articulates government's goals, commitments, and priorities through minister mandate letters, and works with ministries and Crown agencies to ensure communication of those goals, commitments, and priorities and to track and monitor their implementation.
- Leads the public service and, with the Deputy Ministers' Council, commits to be a top employer that maintains and enhances public trust, builds capacity, increases our competitiveness, and manages for results.
- Provides support for the operations and decision-making processes of Cabinet and its committees; and
- Works directly with the federal, provincial, and territorial governments, with governments in other countries and with all ministries and Crown agencies to ensure that relations with the federal, provincial, territorial, and international governments advance British Columbia's interests.

### Performance Planning

**Goal 1:** Establish government goals, commitments, and strategic priorities.

**Objective 1.1:** Establish government goals, commitments, and strategic priorities.

Ensure a government-wide focus on responding to the threat of tariffs, strengthening our public health care system, responding to severe wildfire and weather events, advancing reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, reducing costs for families including by delivering attainable and affordable housing, making our neighbourhoods and communities safer, and growing the economy by creating good jobs across British Columbia.

#### **Key Strategies**

- Set out the key goals, commitments, and strategic priorities of government.
- Assign responsibility for the delivery of these goals, commitments and priorities to ministries, central agencies and Crown corporations through mandate letters provided to Cabinet Ministers and/ or government organizations.
- · Lead the Deputy Minister's Council.
- Determine the priority sequence of for the implementation of government goals, commitments, and priorities, aligned with government's fiscal and delivery capacity.
- · Monitor progress on implementing government's goals and priorities.

#### Discussion

As the head of government for British Columbia, the Premier is the first minister and chief officer of the executive branch, implementing the goals, commitments, and strategic priorities for government.

#### Performance Measures

Performance Measure	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
	Baseline	Forecast	Target	Target	Target
1.1 Number of members of Deputy Minister's Council that are meeting performance expectations.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Data source: Deputy Minister's Office

#### Goal 2: Lead the Executive Council

#### **Objective 2.1:** Lead the Executive Council

Cabinet Operations supports the Deputy Minister to the Premier in setting out the framework for Cabinet and Cabinet Committee decision-making.

#### **Key Strategies**

- Assist and guide government ministries in the development of Cabinet Submissions, ensuring cross-government alignment with government commitments and priorities.
- Effectively provide the necessary and appropriate logistical support for the operations and decision-making process of Cabinet and its Committees.
- Ensure the complete, thorough, and accurate recording of Cabinet and Cabinet Committee decision-making.

#### Discussion

Cabinet committees and ministries provide prompt and effective advice enabling timely and well-informed Cabinet decisions benefiting British Columbians.

#### **Performance Measures**

Performance Measure	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
	Baseline	Forecast	Target	Target	Target
2.1 Cabinet received timely advice on all key public policy recommendations and plans.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Data source: Cabinet Operations

# **Goal 3:** Foster Intergovernmental Relations with all orders of government

The Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat (IGRS) advances British Columbia's priorities through leadership in intergovernmental partnerships and international relations. Serves as a key resource to the Minister of State of Local Governments and Rural communities supporting their work as a point of contact for government. IGRS is also responsible for Francophone Affairs and manages ceremonial and protocol activities.

**Objective 3.1:** Create and cultivate a network of culturally respectful relationships and advance B.C.'s strategic interests.

#### **Key Strategies**

- Expand face-to-face engagement with the federal government at all levels, while
  maintaining current initiatives to advance B.C.'s priorities including growing the
  economy by creating good jobs across British Columbia, reducing costs for families,
  strengthening healthcare, and making our neighbourhoods and communities safer.
  Work with provinces and territories to support this work in areas of shared interest.
- Strengthen partnerships with federal government and other provinces and territories through bilateral and multilateral cooperation on shared priorities discussed at First Ministers' meetings, the Council of the Federation, Western Premiers' Conference, and at the Ministers' Council on the Canadian Francophonie.
- Identify alignment and pursue opportunities to develop and strengthen bilateral relations with U.S. state and federal governments and promote B.C.'s interests and objectives through the Pacific Coast Collaborative, Cascadia Innovation Corridor, British Columbia's presidency of the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region and other opportunities as they arise.
- Advance British Columbia's priorities through strategic engagement with international partners such as Global Affairs Canada, the diplomatic community, international governments, and international organizations.
- In conjunction with relevant Ministries and partners, build relationships with key international jurisdictions that advance B.C.'s priorities, including but not limited to trade diversification and economic growth.
- Work with the Minister of State of Local Governments and Rural Communities, municipalities, rural communities, regional districts, and First Nations to foster stronger relations with the Province.
- Lead and coordinate the government's diplomatic, protocol and ceremonial activities, and maintain relationships with the Consular Corps of B.C.
- Support government initiatives and partnerships to increase the Province's capacity to provide information and services in French, and lead B.C.'s engagement with the Ministers' Council on the Canadian Francophonie.

#### Discussion

Cabinet is informed of upcoming intergovernmental meetings and initiatives and is provided with comprehensive strategic advice on engagement with federal and other order of governments – including local government and where applicable First Nations.

Performance Measure	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
	Forecast	Target	Target	Target
3.1 Progress on Key Intergovernmental Objectives	100%	100%	100%	100%

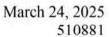
Data source: Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat

# Financial Summary

(\$000s)	2024/25 Restated Estimates <sup>1</sup>	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Plan	2027/28 Plan
Operating Expenses				
Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat	4,838	5,191	5,191	5,191
Cabinet Operations	2,421	2,465	2,465	2,465
Executive and Support Services	10,118	10,794	10,794	10,794
Premier's Office	5,932	6,534	6,534	6,534
Deputy Minister's Office	4,186	4,260	4,260	4,260
Total	17,377	18,450	18,450	18,450
Capital Expenditures				
Executive and Support Services	3	3	3	3
Total	3	3	3	3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For comparative purposes, amounts shown for 2024/25 have been restated to be consistent with the presentation of the 2025/26 Estimates.

<sup>\*</sup> Further information on program funding and vote recoveries is available in the Estimates and Supplement to the Estimates.





#### STRICTLY Confidential

Shannon Salter
Deputy Minister to the Premier, Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Public Service
Office of the Premier
West Annex, Parliament Buildings
Victoria BC V8V 1X4

Dear Deputy Minister to the Premier:

On March 4, 2025, our government tabled *Budget 2025*, the three-year Budget and Fiscal Plan, and ministry and Crown Agency Service Plans for the 2025/26 to 2027/28 period.

Budget 2025 is being released in a time of unprecedented uncertainty and significant economic and fiscal risk posed by U.S. tariffs, which could have significant impacts on jobs, businesses, communities, and people throughout British Columbia. It is more important than ever that we focus on protecting the critical services that people rely on and managing our finances closely to ensure our programs are sustainable, delivering results and aligned with priorities.

Budget 2025 forecasts significant operating deficits across the fiscal plan period. We will work collectively now and in the years ahead to set us on a path to balance and fiscal sustainability. To begin this work, Budget 2025 includes expenditure management targets of \$300 million in 2025/26 and \$600 million in both 2026/27 and 2027/28 that is expected to be achieved through administrative and operating efficiencies.

In accordance with mandate letter direction, the Ministry of Finance, in coordination with the Premier's Office, will also be working with ministries to review all existing government programs and initiatives to ensure programs remain relevant, are efficient, grow the economy, and help keep costs low for British Columbians. The program reviews are intended to support government in exceeding expenditure management targets. This is necessary and important work in the context of existing fiscal challenges and to ensure government is in a better position to respond to any U.S. tariffs. Further information on this process will be sent to Ministries via a separate communication.

You are accountable for ensuring your ministry, and the Crown agencies for which you are responsible, manage operations, programs, and services within the appropriations stated in this letter. Furthermore, you are accountable for ensuring your Crown and/or agencies meet or exceed their financial targets including reducing any deficits as presented in their Service Plan.

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Please ensure your ministry continues to work closely, and in a timely manner, with Treasury Board Staff to identify any areas of risk to your budget and communicate your mitigation strategies to ensure you meet your budget targets, as required by the *Financial Administration Act* and the *Balanced Budget and Ministerial Accountability Act*.

Your 2025/26 budget allocations and future year targets are listed in the table below. Final budgets will be confirmed once Final Supply is passed after the conclusion of the *Estimates* debate.

2025/26 Budget Allocations and Future Year Targets						
(\$ millions)	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28			
Operating	18.450	18.450	18.450			
CRF Capital	0.003	0.003	0.003			
Capital Vote Funding						

#### Expenditure Management Process

All ministries will be provided with expenditure management targets and required to identify options to achieve these targets with a focus on savings from administrative and discretionary spending such as travel, professional and consulting services, office and business expenses, and grant programs. Ministry targets and the governance of this process will be further communicated by the Deputy Minister of Finance.

#### Contingencies Access

Cabinet Confidences

Please refer to Appendix B and Appendix C for further operational policies, procedures, and directive related to operating and capital management, respectively.

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I appreciate your support in the challenging work ahead of us and your ongoing commitment to secure a brighter future and stronger B.C. for everyone.

Sincerely,

Brenda Bailey Minister of Finance Chair of Treasury Board

See Attachments:

Appendix A: 2025/26 – 2027/28 Budget and Fiscal Plan and Contingencies Appendix B: 2025/26 Operational Policies, Procedures and Directives Appendix C: 2025/26 Capital Policies, Procedures and Directives

cc: Amy McAleese Assistant Deputy Minister and Executive Financial Officer Ministry of Finance

#### Appendix A

#### 2025/26 - 2027/28 Budget and Fiscal Plan

#### Office of the Premier (PREM)

	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Plan	2027/28 Plan
Operating Expense (\$ million)			
Budget 2024	16.754	16.754	16.754
Budget 2025 Inter-ministry Program Transfers	0.623	0.623	0.623
Restated Budget 2024 Plan and Adjustments	17.377	17.377	17.377
Ministry Specific Budget 2025 Decisions:			
Budget Lift	0.262	0.262	0.262
Minister's Office	0.486	0.486	0.486
Shared Recovery Mandate	0.325	0.325	0.325
Budget 2025	18.450	18.450	18.450
CRF Capital Expenditures (\$ million)			
Budget 2024 - CRF Capital	0.003	0.003	0.003
Ministry Specific Budget 2025 Decisions:			
N/A	-	-	-
Budget 2025 - CRF Capital	0.003	0.003	0.003

#### Appendix A

PREM Contingencies as of March 19, 2025

N/A

#### Appendix B: 2025/26 Operational Policies, Procedures and Directives

This Appendix has the following sections:

- 1. Policy or Program Proposals with Financial Implications
- 2. Mandating for Government Negotiations with Third Parties, including First Nations
- 3. Operating Contingencies
- 4. Ministry Budget Management
- 5. BBMAA, Statutory Appropriations, and Special Accounts
- Commercial Crown Corporations, Taxpayer-supported Service Delivery Agencies and SUCH Sector Organizations - Fiscal Target Management
- 7. STOB Management
- 8. Public Sector Compensation
- 9. Property Management and Shared Services BC
- 10. Other Budget Management Requirements

#### 1) Policy or Program Proposals with Financial Implications

Ministries must seek prior Treasury Board approval of:

- Any new policies or programs;
- Changes to existing policies or programs;
- · Significant long-term contracts and contract renewals; or
- · Major alternative service delivery projects/agreements

Per <u>Treasury Board Directive 2/96</u>, all new program proposals must include a program design plan; a three-year business plan; and a clear description of the accountability structure.

All Treasury Board submissions must be consistent with Government's <u>Core Policy and Procedures Manual (CPPM)</u> and <u>Treasury Board Directives.</u>

#### a. Targeted Expenditures

Budget 2025 provides base budget lifts for targeted initiatives or programs. Ministries may not reallocate targeted funds, including staff specific funding, to other ministry programs without prior approval from the Chair of Treasury Board unless otherwise specified.

#### b. Revenues

Any adjustment to revenue policies, including revenue rates, credits, remissions, etc., requires prior approval. Ministry staff should consult Treasury Board Staff (TBS) to determine the appropriate process.

#### c. Treasury Board Submissions

Treasury Board submissions developed by ministries without explicit direction from the Minister of Finance will not be reviewed by Treasury Board. Ministry staff should engage with TBS to confirm direction and scope of any requested submissions.

Ministries are required to consult with TBS to ensure all pertinent information required by Treasury Board to make an informed decision is included in the ministry's submission prior to obtaining final ministerial approval. Ministries must build in timelines for the Treasury Board submission process (as outlined here) into their planning process and should not assume or expect deviation from the established process to meet ministry timelines.

Submissions must include options for how the proposal can be funded in whole or in part from the reallocation of existing budgets. Ministries are required to provide scaled or phased options complete with implementation plans and resourcing requirements to support Treasury Board deliberations. Implementation plans should include target dates and milestones, key outcomes and details on how and when the ministry will collect and report on key performance indicators.

The timing for the review of Treasury Board submissions is dependent on several factors, including the urgency and complexity of the issue, the readiness of materials and the availability of Treasury Board meeting time. Ministries that are unable to meet the Treasury Board timelines can expect their proposal will be rescheduled to a future meeting.

Please refer to the <u>Performance Budgeting Office</u> intranet site for information outlining the Treasury Board submission process and timelines.

#### Other Specific Considerations:

Any tariff response measures being contemplated by your ministry must be approved by the appropriate Cabinet Committee (e.g., Cabinet Committee on Tariff Response, Planning and Priorities); any approved measures that have fiscal implications will require Treasury Board approval.

Gender Based Analysis Plus (GBA+) and Indigenous Considerations

All Treasury Board submissions are expected to outline how GBA+ and Indigenous considerations have been included in the ministry proposal. Please refer to the Cabinet/ Treasury Board Request for Decision template for more guidance.

In 2022/23, government provided an investment of \$200 million to the New Relationship Trust, which will support the provision of capacity funding to all First Nations. The priority of this investment is to support First Nations' participation in implementing the Declaration Act Action Plan and legislative alignment work, but can also support strategic, policy and legislative engagements. Cabinet Confidences

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#### Submissions with CleanBC and Other Climate-Related Considerations

Ministries with measures that reduce greenhouse gas emissions or adapt to climate change are to work with the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions to identify ways to incorporate emission reductions associated with those measures into tracking progress towards the Province's reduction targets, and as part of annual climate accountability reporting. This includes emission reductions measures associated with CleanBC programs, investments outside of CleanBC, regulatory measures, and any other measures to reduce emissions.

#### Submissions with FTE Requests

Ministries are expected to fill any new positions through the reallocation or reassignment of existing staff. Consistent with existing direction from the Deputy Minister to the Premier, all hiring requests require approval by the Deputy Minister to the Premier in addition to the deputy minister before the ministry can proceed with hiring. Any submission requesting new FTEs will be required to demonstrate the appropriate approvals from the Deputy Minister to the Premier and deputy minister have been granted before making any request to Treasury Board.

#### d. Cabinet, Cabinet Committee and Cabinet Working Group Submissions

Cabinet approval of a ministry policy option <u>does not</u> automatically precipitate an invitation to Treasury Board, as the Minister of Finance must manage the overall fiscal plan, which continually evolves. Cabinet policy direction therefore also does not limit Treasury Board's authority to make decisions about implementation timelines and resource allocations. Executive financial officers (EFOs) must review the fiscal impacts and risks prior to finalizing all Cabinet submissions and consult with the Office of the Comptroller General to ensure accurate accounting treatment.

TBS is responsible for reviewing the financial implications of initiatives presented to Cabinet, Cabinet Committees and Cabinet Working Groups. It is expected that ministry staff and TBS will work together during the drafting of the submission to ensure the accuracy of the presentation of fiscal risks and impacts.

Advice/Recommendations

#### e. Regulation Changes

Ministries must obtain Treasury Board approval prior to proposing regulation changes with fiscal implications for government or government agencies (e.g., Crown corporations). Ministries are also accountable for ensuring appropriate consultation is undertaken to evaluate the potential fiscal implications across government. If fiscal implications are expected, ministries should engage TBS early to obtain Treasury Board approval in time to meet implementation timelines.

For regulation changes made through Orders in Council (OIC), the ministry EFO must review and agree to the fiscal impacts and risks. If fiscal impacts are identified, ministry staff are expected to engage their Treasury Board analyst well in advance of submitting the OIC package to Cabinet Operations to ensure fiscal implications have appropriate Treasury Board approval.

#### f. Public Release of Reports and Other Public Commitments

Advice/Recommendations

#### g. Collection of Debt

Ministries proposing or drafting legislation with penalties or other obligations (e.g., repayment of loans) that may result in debt owed to government are to consult with the Executive Director of the Receivables Management Office within the Ministry of Finance to discuss the process and ensure collection provisions are appropriate.

#### h. Internal Recoveries

Internal recoveries (including chargebacks) that are fiscal-neutral, meet core policy criteria and/or principles, and that are agreed upon by the affected deputy ministers do not require additional Treasury Board approval. EFOs are required to confirm any such transfers, chargebacks or internal recoveries do not create new fiscal costs to government. Deputy minister committees should be leveraged as a venue to consult and receive feedback on proposed recoveries.

#### i. Program Transfers

All program transfers authorized under the *Constitution Act* are to be completed using the template provided by Cabinet Operations to ensure proper due diligence has been completed. This template includes sign off by the Ministry of Finance. Please contact your Treasury Board analyst for further information.

#### 2) Mandating for Government Negotiations with Third Parties, including First Nations

Advice/Recommendations	This applies to engagements that contemplate co-developmen
initiatives with First Nations.	

Where non-government contractors, including solicitors, are hired to lead/participate in negotiations, it is the responsibility of the ministry directing the contractors' work to ensure these parties are fully apprised of and understand the governance, confidentiality, decision-making and financial frameworks of government.

Where programmatic policy and financial approvals have already been received, this direction may not apply – please check with your Treasury Board analyst as to scope and review requirements.

Advice/Recommendations

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If negotiations cannot be achieved within the terms of the approved mandates, ministries must return to Cabinet and Treasury Board to seek revised mandates prior to engaging in substantive negotiations or making financial or other commitments respecting any other substitute proposal.

#### 3) Operating Contingencies

Advice/Recommendations

Please refer to Appendix C for information about CRF Capital Contingencies.

#### 4) Ministry Budget Management

Advice/Recommendations

TBS will continue to closely monitor ministry spending. This may include enhanced reporting on spending to date as part of the quarterly reporting process. Ministries must advise TBS, in a timely manner, of any material risks to budgets and provide mitigation strategies to ensure budget targets are met. This responsibility extends to the provincial agencies, Crown corporations and SUCH sector organizations for which ministries are accountable.

#### 5) BBMAA, Statutory Appropriations, and Special Accounts

Under section 3 of the *Balanced Budget and Ministerial Accountability Act* (*BBMAA*), your ministerial salary is reduced by 10 per cent. This will be restored on the day after the *2025/26 Public Accounts* are released, provided your ministry's actual 2025/26 operating spending does not exceed your operating expense accountabilities outlined in Schedule F of the *2025/26 Estimates*.

Your ministry is not to exceed your ministry's 2025/26 budget allocation and future year targets noted in the body of this letter without prior Treasury Board approval. The requirement to obtain Treasury Board approval prior to exceeding budget allocation includes any spending authorized under statutory appropriations.

Unless otherwise directed by Treasury Board, any special account decrease in revenues or increase in expenses, or financing transaction disbursements above the amounts outlined in the 2025/26 Estimates requires Treasury Board approval. Advice/Recommendations

## 6) Commercial Crown Corporations, Taxpayer-supported Service Delivery Agencies and SUCH Sector Organizations - Fiscal Target Management

Your ministry is responsible for overseeing the financial position and operating results of service delivery agencies, SUCH sector organizations (school districts, universities, colleges, health authorities and hospital societies), and commercial Crown corporations that fall under your legislated responsibilities. Your ministry is expected to work with these organizations to meet or exceed their financial targets as identified in their three-year service plans as tabled under *Budget 2025*.

Organizations must submit board approved quarterly forecast updates in line with reporting requirements as laid out in the CABRO <u>Information Requirements Calendar</u>.

Advice/Recommendations; Cabinet Confidences

In addition, all ministries are required to ensure the agencies and organizations for which they are responsible manage their capital projects within approved project budgets or previously approved envelopes, and where necessary develop strategies to ensure projects and envelopes remain within approved provincial funding limits.

Advice/Recommendations

#### 7) STOB Management

Expenditure management controls remain in effect for *Budget 2025*. Advice/Recommendations Advice/Recommendations; Government Financial Information

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Advice/Recommendations; Government Financial Information

#### 8) Public Sector Compensation

a. B.C. Public Sector Compensation

Advice/Recommendations; Government Financial Information

#### b. 2022 Shared Recovery Mandate

Budget 2025 includes base budget increases for known costs related to agreements ratified prior to December 31, 2024, Advice/Recommendations

Advice/Recommendations

#### c. New Wage Mandate

*Budget 2025* includes centralized funding to assist with anticipated costs of concluding collective bargaining agreements under the new wage mandate, based on the compensation base as of April 1, 2025. \*Cabinet Confidences; Government Financial Information

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Subsequently,

funding allocations to ministries for the remaining term of the mandate period will be determined as part of a future budget process.

#### d. Excluded Employees

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#### 9) Property Management and Shared Services

#### a. Effective Property Management

All organizations throughout the Government Reporting Entity, including ministries, SUCH sector organizations, Crown corporations and agencies, are expected to follow the Inventory Policy for Real Property. This <u>policy</u> includes the requirement to identify surplus real estate assets to an organization's needs to CITZ, which is managing this information on behalf of the Province.

Advice/Recommendations

#### b. CITZ - Shared Services

Ministries and CITZ are to continue working cooperatively to actively manage down their consumption and reduce government's cost for information technology and facilities. Cabinet Confidences Cabinet Confidences

#### Procurement and Oversight of Strategic Contracts

Ministries must not use any procurement or solicitation instrument (e.g., RFP) to acquire goods or services currently available through established <u>Corporate Supply Arrangements</u> (<u>CSAs</u>). Public sector organizations may be eligible to access the pricing, terms and conditions set out in many of these supply arrangements. Please access the <u>Goods and Services Catalogue</u> for more information.

Procurements must comply with legislation and regulations and be managed within existing funding. Cabinet Confidences
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For more information on SPO, please visit CITZ's intranet

site.

For information regarding IM/IT Capital Investments, please refer to Appendix C.

#### 10) Other Budget Management Requirements

#### a. Legal Services Funding

#### b. Recoveries and Fees

Cabinet Confidences

All fee proposals (i.e., new, increase, decrease, elimination, exemption or change in scope of coverage) must be reviewed by Treasury Board. The Fee Issue Paper Treasury Board Submission template is located on the <u>TBS Performance Budgeting Office intranet site</u>.

Consistent with the principle of ministerial accountability, each ministry and program area charging fees is responsible for ongoing monitoring of its fees to ensure approved fee rates continue to be appropriate and consistent with relevant government policies and regulations. Cabinet Confidences

Ministries are reminded the fee database is only updated when changes have been legally authorized by Cabinet Regulation / OIC, Ministerial Order or Minister of Finance Directive. The current fee database is available on the TBS intranet site. To keep the database current, it is important ministries notify TBS at <a href="mailto:Anita.Nair@gov.bc.ca">Anita.Nair@gov.bc.ca</a> once legal authorization for fees has been received.

c. Sponsored Crown Grants (SCGs) and Nominal Rent Tenures (NRTs)

#### Appendix C: 2025/26 Capital Policies, Procedures and Directives

This Appendix on **Capital Management** has the following sections:

- 1) Policy and Guidance Documents
- 2) Priority Projects (non-IM/IT)
- 3) Routine Capital Envelopes
- 4) IM/IT Capital Investments and Maintenance
- 5) CRF Capital
- 6) Reporting

#### 1) Policy and Guidance Documents

Ministries are responsible for the oversight of planning, delivery, and reporting of capital projects in their respective sectors, including capital projects undertaken or owned by agencies and Crown Corporations for which they are responsible. This includes ensuring adherence to the <a href="Capital Asset Management Framework (CAMF">CAMF</a>). Ministries are to follow the Environmental, Social and Governance Framework for Capital (ESGFC) policy as outlined in the ESGFC guidance document and appendices, which are available from Treasury Board Staff (TBS). For additional guidance and requirements on risk screens, concept and business plan guidelines, capital definitions, and reporting, refer to the <a href="Treasury Board Staff">Treasury Board Staff</a> intranet site.

#### 2) Priority Projects (non-IM/IT)

Managing Within the Capital Plan

As stated in Appendix B, Treasury Board Submissions developed by ministries without an explicit direction from the Minister of Finance will not be reviewed by Treasury Board. Cabinet Confidences

Project Planning Requirements
Cabinet Confidences

#### 3) Routine Capital Envelopes

Routine Capital funding envelopes enable ministries to address deferred maintenance and achieve an acceptable level of condition for Government's capital assets. Deputy Ministers are responsible for ensuring necessary due diligence is undertaken for their ministries' Routine Capital projects.

Cabinet Confidences

Ministries are required to provide a report annually outlining the condition of Provincial assets and ministries' Routine Capital spending. Treasury Board Staff will provide direction to ministries regarding reporting requirements in Fall 2025.

4) IM/IT Capital Investments and Maintenance

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#### 5) CRF Capital

Cabinet Confidences

#### 6) Reporting

Ministries must submit quarterly Capital Planning System database reporting updates for the capital spending of their ministry, respective agencies and Crown Corporations. This reporting must be consistent with reporting to the Fiscal Planning and Estimates Branch, TBS, and the Office of the Comptroller General. Cabinet Confidences

Cabinet Confidences

In alignment with the principles of financial reporting, Ministries are accountable for providing and maintaining realistic projections of annual capital spending cash flows in each year of the ten-year capital plan. Ministries are to ensure that reporting has been scrutinized by tracking specific project milestones and typical project spending rates so that reporting accurately reflects actual project progress. Advice/Recommendations

Advice/Recommendations

The mission of the Office of the Premier is to provide leadership across government and Crown agencies to ensure timely decision making and effective service delivery, supported by the transparency and accountability of government practices.

#### SUMMARY

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	Estimates	Estimates
	2024/251	2025/26
VOTED APPROPRIATION		
Vote 11 — Office of the Premier	17,377	18,450
OPERATING EXPENSES	17,377	18,450
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES 2	3	3
LOANS, INVESTMENTS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS 3	-	_
REVENUE COLLECTED FOR, AND TRANSFERRED TO, OTHER ENTITIES 4	-	_

#### NOTES

- <sup>1</sup> For comparative purposes, figures shown for the 2024/25 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 2025/26 Estimates. A reconciliation of restated operating expenses and capital expenditures is presented in Schedule A.
- <sup>2</sup> A listing of estimated capital expenditures by ministry is presented in Schedule C.
- <sup>3</sup> 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.

#### **SUMMARY BY CORE BUSINESS**

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2024/25	2	025/26 ESTIMATES	
Net	Gross	External Recoveries	Net
4,838	5,892	(701)	5,191
2,421	2,467	(2)	2,465
10,118	10,796	(2)	10,794
17,377	19,155	(705)	18,450
Capital Expenditures	Capital Expenditures	Receipts and P3 Liabilities	Net
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	Net  4,838 2,421 10,118 17,377  Capital	Net         Gross           4,838         5,892           2,421         2,467           10,118         10,796           17,377         19,155    Capital Capital	Net         Gross         External Recoveries           4,838         5,892         (701)           2,421         2,467         (2)           10,118         10,796         (2)           17,377         19,155         (705)    Capital Capital Receipts and

#### **VOTE DESCRIPTIONS**

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Estimates 2024/25

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#### **VOTE 11 — OFFICE OF THE PREMIER**

This vote provides for the programs, operations, and other activities described in the voted appropriations under the following core businesses: Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat, Cabinet Operations, and Executive and Support Services.

#### INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS SECRETARIAT

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Voted Appropriation Description: This sub-vote provides for management and administrative support for the Executive Council (Cabinet) in the development and coordination of advice, policy, negotiations, issues management, public consultation, and strategic relations relating to federal-provincial, interprovincial, and international relations, and local government and rural community initiatives. This sub-vote includes support for the Premier and Cabinet participation in First Ministers' Conferences, Premiers' Conferences, Joint Cabinet Meetings with neighbouring jurisdictions, and ministerial conferences. This sub-vote manages the Canada-British Columbia Agreement on French Language Services. This sub-vote provides for the deputy minister of the Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat and includes the Office of Protocol; and for costs of official ceremonies, programs for visiting dignitaries, government-hosted functions, and government honours and awards by authority of the *Provincial Symbols and Honours Act.* Costs may be recovered from ministries, organizations within the government reporting entity, and parties external to government for activities described within this sub-vote.

#### CABINET OPERATIONS

Voted Appropriation		
Cabinet Operations	2,421	2,465
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**Voted Appropriation Description:** This sub-vote provides for the support of Executive Council and Executive Council Committees; the provision of policy, planning, and operational support to the Executive Council and its committees; the provision of support to ministries and Crown agencies in the development and submission of materials to Executive Council and its committees; and for the planning and coordination of legislative priorities, including coordination of Orders in Council. Costs may be recovered from ministries, organizations within the government reporting entity, and parties both internal and external to government for activities described within this sub-vote.

## VOTE DESCRIPTIONS (\$000)

	Estimates 2024/25	Estimates 2025/26
EXECUTIVE AND SUPPORT SERVICES		
Voted Appropriations		
Premier's Office	5,932 4,186	6,534 4,260
	10,118	10,794
Voted Appropriations Description: This sub-vote provides for the Premier's office, the Minister of S Communities, and the deputy minister's office. This sub-vote also provides for the management of cross-gov support for cross-government and other initiatives that support government's mandate; and providing policy, support to the Executive Council, ministries, and Crown agencies, including government administration. Corganizations within the government reporting entity, and parties both internal and external to government for a	vernment issues and planning, communicatosts may be recover	corporate planning ations, and strategic red from ministries
VOTE 11 — OFFICE OF THE PREMIER	17,377	18,450

#### **GROUP ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION SUMMARY**

GROUP ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION		
Salaries and Benefits	15,010	15,717
Operating Costs	2,113	2,611
Government Transfers	1,003	1,068
Other Expenses	559	556
Internal Recoveries	(601)	(797)
External Recoveries	(707)	(705)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	17,377	18.450

# OFFICE OF THE PREMIER (\$000)

# VOTE 11 Office of the Premier

	Total					1									
Description	2024/25 Operating Expenses	20	51	52	54	Salaries and Benefits	55	22	59	09	63	65	19	89	
Intergovernmental Relations Secretarial	4,838	3,555	6	116	1	4,475	1	160	6	37	102	788	1		
Cabinet Operations	2,421	1,645	2	418	1	2,065	1	25	22	-	09	94	1	1	
Executive and Support Services	10,118	7,100	28	1,899	150	9,177	ı	626	122	150	122	137	1		10
Premier's Office	5,932	4,341	5	1,164	150	5,660	1	499	1	100	19	59	1	•	1
Deputy Minister's Office	4,186	2,759	23	735	1	3,517	1	127	122	90	25	78	1		1
Total	77,377	12,300	39	3,228	150	15,717	1	811	153	188	284	1,019	1	1	1

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Total 2025/26 Operating Expenses	5,191	2,465	10,794	6,534	4,260	18,450
Total External Recoveries	(701)	(2)	(2)	1	(2)	(202)
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Total Internal Recoveries	(267)	(E)	Ξ	1	(1)	(161)
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Total Other Expenses	18	118	420	146	274	929
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Total Govt ransfers	1,066	-	-	1	-	1,068
T 08	366	1	1	1	1	366
79	1	1	1	1	1	1
11	700	-	-	1	-	702
Total Operating Costs	1,128	284	1,199	728	471	2,611
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73	1	79	7	2	.5	98
72	1	Ţ	1	1	1	1
07	20	-	52	,-	24	46

Branch/Unit	Classification	Position Title	Bi-weekly Rate <sup>1</sup>	Annual Rat
Premier's Office	e - Executive Branch			Street,
	Executive 2 MS	Chief of Staff	Personal Information	
	Executive 1	Deputy Chief of Staff		
	Band 6 MS	Principal Secretary		
	Band 6 OIC	ExecDir,Comm&PartnerOutreach		
	Band 6 OIC	ExecDir,IntergovRel&CaucusMgmt		
	Band 6 OIC	Executive Director		
	Band 6 MS	Director of Communications		
	Band 5 MS	Deputy Comm Dir and Press Sec		
	Band 5 MS	Deputy Director Communications		
	Band 4 OIC	Director, Special Projects		
	Band 4 OIC	Director of Tour & Scheduling		
	Band 4 OIC	DepDirStratOutreach&StkhldrRel		
	Band 4 MS	Senior Manager, IntergovRel		
	Band 3 MS	Manager, Exec Ops and Admin		
	Band 3 MS	Communications Manager		
	Band 3 MS	SrMgr,StratOutreach&StakhdrRel		
	Band 3 MS	Mgr,StratOutreach&StaekhldrRel		
	Band 3 MS	Mgr, Comms & Stake Relations		
	Band 3 MS	Communications Manager		
	Band 3 MS	Manager of Exec Engagement		
	Band 2 MS	Executive Advisor	+	
	Band 2 MS	Manager, Strategic Initiatives	+	
	Band 1 MS	Executive Coordinator	+	
	Band 1 OIC	Finance and Contracts Officer	+	
	Band 1 MS	Executive Assistant		
	Administrative Coordinator	Administrative Coordinator	-	
	Clerk R15	Administrative Assistant	_L	
remier's Office	e - Correspondence Branch			
Termer 5 Onio	Band 3 MS	Manager, Correspondence Branch	Personal Information	131-01-
	Communications Officer R18	Correspondence Coordinator		
	Communications Officer R18	Correspondence Coordinator		
	Communications Officer R15	Correspondence Officer		
	Communications Officer R15			
	Communications Officer R15	Correspondence Officer		
	Communications Officer R15	Correspondence Officer	-	
		Correspondence Officer		
	Clerk R9	Correspondence Clerk	-	
	Clerk R9	Administrative Assistant		
orporate Serv	ices - Deputy Minister's Office	J. Section	A CONTRACTOR	10000
	Cabinet Sec & Depty to Premier	DM to Premier & Cab Secretary	Personal Information	
	Deputy Minister 2	DM, Policy & Coordination		
	Assistant Deputy Minister 2	ADM, Strategic Issues		
	Band 5 OIC	Director, Executive Operations		
	Band 4 OIC	Executive Director		
	Band 2 OIC	Senior Execuitve Coordinator		
	Band 2 OIC	Senior Project Manager		
	Band 1 OIC	Information Management Advisor		
	Clerk R15	Administrative Assistant		

Assistant Deputy Minister 1	Deputy Cabinet Secretary	Personal Information
Band 5	Executive Director	- Orbertal information
Band 5	Executive Director	-
Band 5	Executive Director	
Band 3	Cabinet Committee Director	
Band 3	Cabinet Operations Director	
Band 3	Cabinet Committee Director	
Band 3	Manager, Cabinet Operations	
Band 3		
Band 2	Manager, Cabinet Operations	
Band 1	Records Management Officer	
1	OIC Coordinator, Cabinet Opns	
Executive Administrative Asst	Executive Administrative Asst	
Clerk R12	Branch Administrator	
ies Secretariat	the minute the last	
Associate Deputy Minister	AssocDM, Plan&Priorities Sec.	Personal Information
l Relations Secretariat		
Deputy Minister 2	Deputy Minister	Personal Information
Band 5	Chief of Protocol & Exec Dir	
Band 5	Exec Dir, Fed & Can Intrgv Pol	
Band 5	ED, International Relations	
Band 4	Director, Strategic Services	
Band 3	Dir, Ops/Client Relations	
Band 3	Manager, Executive Operations	
Band 3	Mgr, International Relations	
Band 3	Protocol Manager	
Band 3		
Band 3	Protocol Manager Mgr,Intergovernmental Relation	
Band 3	Mgr, Intergovernment Relations	
Band 3	Protocol Manager	
Band 3	Protocol Manager Protocol Manager	
Band 3	Band 3	
Band 2	PERSONAL PROPERTY AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON	
Description of the Control of the Co	Mgr. Finance & Administration  Executive Coordinator	
Band 1	The Company of the Co	
Band 1	Intergov. Relations Advisor	
Band 1	Intergovernmental Advisor	
Band 1	Intergov Relations Coordinator	
Band 1	Intergov. Relations Advisor	
Administrative Officer R24	Senior Project Mgmt Analyst	
Administrative Officer R21	Project Management Analyst	
Administrative Officer R18	Project Coordinator	
Senior Executive Assistant	Senior Executive Assistant	
Clerk R15	Protocol & Events Assistant	
Clerk R15	Protocol Assistant	
Clerk R15	Protocol Assistant	
Clerk R9	Greetings Clerk	
l Relations Secretariat - Franco	phone Affairs Program	7 3 7 7 7
Band 4	Director, Francophone Affairs	Personal Information
Band 1	Advisor, Francophone Affairs	
Band 1	Advisor Francophone Affairs Pr	

#### Notes:

The amounts presented in the above table are actuals as of March 22, 2025. Any discrepancies between these
amounts and the Public Accounts, the Public Accounts will be taken as accurate and final.

#### MINISTRY OF FINANCE CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION FACT SHEET

## OFFICE OF THE PREMIER CONTRACTS EXPENDITURES DURING FY2024/25 (AS AT MARCH 31, 2025)

#### SUMMARY OF CONTRACTS EXPENDITURES BY VENDOR:

Vendor	Number of Contracts	Actual Expenditures
354948 B.C. LTD. (Dr. Penny Ballem)	1	\$13,750
Vanessa Ann Richards	2	\$52,680
Trevor McKenzie-Smith Consulting Inc.	1_	\$37,722
Convergence Communications Inc.	3	\$122,173
Douglas S White	2	\$234,443
TOTAL	9	\$460,768

<sup>\*</sup>Figures reported are as at the end of ADJ2 2025. Any discrepancies between the actuals presented and the Public Accounts, the Public Accounts will be taken as accurate.

## OFFICE OF THE PREMIER 2023 to 2025 STRATEGIC CONTRACTS LIST KEY FACTS:

- Doug White Member of Transition Team and Special Counsel to the Premier on Indigenous Reconciliation
  - Appointed by Premier-designate Eby, advising, planning and implementing an orderly transition of government. Also, advising the Premier and the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation on immediate action and strategies to improve the quality of life for Indigenous people in British Columbia.
- Trevor McKenzie-Smith Member of Transition Team
  - Appointed by Premier designate Eby, will provide advising, planning for orderly transition of government.
- Vanessa Ann Richards
  - Creative Together is engaged to provide strategic advice to the Office of the Premier executive, developing and holding workshops ("Curriculum") sessions for Minister's office staff to improve partnerships and build stronger teams. Guest speakers will attend as subject area specialists. These workshops are for Minister's and Premier's office staff to enable them to work better together.

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- Convergence Communications Inc. Member of Transition Team and Strategic Advisor
  - Appointed by Premier designate Eby, will provide advising, planning for orderly transition of government. Contractor also provides advisory, strategic planning and facilitation services to the Premier and Executive staff of the Office of the Premier.
- Lisa Helps Premier's Housing Solutions Specialist
  - Working closely with the Ministry of Housing and BC Housing to develop the BC Builds program
    - BC Builds is an initiative delivered through BC Housing that leverages government, community and non-profit owned and under-used land to speed up the delivery of housing and help bring costs more in line with what middle-income households earn.
  - Engaging with potential partners including local governments, First Nations, churches, non-profit housing providers, and developers – to collect information about available land and other resources that can be leveraged in partnership with the Province to build missing middle housing.
- Penny Ballem Premier's Health Systems Specialist / Operations Specialist on Addictions and the Toxic Drug Crisis
  - Advising the Premier and the Minister of Health on addressing systemic and operational challenges in the health system, with a specific focus on primary care, cancer care, and ambulance services.

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## SUMMARY OF STRATEGIC CONTRACT ADVISORS AWARDED BY VENDOR:

VENDOR	CONTRACT	TOTAL AGGREGATE CONTRACT VALUE	TOTAL AGGREGATE EXPENDITURES	PROCUREMENT TYPE	DESCRIPTION
WHITE, DOUGLAS S	C23PREM1593	\$900,000	\$600,101	Direct Award - Confidentiality Order in Council	Douglas S. White has been appointed Special Counsel for Premier Eby on Indigenous reconciliation.
HELPS, LISA	C23PREM1596	\$154,261	\$152,205	Direct Award - Confidentiality Order in Council	Usa Helps appointed as housing solutions advisor to the Premier, COS and Ministers to initiate BC Builds
354948 B.C. LTD. (Dr. Penny Ballem)	C23PREM1597	\$340,000	\$214,011	Direct Award - Confidentiality Order in Council	Dr. Penny Ballem has been appointed as the Premier's Health Systems Specialist to advise the Premier, Min of Health & DM
CONVERGENCE COMMUNICATIONS INC.	C23PREM1601	\$43,400	\$40,494	Direct Award - Confidentiality	The contractor is engaged to provide strategic advice and facilitation services for the Office of the Premier.
CONVERGENCE COMMUNICATIONS INC.	C24PREM1604	\$30,600	\$25,600	Direct Award - Confidentiality	The contractor is engaged to provide strategic advice and facilitation to the Office of the Premier
CONVERGENCE COMMUNICATIONS INC.	C24PREM1605	\$56,270	\$51,688	Direct Award - Confidentiality	The Contractor is engaged to provide strategic advice and facilitation to the Office of the Premier.
RICHARDS, VANESSA ANN	C25PREM1608	\$10,200	\$10,200	Direct Award - Confidentiality	Dr. Richards has created a curriculum design for experimental JEDI learning journey for OOP and MO's with 10 sessions with staff.
RICHARDS, VANESSA ANN	C25PREM1610	\$42,480	\$42,480	Direct Award - Confidentiality	Dr. Richards is building a curriculum design for 12 sessions with MO staff.
TREVOR MCKENZIE-SMITH CONSULTING INCORPORATED	C25PREM1612	\$37,722	\$37,722	Direct Award - Confidentiality	Member of Transition feam, appointed by Premier designate Eby, will provide advising, planning for orderly transition of government.
CONVERGENCE COMMUNICATIONS INC.	C25PREM1613	\$52,405	\$52,405	Direct Award - Confidentiality	Member of Transition team appointed by Premier-designate Eby, will provide advising, planning for orderly transition of government.
WHITE, DOUGLAS S	C25PREM1614	\$17,640	\$17,640	Direct Award - Confidentiality	Member of a Transition Team appointed by Premier-designate Eby, advising planning and implementing an orderly transition of government.
CONVERGENCE COMMUNICATIONS INC.	C26PREM1615	\$80.000	\$54,608	Direct Award - Confidentiality	Contractor will provide advisory, strategic planning and facilitation services to the Premier and Executive staff of the Office of the Premier.
TOTAL STOB 60 and STOB 61		\$1,764,979	\$1,299,154		

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#### OFFICE OF THE PREMIER ISSUE NOTE

#### **ISSUE: Premier Travel Expenditures**

#### ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- This reflects the amounts paid for Capital City Allowance and travel for the Premier. The information provided includes the amounts up to the end of March 2025.
- The Premier's Capital City Allowance actuals were \$6,155, inprovince travel actuals were \$39,796, out-of-province actuals were \$8,290 and out-of-country actuals were \$6,526.
- The annual entitlement for Capital City Living Allowance for Fiscal Year 2026 is \$22,868.

#### **KEY FACTS:**

#### 1. Capital City Allowance:

2024/25 Actuals (End of	2023/24 Actuals (End of
March 2025)	March 2024)
\$8,187	\$10,531

 The Premier has elected to receive the hotel with receipts option per month to cover living expenses while in the Capital City. This option has a yearly reimbursement of expenses to a maximum of \$22,288 in fiscal

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year 2025. On April 1, 2025, this allowance maximum increases to \$22,868 for fiscal year 2026.

#### 2. Travel:

	In-Province	In-Canada	Out-of-Canada	Total
Travel – 2024/25 at the end of March 2025	\$39,796	\$8,290 (June 8-10, Whitehorse, July 14–17, Halifax, Dec 15- 16, Toronto)	\$6,526 (Feb 10-11 Los Angeles, Feb 11- 13 Washington DC, Seattle)	\$54,612
Travel – 2023/24 at the end of March 2024	\$30,193	\$11,314  (July 9-12  Winnipeg, Sep 24-27 Ottawa,  Nov 4-8 Halifax,  Jan 27-20  Ottawa)	\$15,078 (May 27-Jun 07 Tokyo Japan, Seoul Korea, Singapore, San Franciso, USA)	\$56,584

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Appendix 1 is attached to provide information of the different types of travel and the area of responsibility.

Travel Item:	Paid By:	Notes:
Between Capital and Constituency	Ministry of Finance	Official travel between constituency and Victoria is considered government business. Travel at government rates applies and is charged to the central Minister's travel budget in Ministry of Finance.
Travel Within Province, Out of Province or Out of Canada	Ministers' Office Sub-Vote	When travelling on official government business, officials are governed by the Official Duties Expense Regulation and travel guidelines for "officials".
Parliamentary Secretary and MLA Travel on Behalf of Executive Council	Ministers' Office Sub-Vote	When travelling on official government business, Parliamentary Secretaries and MLAs travelling on behalf of Executive Council are governed by the Official Duties Expense Regulation and travel guidelines for "officials".
Accompanying Persons Travel	Vote 1 Legislative Assembly (Financial Services)	MLA's can allocate up to 12 return trips within the province for an accompanying person of the member's choosing, who is typically a family member, constituency assistant, or legislative assistant. All reasonable and justifiable travel expenses will be reimbursed upon presentation of receipts.
Capital City Allowance	Ministry of Finance	When the official is in Victoria, the meal allowance(s) is charged to the Capital City Allowance budget. This budget is a central Minister's travel budget that is held by the Ministry of Finance.

Appendix 2 is attached to provide information of Deputy Minister's Travel Expense Summary as at March 31, 2025.

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Deputy Minister	Travel Type	2024/2025 Travel Expenditures (\$)
Silas Brownsey		10,676
	In Province Flights	3,053
	Other Travel in Province	2,870
	Out of Country Travel	0
	Out of Province Travel	4,753
Doug Caul		14,643
	In Province Flights	8,220
	Other Travel in Province	6,423
	Out of Country Travel	0
	Out of Province Travel	0
Shannon Salter		37,352
	In Province Flights	25,738
	Other Travel in Province	8,031
	Out of Country Travel	0
	Out of Province Travel	3,583
Okenge Yuma-Morisho		9,103
	In Province Flights	3,426
	Other Travel in Province	512
	Out of Country Travel	2,853
	Out of Province Travel	2,312
Leslie Teramoto		1,616
	In Province Flights	0
	Other Travel in Province	879
	Out of Country Travel	0
	Out of Province Travel	737
Grand Total		73,391

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#### **ISSUE: Office of the Premier Historical Travel Expenditures**

#### **ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:**

 These amounts reflect actual travel expenses incurred by the Office of the Premier from Fiscal Year 2022/23 to 2024/25.

#### **KEY FACTS:**

#### 1. Travel Expenditures by Sub-Vote:

Vote	Sub-Vote	Description	2022	2022/2023		2023/2024		2024/2025	
		223.03.00	Estimates	Actuals	Estimates	Actuals	Estimates	Actuals	
	Intergovernmental Relations								
Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat	Secretariat	<b>Public Servant Travel Expenses</b>	\$80,000	\$100,492	\$80,000	\$95,628	\$110,000	\$120,102	
Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat Total			\$80,000	\$100,492	\$80,000	\$95,628	\$110,000	\$120,102	
Cabinet Operations	Cabinet Operations	Public Servant Travel Expenses	\$25,000	\$36,125	\$25,000	\$32,285	\$75,000	\$18,600	
Cabinet Operations Total			\$25,000	\$36,125	\$25,000	\$32,285	\$75,000	\$18,600	
Planning and Priorities Secretariat	Planning and Priorities	Public Servant Travel Expenses	\$50,000	\$16,369	\$50,000	\$6,969	\$0	\$0	
Planning and Priorities Secretariat Total			\$50,000	\$16,369	\$50,000	\$6,969	\$0	\$0	
Executive and Support Services	Premier's Office	Public Servant Travel Expenses	\$275,000	\$353,430	\$325,000	\$260,977	\$325,000	\$399,209	
	Deputy Minister's Office	Public Servant Travel Expenses	\$102,000	\$31,172	\$102,000	\$84,767	\$102,000	\$65,465	
Executive and Support Services Total	1000		\$377,000	\$384,602	\$427,000	\$345,744	\$427,000	\$464,674	
Grand Total			\$532,000	\$537,587	\$582,000	\$480,626	\$612,000	\$603,377	

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## IGRS SUMMARY BY PROJECT

PROJECT	PROJECT NAME	24/25 Actuals as of March 31, 2025 <sup>1</sup>	% of total Actuals	Description
3600000	IGRS Core	3,979,310	89.92%	89.92% Salaries, benefits, Legal, Data, Cell, Postal, Vehicle, Building, \$500k Pacific Northwest Economic Region Grant
3601101	Francophone Affairs Program Expenses	(28,900)	-0.65%	-0.65% Francophone Affairs Program recovered from federal government
3601124	Canadian Intergovernmental Conference Secretariat	0	0.00%	0.00% Canadian Intergovernmental Conference Secretariat - Recovered from ministries
3601201	Remembrance Day	290	0.01%	0.01% Wreath for Premier presentation
3601202	Order of BC	47,126	1.06%	1.06% Writers, Medals, AC Meeting & Investiture travel, reception & dinner
3601203	Long Service Awards	(164,122)	-3.71%	-3.71% IGRS service fee & business expenses recovered from BCPSA
3601204	Official Visits	8,087	0.18%	0.18% Hospitality, IGRS travel
3601210	Consular Corps Relations	819	0.02%	0.02% IGRS travel for meetings & Consular Corps Briefing with Govt Officials
3601219	Greetings	587	0.01%	0.01% Supplies for the Congratulatory Messages Program
3601237	Council of Federation	280,037	6.33%	6.33% Council of Federation dues, host Council of Federation summer meeting
3698738	Gift Purchases for Protocol Gift Bank	4,514	0.10%	0.10% Replenish gift inventory for visiting dignitaries
3698788	US Engagement	101,570	2.30%	2.30% US engagement meetings
3698789	Fed/Prov Engagement	39,217	0.89%	0.89% Fed/Prov Meetings & Ministers' Council on the Canadian Francophonie
3601212	Swearing in Ceremony	13,794	0.31%	0.31% Premier and Cabinet Swearing-in Ceremony, Reception & local transportation
3601208	Opening of the Legislature	193	0.00%	0.00% Opening of the Legislature
3698741	Protocol Ceremonies	35,925	0.81%	0.81% Venue, Reception, Flowers, Transporation for State funerals/memorial services
3601130	Lietenant Governor Installation Ceremony	19,097	0.43%	0.43% LG Installation/Farewell ceremony reception, legacy gift, transportation
3601119	Police Honors Night	(3,413)	-0.08%	-0.08% IGRS service fee and business expenses recovered from the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
3698910	King Charles III Coronation Medal	10,206	0.23%	0.23% Recognition ceremony reception to award medals to Premier's recipients. Includes costs for venue, reception, travel
3698911	Local Government Operations and Client Relations	93,732	2.12%	2.12% Business meeting expense for engagement with local governments and First Nations UBCM members
3698912	Invictus Games	(12,814)	-0.29%	-0.29% IGRS service fee and business expenses recovered from the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture, and Sports (TACS)
TOTALS		4,425,254		

## Notes:

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# IGRS Government Transfers 2024/25

STOB	Amount	Supplier Name	Description/Reason
7703	72,028	AFRICAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY	BC GOVT: COMMUNITY BONDING PROGRAM FOR FRANCOPHONES ATTN: JACKY ESSOMBE
7703	20,000	BC LIBRARIES COOPERATIVE 2009	FUNDING FOR: EXPANDING ACCESS TO FRENCH LANGUAGE LIBRARY MATERIALS
7703	31,000	BC LIBRARIES COOPERATIVE 2009	FUNDING FOR: EXPANDING ACCESS TO FRENCH LANGUAGE LIBRARY MATERIALS ATTN: SARAH FELKAR
7703	27,000	CENTRE CULTUREL FRANCOPHONE DE VANCOUVER	BC GOVT: INCREASE HR TO REDUCE/ELIMINATE WAIT LISTS ATTN: PIERRE RIVARD
7703	13,000	CONSEIL JEUNESSE FRANCOPHONE DE LA COLOMBIE-BRITANNIQUE	FOR: PARLEMENT JEUNESSE \$7000/JEUX FRANCOPHONES \$6000 ATTN: SOPHIE AUDET
7703	72,108	FEDERATION DES PARENTS FRANCOPHONES DE COLOMBIE-BRITANNIQUE	Francophone Affairs: FPFCB 2024-25
7703	90,000	LA BOUSSOLE, CENTRE COMMUNAUTAIRE SOCIETE	Francophone Affairs: LBCCS-2024-25 Canada-BC Agreement
7703	26,604	LA BOUSSOLE, CENTRE COMMUNAUTAIRE SOCIETE	Francophone Affairs: LBCCS-2024-25 Provincial Fund for French Language Services
7703	49,500	LA SOCIETE DE DEVELOPPEMENT ECONOMIQUE DE LA CB. (SDECB)	Francophone Affairs: SDECB-2024-25 Canada-BC Agreement
7703	3,500	LA SOCIETE FRANCOPHONE DE VICTORIA	FRENCH LANGUAGE FUNDING 2024-2025 FOR TOURNEE QUEBEC-CINEMA
7703	2,760	L'ASSOCIATION DES FRANCOPHONES DE NANAIMO	BC GOVT: PLAY-BASED CURRICULUM FOR Association des Francophones de Nanaimo
7703	50,000	LEGAL SERVICES SOCIETY	FRENCH LANGUAGE FUNDING 2024-2025
7703	135,000	PROVINCIAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY	PROVINCIAL LANGUAGE SERVICES: HEALTH INFO/SERVICES IN FRENCH ATTN: LINDA PHUNG
7703	2,000	RICHMOND CITY CENTRE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	Francophone Affairs: RICHMOND CITY FUNDING 2024-25
7703	7,000	SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY	FUNDING FOR: 15th edition of Printemps de la Francophonie at SFU
7703	3,500	VISIONS OUEST PRODUCTIONS	FRENCH LANGUAGE FUNDING 2024-2025 FOR TOURNEE QUEBEC-CINEMA
7703	14,600	WEST SHORE PARKS AND RECREATION SOCIETY	FRENCH PROGRAMS FOR PRESCHOOLERS ATTN: NICKY BROWN
7703	1,150	FRENCH PARLIAMENTARY EDUCATION RESOURCES AND SERVICES	FRENCH PARLIAMENTARY EDUCATION RESOURCES AND SERVICES
7703	15,726	FRENCH LEARN TO DRIVE MANUAL	FRENCH LEARN TO DRIVE MANUAL
7709	2,000	GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOUNDATION	LG LEGACY GIFT TO: LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
	644,476	TOTAL STOB 77	
8001	20,000	CORPORATION DU CONSEIL DES MINISTRES SUR LA FRANCOPHONIE CANADIENNE	BC GOVT ANNUAL DUES FOR MCCF 24/25 ATTN: SYLVIE PAINCHAUD
8001	250,044	COUNCIL OF FEDERATION	BC GOVT ANNUAL DUES FOR COUNCIL OF FEDERATION 24/25
8097	95,000	CANADIAN INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT	B.C.'S CONTRIBUTION FOR 2024-25
	365,044	Total STOB 80	
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#### OFFICE OF THE PREMIER FACT SHEET

#### Recoveries as at March 2025

#### **KEY FACTS:**

- The Office of the Premier 2024/25 budget for recoveries is (\$1.308M), with (\$0.601M) in internal recoveries, and (\$0.707M) in external recoveries.
- As at March 31, 2025 the Office of the Premier had recovered (\$1.891M), with (\$0.820M) in internal recoveries, and (\$1.071M) in external recoveries.
- Internal recoveries are costs recovered from entities within the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF). Office of the Premier internal recoveries include:
  - (\$0.662M) in operating costs recovered from the Public Service Agency for costs incurred in supporting the Long Services Awards.
  - (\$0.158M) in other minor recoveries.
- External recoveries are costs recovered from entities outside the CRF, both internal and external to the Government Reporting Entity (GRE). Office of the Premier external recoveries include:
  - (\$1.071M) in recoveries from the Federal Government's Ministry of Canadian Heritage to establish, through an agreement, a general framework for the planning and implementation of various measures to support the development and vitality of the Francophone community of British Columbia through the delivery of French-language services. The Francophone Affairs Program provided grants and contributions in the amount of \$0.644M with the balance being used for translations and other administrative support costs.

2024/2025 Recoveries as at March 31, 2025

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\$ millions	IGRS	Cab Ops	PPS	PO	DMO	Total
Internal Recoveries	s					
Budget	(0.598)	(0.001)	(0.001)	0.000	(0.001)	(0.601)
Actuals	(0.803)	0.000	0.000	(0.017)	0.000	(0.820)
Variance	0.205	(0.001)	(0.001)	0.017	(0.001)	0.219
External Recoverie	s					
Budget	(0.701)	(0.002)	(0.002)	0.000	(0.002)	(0.707)
Actuals	(1.071)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	(1.071)
Variance	0.370	(0.002)	(0.002)	0.000	(0.002)	0.364
Total Recoveries						
Budget	(1.299)	(0.003)	(0.003)	0.000	(0.003)	(1.308)
Actuals	(1.874)	0.000	0.000	(0.017)	0.000	(1.891)
Variance	0.575	(0.003)	(0.003)	0.017	(0.003)	0.583

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## 2024/25 Estimates Note Advice to the Premier

#### **<u>Title:</u>** Freedom of Information Requests – Office of the Premier

#### Response:

- In FY 2024/25, Office of the Premier responded to 98 FOI requests with an average processing time of 51 days and an on time compliance of 83%.
- In FY 2023/24, Office of the Premier responded to 146 FOI requests with an average processing time of 39 days and an on time compliance of 98%.
- In FY 2022/23, Office of the Premier responded to 169 FOI requests, with an average processing time of 269 days and an on time compliance of 71%.
- In FY 2021/22, Office of the Premier responded to 379 FOI requests with an average processing time of 126 days and an on time compliance of 81%.
- In FY 2020/21, Office of the Premier responded to 781 FOI requests with an average processing time of 57 days and an on time compliance of 90%.

#### **FOI Issues/Status:**

#### On Time Compliance and Average Processing Days:

- On time compliance reflects the percentage of files closed on time in a fiscal year.
- For this fiscal year to date, Office of the Premier has achieved a 83% on time rate with an average of 51 processing days.
- This year's on time rate is comparable to the 5-year average of 84%. Processing days are below the 5-year average of 111 days.

#### Implementation of Application Fee:

- Public bodies began charging a \$10 application fees for non-personal requests on November 29, 2021.
- Indigenous Governing Entities (IGEs) are exempt from paying application fees.
- Government continues to monitor the impact of the application fee on requests volume and pages processed.

#### **Processing Fee Estimates:**

- In FY 2024/25, 6% of 80 files received processing fees for that fiscal year. This
  remains below the 17% of requests that received processing fees in FY 2020/21.
- All applicants are charged fees based on the same criteria found in s. 75 of FOIPPA and as permitted by schedule 1 of the FOIPPA Regulation.
- Information Access Operations, on behalf of Office of the Premier, is in regular contact with applicants to assist with the wording of their FOI requests. This communication aids in understanding of what the applicants are seeking and helps them be as specific as possible, which also enables a cost-effective process.

## 2024/25 Estimates Note Advice to the Premier

#### **Time Extensions**

- The government of B.C. takes its Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA) obligations seriously and only takes extensions when it is necessary to do so.
- Time extensions are legislatively permitted and taken on an as/when needed basis for any of the justifications found in section 10 of FOIPPA.
- In FY 2024/25, approximately 43% of the files processed by Office of the Premier required an extension, consistent with 44% in the prior fiscal year.

#### **Decrease in No Records Responses:**

- 11% of requests closed in FY 2024/25 resulted in "No Records" responses. This is an improvement to last year (16%) and is substantially lower than the 32% reported in FY2020/21.
- In previous fiscal years, many of the routine, non-topical requests result in a "No Records" response (for example "copies of text messages for a specified individual").

#### FOI Received Requests, Processed/ Closed Requests Over past 5 years:

**Received Requests** 

Fiscal Year	ООР	Government	
2020/21	645	10,266	
2021/22	294	9,308	
2022/23	134	7,017	
2023/24	158	7,798	
2024/25	80	7,063	

**Processed/Closed Requests** 

Fiscal Year	ООР	Governmen	
2020/21	781	10,843	
2021/22	379	9,650	
2022/23	169	7,412	
2023/24	146	7,201	
2024/25	98	6,818	

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#### **Freedom of Information Requests**

#### Office of the Premier Requests Processed

On Time and Overdue Report Card
General and Personal Requests
Fiscal 2024/25 (April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025)

		No. Requests	Avg Processing Days	Avg Days Overdue
General	On Time	77	41	N/A
	Overdue	18	168	81
	All General	95		
Personal	On Time	4	25	N/A
	Overdue	N/A	N/A	N/A
	All Personal	4	-	
	All Requests	99		

	No. Requests	<b>Avg Processing Days</b>	Avg Overdue Days
Business	7	80	7
Indigenous Governing Entity	2	67	0
Individual	22	46	2
Interest Group	19	27	1
Law Firm	7	75	5
Media	24	62	7
Other Public Body	0	N/A	N/A
Political Party	16	122	73
Researcher	2	43	0
Grand Total	99		

#### Office of the Premier Requests Closed

Fiscal Year Comparisons of On Time and Over due General and Personal Requests

	On Time	Overdue	<b>Total Requests</b>	On Time Percentage
FY 2013 / 2014	445	160	605	74%
FY 2014 / 2015	469	22	491	96%
FY 2015 / 2016	420	104	524	80%
FY 2016 / 2017	437	125	562	78%
FY 2017 / 2018	355	45	400	89%
FY 2018 / 2019	728	12	740	98%
FY 2019 / 2020	975	49	1,024	95%
FY 2020 / 2021	706	76	782	90%
FY 2021 / 2022	303	76	379	80%
FY 2022 / 2023	120	49	169	71%
FY 2023/2024	143	3	146	98%
FY 2024/2025	81	18	99	82%
Overall	5,182	739	5,921	86%