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Budget 2024

Key Messages

ISSUE SUMMARY:

- The overall budget for the ministry is \$1,083.653 million, which represents a \$55.765 million increase, or 5.4 percent, from 2023/24 (restated).
- The overall increase against 2023/24 (restated) includes the following:
 - \$9.449 million for Community Social Services Wage Mandate and COLA
 - \$7.640 million for Nanaimo Correctional Centre Public Safety Programs
 - \$7.323 million for Wage Mandate (\$4.323 million Excluded, \$3.000 million included)
 - \$6.033 million for BC Coroners Service
 - \$5.740 million for RoadSafetyBC programs (RoadSafety Initiative, Intersection Safety Cameras, Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing)
 - \$4.821 million for RCMP Wage Increase
 - \$4.670 million for Corrections Food Services Contract
 - \$1.820 million EComm
 - \$1.289 million Independent Gambling Control Office transition
 - \$0.800 million Driver Medical Fitness Transformation
 - \$0.395 million for Cannabis Licensing
 - \$0.201 million for additional finance resources
 - (\$0.040) million transfer to CITZ for *Intimate Images Protection Act* for corporate support of FTEs

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- \$5.624 million primarily for the Wage Mandate from Budget 2023 and minor incremental Budget 2022 decisions

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1. Three Year Service Plan Comparison

(\$ millions)	2023/24*	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
2023/24 Plan*	1,027.888	1,033.837	1,033.392	1,033.392
2024/25 Plan	1,027.888	1,083.653	1,086.352	1,087.947
Plan over Plan Change		\$49.816	\$52.960	\$54.555
Plan over Plan % Change		4.82%	5.12%	5.28%
Year over Year Change		\$55.765	\$2.699	\$1.595
Year over Year % Change		5.43%	0.25%	0.15%

*2023/24 restated

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2. Plan-over-Plan Changes

Plan over Plan Changes	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Budget 2024 Decisions	(\$ millions)		
Community Social Services - Wage Mandate and COLA	9.449	9.449	9.449
Nanaimo Correctional Centre - Public Safety Programs	7.640	8.825	9.069
Wage Mandate	7.323	7.323	7.323
BC Coroners Service Caseload	6.033	6.399	6.769
RoadSafetyBC - RSI ISC TFRS	5.740	5.790	5.840
RCMP Wage Increase	4.821	5.072	5.072
Corrections - Food Services Contract	4.670	5.680	6.193
EComm	1.820	1.930	2.050
Independent Gambling Control Office (IGCO)	1.289	1.761	2.059
Driver Medical Fitness Transformation (DMFT)	0.800	0.500	0.500
Cannabis Licensing	0.395	0.395	0.395
Additional Finance Resources	0.201	0.201	0.201
Transfer to CITZ for <i>Intimate Images Protection Act</i>	(0.040)	(0.040)	(0.040)
GPEB transfer to CAS and MUNI	(0.455)	(0.455)	(0.455)
GPEB transfer to AG/JSB	(0.590)	(0.590)	(0.590)
Transfer FTEs from AG to PSSG/CMSB	0.720	0.720	0.720
Net Change	49.816	52.960	54.555

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3. Year-over-Year Changes

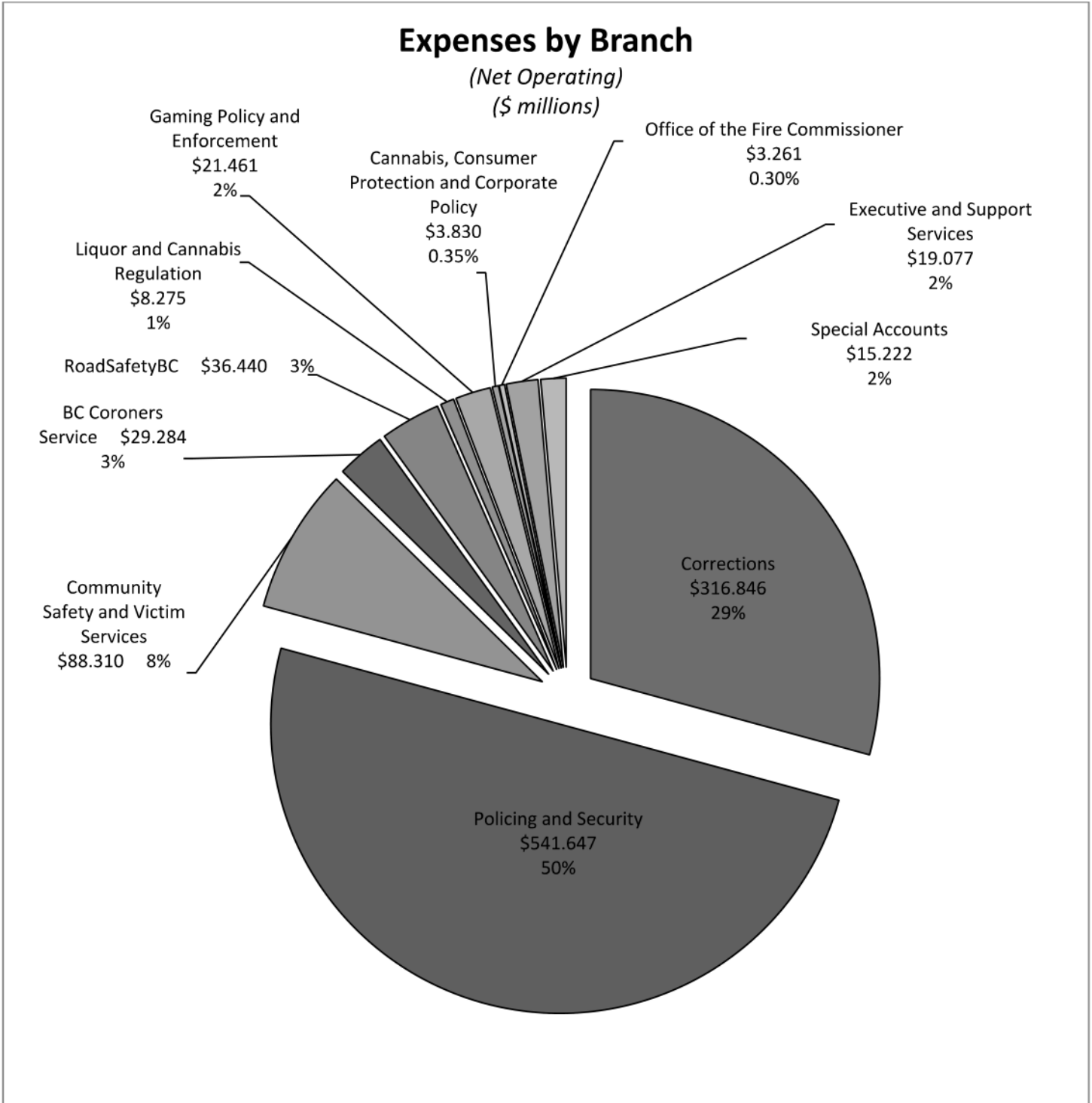
Year over Year Changes	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Budget 2024 Decisions	(\$ millions)		
Community Social Services - Wage Mandate and COLA	9.449	-	-
Nanaimo Correctional Centre - Public Safety Programs	7.640	1.185	0.244
Wage Mandate	7.323	-	-
BC Coroners Service Caseload	6.033	0.366	0.370
RoadSafetyBC - RSI ISC TFRS	5.740	0.050	0.050
RCMP Wage Increase	4.821	0.251	-
Corrections - Food Services Contract	4.670	1.010	0.513
EComm	1.820	0.110	0.120
Independent Gambling Control Office (IGCO)	1.289	0.472	0.298
Driver Medical Fitness Transformation (DMFT)	0.800	(0.300)	-
Cannabis Licensing	0.395	-	-
Additional Finance Resources	0.201	-	-
Transfer to CITZ for <i>Intimate Images Protection Act</i>	(0.040)	-	-
Sub-Total	50.141	3.144	1.595
Prior Years Funding Decisions			
Budget 2023			
Wage Mandate	5.587	-	-
Police Modernization	0.132	-	-
Community Social Services Agencies Wage Mandate	0.013	0.030	-
Decriminalization	(0.038)	(0.475)	-
Sub-Total	5.694	(0.445)	-
Budget 2022			
Victim Services Medical Forensic Examination	0.018	-	-
BC Coroners Service Caseload	(0.028)	-	-
Driver Medical Fitness Transformation (DMFT)	(0.060)	-	-
Sub-Total	(0.070)	-	-
Net Change	55.765	2.699	1.595

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4. Ministry Budget by Branch

Expenses by branch, as a share of total expenses (\$ millions)



Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General 2024/25 Summary of Ministry Changes

Expense by Branch	2023/24	2024/25	Change	Change
	Restated Estimates	Estimates	(\$)	(%)
Voted Appropriations	(\$ Millions)			
Corrections	296.131	316.846	20.715	7.00%
Policing and Security	534.024	541.647	7.623	1.43%
Community Safety and Victim Services	78.374	88.310	9.936	12.68%
BC Coroners Service	22.696	29.284	6.588	29.03%
RoadSafetyBC	29.244	36.440	7.196	24.61%
Liquor and Cannabis Regulation	7.616	8.275	0.659	8.65%
Gaming Policy and Enforcement	19.400	21.461	2.061	10.62%
Cannabis, Consumer Protection & Corp Policy	3.712	3.830	0.118	3.18%
Office of the Fire Commissioner	3.173	3.261	0.088	2.77%
Executive and Support Services	18.324	19.077	0.753	4.11%
Total Voted Appropriations	1,012.694	1,068.431	55.737	1.041
Statutory Appropriations				
Civil Forfeiture Account	0.409	0.437	0.028	6.85%
Correction Work Program Account	1.281	1.281	-	0.00%
Victim Surcharge Special Account	13.504	13.504	-	0.00%
Total Statutory Appropriations	15.194	15.222	0.028	0.18%
Total Appropriations	1,027.888	1,083.653	55.765	5.43%

5. Summary of Changes by Branch

Corrections

- \$20.715 million increase:
 - \$8.405 million Wage Mandate
 - \$7.640 million Nanaimo Correctional Centre
 - \$4.670 million Food Services Contract

Policing and Security

- \$7.623 million increase:
 - \$4.821 million RCMP Wage Increase
 - \$1.820 million EComm
 - \$0.888 million Wage Mandate
 - \$0.132 million Police Modernization
 - (\$0.038) million from Budget 2023 for Decriminalization

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Community Safety and Victim Services

- \$9.936 million increase:
 - \$9.462 million Community Social Services Sector Wage Mandate
 - \$0.496 million Wage Mandate
 - \$0.018 million from Budget 2023 for Victim Services Medical Forensic Examinations
 - (\$0.040) million transfer to CITZ for *Intimate Images Protection Act* for FTE cost

BC Coroners Service

- \$6.588 million increase:
 - \$6.005 million Caseload Pressures
 - \$0.583 million Wage Mandate

RoadSafetyBC

- \$7.196 million increase:
 - \$5.740 million Intersection Safety Camera, Road Safety Initiative and Traffic Revenue Sharing Programs
 - \$0.800 million Driver Medical Fitness Transformation
 - \$0.716 million Wage Mandate
 - (\$0.060) million from Budget 2023 for Driver Medical Fitness Transformation

Liquor and Cannabis Regulation

- \$0.659 million increase:
 - \$0.395 million Cannabis Licensing
 - \$0.264 million Wage Mandate

Gaming Policy and Enforcement

- \$2.061 million increase:
 - \$1.289 million Independent Gambling Control Office (IGCO) Transition
 - \$0.772 million Wage Mandate

Cannabis, Consumer Protection and Corporate Policy

- \$0.118 million increase:
 - \$0.118 million Wage Mandate

Office of the Fire Commissioner

- \$0.088 million increase:
 - \$0.088 million Wage Mandate

Executive and Support Services

- \$0.753 million increase:
 - \$0.552 million Wage Mandate
 - \$0.201 million Additional finance resources to support growth

Civil Forfeiture Office

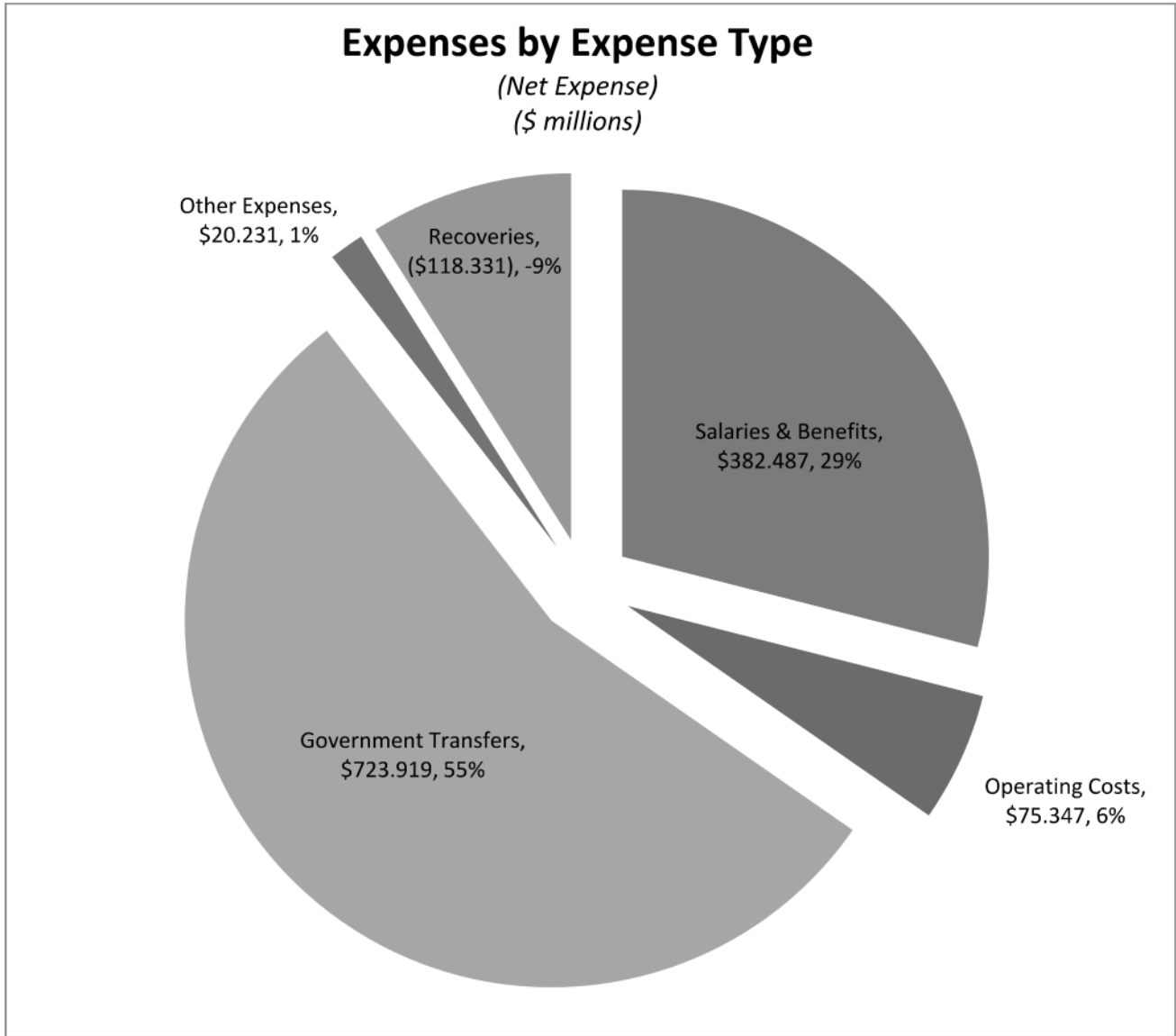
- \$0.028 million increase:
 - \$0.028 million Wage Mandate

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6. Ministry Budget by Expense Type

Expenses by expense type, as a share of total expenses (\$ millions)



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Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General 2024/25 Summary of Ministry Changes

Expenses by expense type ¹	2023/24	2024/25	Change	Change
	Restated Estimates	Estimates	(\$)	(%)
	(\$ millions)			
Salaries & Benefits	357.309	382.487	25.178	7.05%
Operating Costs	70.205	75.347	5.142	7.32%
Government Transfers	692.018	723.919	31.901	4.61%
Other Expenses	20.231	20.231	-	0.00%
Recoveries	(17.176)	(17.176)	-	0.00%
Recoveries External	(94.699)	(101.155)	(6.456)	6.82%
Total	1,027.888	1,083.653	55.765	5.43%

¹Does not include Allowances for Doubtful Accounts and Commissions on Collection of Public Funds, or the offsetting recoveries.

Summary of Changes:

Salaries & Benefits

- \$25.178 million increase:
 - \$13.366 million Wage Mandate
 - \$4.714 million Nanaimo Correctional Centre
 - \$2.492 million BC Coroners
 - \$1.289 million Independent Gambling Control Office (IGCO) Transition
 - \$0.974 million Road Safety Programs
 - \$0.800 million Driver Medical Fitness Transformation
 - \$0.756 million *Intimate Images Protection Act*
 - \$0.395 million Cannabis Licensing
 - \$0.201 million Additional finance resources
 - \$0.132 million from Budget 2023 for Police Modernization
 - \$0.054 million from Budget 2022 for BC Coroners Service Caseload Pressures
 - \$0.005 million from Budget 2023 for Sexual Assault Centres

Operating Costs

- \$5.142 million increase:
 - \$3.541 million BC Coroners Services
 - \$1.632 million Nanaimo Correctional Centre
 - \$0.126 million *Intimate Images Protection Act*
 - (\$0.015) million from Budget 2023 for Decriminalization
 - (\$0.060) million from Budget 2023 for Driver Medical Fitness Transformation
 - (\$0.082) million from Budget 2023 for BC Coroners Service Caseload Pressures

Government Transfers

- \$31.901 million increase:
 - \$9.462 million Community Social Services Sector
 - \$7.000 million Special Account Adjustment

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- \$4.821 million RCMP Wage Increase
- \$4.766 million Intersection Safety Camera, Road Safety Initiative and Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing Programs
- \$4.670 million Food Services Contract
- \$1.820 million EComm
- \$1.294 million Nanaimo Correctional Centre
- \$0.018 million from Budget 2022 for Victim Services Medical Forensic Examination
- (\$0.005) million Sexual Assault Centres
- (\$0.023) million from Budget 2023 for Decriminalization
- (\$0.922) million Reallocation from Sexual Assault Services to *Intimate Images Protection Act*
- (\$1.000) million Distribution of Gaming Proceeds adjustments

Other Expenses

No Change.

Internal Recoveries

No Change.

External Recoveries

- (\$6.456) million increase:
 - \$1.000 million Distribution of Gaming Proceeds adjustments
 - (\$0.456) million Wage Mandate
 - (\$7.000) million Special Account Adjustment

External Recoveries	2024/25
	(\$ millions)
Corrections	2.281
Policing and Security	52.251
Community Safety and Victim Services	0.300
BC Coroners Service	0.002
RoadSafetyBC	4.139
Liquor and Cannabis Regulation	14.862
Gaming Policy and Enforcement	12.772
Cannabis, Consumer Protection and Corporate Policy	0.002
Executive and Support Services	0.002
Civil Forfeiture Account	14.544
Total	101.155

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7. Capital Budget

Asset Type	2023/24	2024/25	Budget Change
	(\$ millions)		
Information Systems	0.000	0.014	0.014
Office Furniture and Equipment	0.017	0.039	0.022
Specialized Equipment	1.074	1.074	0.000
Vehicles	1.497	1.870	0.373
Total	2.588	2.997	0.409

- \$0.409 million increase is primarily due to reprofiling prior year budget for vehicle supply delays.

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**Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
3 Year Resource Summary**

ANNUAL SERVICE PLAN						
Core Business Area	2023/24 Restated Budget	2024/25 Estimate	2025/26 Plan	2026/27 Plan	2024/25 Changes	2024/25 Changes
	In \$ Millions					%
Corrections	296.131	316.846	319.041	319.798	20.715	7.0%
Policing and Security	534.024	541.647	541.533	541.653	7.623	1.4%
Community Safety and Victim Services	78.374	88.310	88.340	88.340	9.936	12.7%
BC Coroners Service	22.696	29.284	29.650	30.020	6.588	29.0%
RoadSafetyBC	29.244	36.440	36.190	36.240	7.196	24.6%
Liquor and Cannabis Regulation	7.616	8.275	8.275	8.275	0.659	8.7%
Gaming Policy and Enforcement	19.400	21.461	21.933	22.231	2.061	10.6%
Cannabis, Consumer Protection and Corporate Policy	3.712	3.830	3.830	3.830	0.118	3.2%
Office of the Fire Commissioner	3.173	3.261	3.261	3.261	0.088	2.8%
Executive and Support Services	18.324	19.077	19.077	19.077	0.753	4.1%
Special Accounts	15.194	15.222	15.222	15.222	0.028	0.2%
TOTAL	1,027.888	1,083.653	1,086.352	1,087.947	55.765	5.4%

Budget 2024 Decisions \$50.141M Increase:

- \$9.449 million Community Social Services Wage Mandate and Community Social Services COLA.
- \$7.640 million Nanaimo Correctional Centre - Public Safety Programs.
- \$7.323 million Wage Mandate.
- \$6.033 million BC Coroners Service.
- \$5.740 million RoadSafetyBC - RSI ISC TRFS.
- \$4.821 million RCMP Wage Increase.
- \$4.670 million Corrections - Food Services Contract.
- \$1.820 million EComm.
- \$1.289 million Independent Gambling Control Office (IGCO).
- \$0.800 million RoadSafetyBC - DMFT.
- \$0.395 million Cannabis Licensing.
- \$0.201 million for additional finance resources.
- (\$0.040) million transfer to CITZ for *Intimate Images Protection Act*.

Prior Years' Decisions:

Budget 2023 \$5.694M Increase:

- \$5.587 million Wage Mandate.
- \$0.132 million Police Modernization.
- \$0.013 million Community Social Services Agencies increase.
- (\$0.038) million Decriminalization.

Budget 2022 \$0.060M Decrease:

- \$0.018 million Victim Services Medical Forensic Examinations.
- (\$0.028) million BC Coroners Service Caseload Pressures.
- (\$0.060) million Driver Medical Fitness Transformation.

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Budget 2024 Decisions by Year
(in \$ millions)

Base Budget

	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	Total
Nanaimo Correctional Centre - Public Safety Programs	7.640	8.825	9.069	25.534
BC Coroners Service	6.033	6.399	6.769	19.201
RoadSafetyBC - RSI ISC TFRS	5.740	5.790	5.840	17.370
RCMP Wage Increase	4.821	5.072	5.072	14.965
Corrections - Food Services Contract	4.670	5.680	6.193	16.543
EComm	1.820	1.930	2.050	5.800
Transition to Independent Gambling Control Office	1.289	1.761	2.059	5.109
RoadSafetyBC - DMFT	0.800	0.500	0.500	1.800
Cannabis Licensing	0.395	0.395	0.395	1.185
Additional finance services	0.201	0.201	0.201	0.603
Transfer to CITZ for <i>Intimate Images Protection Act</i>	(0.040)	(0.040)	(0.040)	(0.120)
Program budget increases	33.369	36.513	38.108	107.990
SRM and COLA	16.772	16.772	16.772	50.316
Total	50.141	53.285	54.880	158.306

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL

The mission of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General is to deliver public safety services and programs, to administer regulations for the liquor and cannabis industries, and to ensure that the public has confidence in British Columbia's gaming sector.

MINISTRY SUMMARY

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	Estimates 2023/24 ¹	Estimates 2024/25
VOTED APPROPRIATION		
Vote 42 — Ministry Operations.....	1,012,694	1,068,431
STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS		
Civil Forfeiture Account Special Account.....	409	437
Corrections Work Program Account Special Account.....	1,281	1,281
Criminal Asset Management Fund Special Account.....	—	—
Victim Surcharge Special Account.....	13,504	13,504
OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>1,027,888</u>	<u>1,083,653</u>
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES ²	2,588	2,997
LOANS, INVESTMENTS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS ³	—	—
REVENUE COLLECTED FOR, AND TRANSFERRED TO, OTHER ENTITIES ⁴	—	—

NOTES

¹ For comparative purposes, figures shown for the 2023/24 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 2024/25 *Estimates*. A reconciliation of restated operating expenses and capital expenditures is presented in Schedule A.

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

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

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

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SUMMARY BY CORE BUSINESS

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OPERATING EXPENSES	2023/24	2024/25 ESTIMATES		
	Net	Gross	External Recoveries	Net
Core Business				
Corrections.....	296,131	319,127	(2,281)	316,846
Policing and Security.....	534,024	593,898	(52,251)	541,647
Community Safety and Victim Services.....	78,374	88,610	(300)	88,310
BC Coroners Service.....	22,696	29,286	(2)	29,284
RoadSafetyBC.....	29,244	40,579	(4,139)	36,440
Liquor and Cannabis Regulation.....	7,616	23,137	(14,862)	8,275
Gaming Policy and Enforcement.....	19,400	34,233	(12,772)	21,461
Cannabis, Consumer Protection and Corporate Policy.....	3,712	3,832	(2)	3,830
Office of the Fire Commissioner.....	3,173	3,261	—	3,261
Executive and Support Services.....	18,324	19,079	(2)	19,077
Civil Forfeiture Account Special Account.....	409	14,981	(14,544)	437
Corrections Work Program Account Special Account.....	1,281	1,281	—	1,281
Criminal Asset Management Fund Special Account.....	—	—	—	—
Victim Surcharge Special Account.....	13,504	13,504	—	13,504
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>1,027,888</u>	<u>1,184,808</u>	<u>(101,155)</u>	<u>1,083,653</u>
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	Capital Expenditures	Capital Expenditures	Receipts and P3 Liabilities	Net
Core Business				
Corrections.....	1,062	1,062	—	1,062
BC Coroners Service.....	12	12	—	12
Office of the Fire Commissioner.....	—	36	—	36
Executive and Support Services.....	1,514	1,887	—	1,887
TOTAL	<u>2,588</u>	<u>2,997</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2,997</u>

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL

VOTE DESCRIPTIONS
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VOTE 42 — MINISTRY OPERATIONS

This vote provides for the programs, operations, and other activities described in the voted appropriations under the following core businesses: Corrections; Policing and Security; Community Safety and Victim Services; BC Coroners Service; RoadSafetyBC; Liquor and Cannabis Regulation; Gaming Policy and Enforcement; Cannabis, Consumer Protection and Corporate Policy; Office of the Fire Commissioner; and Executive and Support Services.

CORRECTIONS

Voted Appropriation

Corrections.....	<u>296,131</u>	<u>316,846</u>
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Voted Appropriation Description: This sub-vote provides for the management of remanded and sentenced adult offenders in custody and in the community and for the planning and management of correctional programs. Costs may be recovered from ministries, Crown agencies, boards and commissions, other levels of governments, and other parties both internal and external to government for activities described within this sub-vote.

POLICING AND SECURITY

Voted Appropriation

Policing and Security.....	<u>534,024</u>	<u>541,647</u>
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Voted Appropriation Description: This sub-vote provides for superintending policing and law enforcement in the province; management of contract policing; development and administration of policy and legislation regarding cannabis enforcement, including stakeholder consultation and public engagement; and developing and delivering initiatives to maintain safe and secure communities. This sub-vote also provides for security industry regulations and other protective programs and for the activities of the cross-government Compliance and Enforcement Secretariat. Costs may be recovered from ministries, Crown agencies, boards and commissions, other levels of government, and other parties both internal and external to government for activities described within this sub-vote.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND VICTIM SERVICES

Voted Appropriation

Community Safety and Victim Services.....	<u>78,374</u>	<u>88,310</u>
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Voted Appropriation Description: This sub-vote provides for direct services to support victims of crime, counselling and outreach services for people impacted by violence, and financial assistance and benefits to assist victims in their recovery from the impacts of violent crime. This sub-vote also provides for facilitating restitution to victims and support to communities to prevent crime, violence, and victimization. Costs may be recovered from the Victim Surcharge Special Account for victim service programs, from ministries for special public safety initiatives, and from other levels of government for activities described within this sub-vote.

BC CORONERS SERVICE

Voted Appropriation

BC Coroners Service.....	<u>22,696</u>	<u>29,284</u>
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Voted Appropriation Description: This sub-vote provides for the operation of the BC Coroners Service and the administration of the *Coroners Act*, including investigating unnatural, sudden, and unexpected deaths; investigating and reviewing children's deaths; identifying, and publicly reporting on relevant facts about, deceased persons; advancing recommendations aimed at the prevention of death; holding inquests and Death Review Panels; and reporting on issues affecting public health and safety. Costs may be recovered from ministries, Crown agencies, and other levels of government for activities described within this sub-vote.

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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL

VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

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	Estimates 2023/24	Estimates 2024/25
ROADSAFETYBC		
Voted Appropriation		
RoadSafetyBC.....	29,244	36,440

Voted Appropriation Description: This sub-vote provides for programs and activities of RoadSafetyBC, including leading and supporting government traffic safety initiatives, administration of driver regulatory and traffic safety programs, setting driver licensing policies, monitoring and regulating unfit drivers, conducting appeals of driving prohibitions and conducting hearings and reviews of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia's decisions respecting driver licence sanctions, driver training schools, driver trainer licences, and other driver-related programs. This sub-vote also provides for expenses related to participation in national organizations and reimbursements for programs administered by RoadSafetyBC. Costs may be recovered from appeal fees and program fees. Costs may also be recovered from ministries, Crown agencies, boards and commissions, other levels of government, organizations for activities described within this sub-vote.

LIQUOR AND CANNABIS REGULATION**Voted Appropriations**

Liquor Regulation.....	1	1
Cannabis Regulation.....	7,615	8,274
	<u>7,616</u>	<u>8,275</u>

Voted Appropriations Description: This sub-vote provides for the overall policy development, administration, licensing, and enforcement of cannabis and liquor in support of the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* and regulations, and the *Cannabis Control and Licensing Act* and regulations to establish and operate ongoing programs to reduce the incidence of underage consumption and increase public awareness about responsible consumption. 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.

GAMING POLICY AND ENFORCEMENT**Voted Appropriations**

Gaming Policy and Enforcement Operations.....	19,399	21,460
Distribution of Gaming Proceeds.....	1	1
	<u>19,400</u>	<u>21,461</u>

Voted Appropriations Description: This sub-vote provides for the administration of gaming in the province, including horse racing and lotteries, and includes development and administration of legislation, policy, standards, and regulations; licensing gaming events; oversight of horse racing events and teletheatres; registration; regulation of gaming supplies; auditing all forms of gambling activities for compliance, investigation, and enforcement activities concerning legal gaming venues and illegal gaming; the management of the Province's gaming initiatives; the Province's responsible gambling strategy and problem gambling program; and the distribution of gaming proceeds. Costs may be recovered from revenues paid into the General Fund of the Consolidated Revenue Fund by the British Columbia Lottery Corporation, from processing fees for gaming event licence applications, from the Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency for horse race testing, from external entities for horse race betting, and from gaming registrants for direct costs incurred in the processing of registration applications for activities described within this sub-vote. Costs may also be recovered from ministries for activities described within this sub-vote.

CANNABIS, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND CORPORATE POLICY**Voted Appropriation**

Cannabis, Consumer Protection and Corporate Policy.....	3,712	3,830
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Voted Appropriation Description: This sub-vote provides for service planning for the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General; development of policy and legislation regarding consumer protection and other corporate priorities; oversight of delegated consumer protection authorities; development of research, policy, and legislation regarding cannabis; negotiation of agreements with First Nations; and stakeholder consultation and public engagement. Costs may be recovered from ministries, Crown agencies, boards and commissions, other levels of government, and other parties both internal and external to government for activities described within this sub-vote.

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VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

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	Estimates 2023/24	Estimates 2024/25
OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER		
Voted Appropriation		
Office of the Fire Commissioner.....	3,173	3,261
	<u>3,173</u>	<u>3,261</u>
Voted Appropriation Description: This sub-vote provides for the Office of the Fire Commissioner, which implements fire safety regulations and activities, promotes fire safety, and assists major fire investigations and the response to major wildland urban interface fire emergencies. Costs may be recovered from ministries for activities described within this sub-vote.		
EXECUTIVE AND SUPPORT SERVICES		
Voted Appropriations		
Minister's Office.....	784	810
Corporate Services.....	17,540	18,267
	<u>18,324</u>	<u>19,077</u>
Voted Appropriations Description: This sub-vote provides for the office of the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General; executive direction of the ministry, including the Deputy Solicitor General's office; general services to support program delivery; policy development; and management services for the ministry, including oversight of Crown corporations, and for the Ministry of Attorney General and the Ministry of Housing, including financial administration, facilities management, and organizational development. Costs may be recovered from ministries, Crown agencies, boards and commissions, other levels of government, organizations, and individuals for activities described within this sub-vote.		
VOTE 42 — MINISTRY OPERATIONS	1,012,694	1,068,431

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STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS

These statutory appropriations provide for the programs, operations, and other activities of the following special accounts: Civil Forfeiture Account, Corrections Work Program Account, Criminal Asset Management Fund, and Victim Surcharge Special Account.

CIVIL FORFEITURE ACCOUNT

Statutory Appropriation

Civil Forfeiture Account.....	409	437
	<u>409</u>	<u>437</u>

Statutory Appropriation Description: This statutory appropriation provides for the Civil Forfeiture Account which is governed under the *Civil Forfeiture Act*.

CORRECTIONS WORK PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Statutory Appropriation

Corrections Work Program Account.....	1,281	1,281
	<u>1,281</u>	<u>1,281</u>

Statutory Appropriation Description: This statutory appropriation provides for the Corrections Work Program Account which is governed under the *Correction Act*.

CRIMINAL ASSET MANAGEMENT FUND

Statutory Appropriation

Criminal Asset Management Fund.....	—	—
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

Statutory Appropriation Description: This statutory appropriation provides for the Criminal Asset Management Fund which is governed under the *Criminal Asset Management Act*.

VICTIM SURCHARGE SPECIAL ACCOUNT

Statutory Appropriation

Victim Surcharge Special Account.....	13,504	13,504
	<u>13,504</u>	<u>13,504</u>

Statutory Appropriation Description: This statutory appropriation provides for the Victim Surcharge Special Account which is governed under the *Victims of Crime Act*.

MINISTRY GROUP ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION SUMMARY

GROUP ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION

Salaries and Benefits	357,309	382,487
Operating Costs	70,205	75,347
Government Transfers	692,018	723,919
Other Expenses	20,231	20,231
Internal Recoveries	(17,176)	(17,176)
External Recoveries	(94,699)	(101,155)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES.....	<u>1,027,888</u>	<u>1,083,653</u>

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SPECIAL ACCOUNTS¹
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	Estimates 2023/24	Estimates 2024/25
CIVIL FORFEITURE ACCOUNT		
This account was established by the <i>Civil Forfeiture Act</i> in 2005. The purpose of the Act is to suppress unlawful activities by removing the associated economic incentive and to fund crime prevention, crime remediation, and victim compensation initiatives. The account is established to receive the liquidated value of forfeited assets and to distribute the net revenue in the form of grants. The net revenue represents the excess of recoveries over expenses in a given fiscal year. Expenses are limited to those permitted within the scope of the Act and include administration of the Act. Costs may be recovered from proceeds from judgments or settlements of concluded legal proceedings.		
SPENDING AUTHORITY AVAILABLE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR ².....	<u>7,580</u>	<u>7,171</u>
OPERATING TRANSACTIONS		
Revenue.....	—	—
Expense.....	(7,910)	(14,981)
Internal and External Recoveries.....	<u>7,501</u>	<u>14,544</u>
Net Revenue (Expense).....	<u>(409)</u>	<u>(437)</u>
FINANCING TRANSACTIONS		
Receipts.....	—	—
Disbursements.....	—	—
Capital Expenditures.....	—	—
Net Cash Source (Requirement).....	—	—
PROJECTED SPENDING AUTHORITY AVAILABLE AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR ².....	<u><u>7,171</u></u>	<u><u>6,734</u></u>

NOTES

¹ A Special Account is an account in the General Fund where the authorization to spend money from the account is located in an Act other than the *Supply Act*.

² The Spending Authority Available at the Beginning of the Fiscal Year 2023/24 is based on the 2022/23 *Public Accounts*. The Projected Spending Authority Available at the End of the Fiscal Year represents the cash and temporary investments projected to be available at the end of each fiscal year.

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SPECIAL ACCOUNTS¹

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	Estimates 2023/24	Estimates 2024/25
CORRECTIONS WORK PROGRAM ACCOUNT		
This account was established by the <i>Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No.2)</i> in 1987 and is governed under the <i>Correction Act</i> . The purpose of the account is to assist inmates in acquiring skills and to encourage them to develop good work habits. Revenue represents proceeds from the sale of goods and services produced by inmates. Expenses are for supplies and costs related to the Corrections Work Program. Administration costs are funded through the ministry's voted appropriations.		
SPENDING AUTHORITY AVAILABLE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR ².....	1,658	1,787
OPERATING TRANSACTIONS		
Revenue.....	650	650
Expense.....	(1,281)	(1,281)
Transfer from Ministry Operations Vote.....	700	700
Net Revenue (Expense).....	<u>69</u>	<u>69</u>
FINANCING TRANSACTIONS		
Receipts.....	—	—
Disbursements.....	—	—
Capital Expenditures.....	—	—
Net Cash Source (Requirement).....	—	—
Working Capital Adjustments and Other Spending Authority Committed ³	<u>60</u>	<u>60</u>
PROJECTED SPENDING AUTHORITY AVAILABLE AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR ².....	<u>1,787</u>	<u>1,916</u>

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³ The Working Capital Adjustments and Other Spending Authority Committed includes those adjustments that would change the cash balance of the Special Account. This may include amortization expense, changes in accounts receivable and payable, and the recognition of deferred revenues.

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SPECIAL ACCOUNTS¹
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	Estimates 2023/24	Estimates 2024/25
CRIMINAL ASSET MANAGEMENT FUND		
<p>The Forfeited Crime Proceeds Fund account was established by the <i>Special Accounts Appropriation and Control Act</i> in 1988, as amended by the <i>Attorney General Amendment Act</i> in 1989. This account was continued in 2012, under the name Criminal Asset Management Fund, by the <i>Criminal Asset Management Act</i>. The purpose of this account is to use the proceeds that government obtains from criminal forfeitures and certain fines for certain criminal justice purposes. Revenue represents money received by government from proceeds of crime provided by certain other governments, money paid as a fine under a provision of the <i>Criminal Code</i> of Canada or under similar legislation, and money forfeited under certain sections of the <i>Criminal Code</i> of Canada. Revenue also represents money realized from the disposition of forfeited property governed by the Act and other money, interest, and income provided for in the Act. Expenses are for compensation of eligible victims, crime prevention and remediation, administration of the Act, and other prescribed purposes. Administrative costs may be funded through the ministry's voted appropriations.</p>		
SPENDING AUTHORITY AVAILABLE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR ².....	2,510	2,510
OPERATING TRANSACTIONS		
Revenue.....	—	—
Expense.....	—	—
Net Revenue (Expense).....	—	—
FINANCING TRANSACTIONS		
Receipts.....	—	—
Disbursements.....	—	—
Capital Expenditures.....	—	—
Net Cash Source (Requirement).....	—	—
PROJECTED SPENDING AUTHORITY AVAILABLE AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR ².....	2,510	2,510

NOTES

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SPECIAL ACCOUNTS¹

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	Estimates 2023/24	Estimates 2024/25
VICTIM SURCHARGE SPECIAL ACCOUNT		
This account was established by the <i>Victims of Crime Act</i> in 1996. The purpose of the account is to fund services to victims of crime as provided for in the Act. Revenue represents proceeds from a victim surcharge levy on fines from all provincial offences, both court-imposed fines and those which result in a violation ticket. Revenue also includes proceeds from the federal victim surcharge levy on offences imposed by the court under the <i>Criminal Code</i> of Canada, fines issued under the <i>Controlled Drugs and Substances Act</i> , the <i>Cannabis Act</i> , and interest earned on the balance of the fund. Expenses are for justice system obligations to victims of crime under the Act, including administration costs for both the Ministry of Attorney General and the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General. Any remaining funds may be expended on initiatives which may benefit victims of crime. Administration costs are funded through the ministry's voted appropriations.		
SPENDING AUTHORITY AVAILABLE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR ².....	27,970	26,466
OPERATING TRANSACTIONS		
Revenue.....	12,000	12,000
Expense.....	(13,504)	(13,504)
Net Revenue (Expense).....	(1,504)	(1,504)
FINANCING TRANSACTIONS		
Receipts.....	—	—
Disbursements.....	—	—
Capital Expenditures.....	—	—
Net Cash Source (Requirement).....	—	—
PROJECTED SPENDING AUTHORITY AVAILABLE AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR ².....	26,466	24,962

NOTES

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VOTE 42 Ministry Operations

Description	Total 2023/24 Operating Expenses	50	51	52	54	Total Salaries and Benefits	55	57	59	60	63	65	67	68	69
Corrections	296,131	203,050	4,924	51,694	—	259,668	—	857	2,504	3,388	940	2,271	—	—	8,630
Policing and Security	534,024	17,297	25	4,393	—	21,715	—	212	642	2,122	446	809	—	—	449
Community Safety and Victim Services	78,374	8,848	76	2,248	—	11,172	—	69	91	429	595	202	—	—	—
BC Coroners Service	22,696	12,187	76	3,096	—	15,359	55	317	201	12,081	498	241	—	—	108
RoadSafetyBC	29,244	17,745	51	4,507	—	22,303	—	86	2,599	1,482	480	271	—	—	—
Liquor and Cannabis Regulation	7,616	13,970	40	3,548	—	17,558	—	321	472	417	1,515	518	—	—	19
Liquor Regulation	1	8,811	20	2,238	—	11,069	—	221	147	300	525	300	—	—	5
Cannabis Regulation	7,615	5,159	20	1,310	—	6,489	—	100	325	117	990	218	—	—	14
Gaming Policy and Enforcement	19,400	13,049	72	3,315	—	16,436	—	466	358	512	500	580	—	40	2
Gaming Policy and Enforcement Operations	19,399	13,049	72	3,315	—	16,436	—	466	358	512	500	580	—	40	2
Distribution of Gaming Proceeds	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cannabis, Consumer Protection and Corporate Policy	3,712	2,743	—	697	—	3,440	—	44	109	100	3	35	—	—	—
Office of the Fire Commissioner	3,173	2,245	—	570	—	2,815	—	40	—	70	110	100	—	—	14
Executive and Support Services	18,324	8,654	27	2,231	58	10,970	—	156	166	111	4,473	252	—	—	5
Minister's Office	784	497	—	150	58	705	—	65	—	—	10	22	—	—	3
Corporate Services	17,540	8,157	27	2,081	—	10,265	—	91	166	111	4,463	230	—	—	2
Total	1,012,694	299,788	5,291	76,299	58	381,436	55	2,568	7,142	20,712	9,560	5,279	—	40	9,227

Statutory Appropriations

Description	Total 2023/24 Operating Expenses	50	51	52	54	Total Salaries and Benefits	55	57	59	60	63	65	67	68	69
Civil Forfeiture Account	409	838	—	213	—	1,051	—	30	3,229	—	25	55	—	90	—
Corrections Work Program Account	1,281	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	41	—	—	475
Criminal Asset Management Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Victim Surcharge Special Account	13,504	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	15,194	838	—	213	—	1,051	—	30	3,229	—	39	96	—	90	475

70	72	73	75	Total Operating Costs	77	79	80	Total Govt Transfers	81	83	85	Total Other Expenses	86	88	Total Internal Recoveries	89	90	Total External Recoveries	Total 2024/25 Operating Expenses
973	—	3,777	3,331	26,671	—	4,300	27,661	31,961	—	—	1,212	1,212	—	(385)	(385)	(1)	(2,280)	(2,281)	316,846
208	—	121	329	5,338	2,061	—	566,220	568,281	—	—	149	149	—	(1,585)	(1,585)	(1)	(52,250)	(52,251)	541,647
—	—	94	3	1,483	175	18,188	67,366	85,729	—	—	44	44	(9,816)	(2)	(9,818)	—	(300)	(300)	88,310
77	—	98	324	14,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	28	—	(101)	(101)	(1)	(1)	(2)	29,284
15	—	13	8	4,954	—	—	10,536	10,536	—	—	2,787	2,787	—	(1)	(1)	(1)	(4,138)	(4,139)	36,440
248	—	49	1,467	5,026	—	—	—	—	—	—	554	554	—	(1)	(1)	(1)	(14,861)	(14,862)	8,275
170	—	49	749	2,466	—	—	—	—	—	—	229	229	—	(1)	(1)	(1)	(13,761)	(13,762)	1
78	—	—	718	2,560	—	—	—	—	—	—	325	325	—	—	—	—	(1,100)	(1,100)	8,274
8	—	444	3	2,913	9,000	—	5,836	14,836	—	—	49	49	—	(1)	(1)	—	(12,772)	(12,772)	21,461
8	—	444	3	2,913	—	—	5,836	5,836	—	—	49	49	—	(1)	(1)	—	(3,773)	(3,773)	21,460
—	—	—	—	—	9,000	—	—	9,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(8,999)	(8,999)	1
—	—	—	—	291	100	—	—	100	—	—	2	2	—	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(2)	3,830
50	—	53	10	447	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1)	(1)	—	—	—	3,261
153	—	2,452	2,321	10,089	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,302	3,302	—	(5,282)	(5,282)	(1)	(1)	(2)	19,077
—	—	5	—	105	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	810
153	—	2,447	2,321	9,984	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,302	3,302	—	(5,282)	(5,282)	(1)	(1)	(2)	18,267
1,732	—	7,101	7,796	71,212	11,336	22,488	677,619	711,443	—	—	8,127	8,127	(9,816)	(7,360)	(17,176)	(7)	(86,604)	(86,611)	1,068,431

70	72	73	75	Total Operating Costs	77	79	80	Total Govt Transfers	81	83	85	Total Other Expenses	86	88	Total Internal Recoveries	89	90	Total External Recoveries	Total 2024/25 Operating Expenses
—	—	—	1	3,430	10,000	—	—	10,000	—	—	500	500	—	—	—	—	(14,544)	(14,544)	437
115	—	60	—	705	—	—	476	476	—	—	100	100	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,281
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	2,000	—	—	2,000	11,504	—	—	11,504	—	—	—	—	—	—	13,504
115	—	60	1	4,135	12,000	—	476	12,476	11,504	—	600	12,104	—	—	—	—	(14,544)	(14,544)	15,222

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Gun and Gang Violence

1. Key Facts and Figures

TOPIC: Gun and Gang Violence

DESCRIPTION: The unit's mandate is to target, investigate, prosecute, disrupt, and dismantle the organized crime groups and individuals that pose the highest risk to public safety due to their involvement in gang violence. The Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU) operates as an integrated team comprised of RCMP and municipal members that are seconded from 14 different municipal agencies in the province.

Question	Response
Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of BC (CFSEU-BC)	
Positions authorized within the CFSEU-BC	450 (incl. support staff)
Positions filled (operational capacity)	Security Concern
Position Breakdowns:	
Organized Crime Agency of BC - RM positions	52
Vacancies	Security Concern
Organized Crime Agency of BC - Civilian positions	116
Vacancies	Security Concern
RCMP established RM positions	168
Vacancies	Security Concern
RCMP established Civilian positions	39
Vacancies	Security Concern
Investigative and Enforcement Teams within the Unit This includes general and specialized Investigative Teams and Uniform Enforcement Teams across all districts. This does not include operational support or intelligence teams/units.	20 teams

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<p>Provincial funding for the Unit The unit is paid under the 70/30 cost share under the Provincial Police Service Agreement.</p>	<p>\$91.4M (at 100%) Provincial share: \$64M</p>
<p>Seizures</p>	<p>Response</p>
<p>CFSEU-BC (2020 – Sept 2023*) *Last reporting period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 500 firearms • \$5.3M in illegal cash and assets • Over 1,700Kg of illicit drugs and precursor chemicals
<p>Provincial Tactical Enforcement Priority Seizures (2020 – Sept 2023*) *Last reporting period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 800 firearms • >\$10M in illegal cash and assets • 1,800 of illicit drugs and precursor chemicals • 750 charges against PTEP targets
<p>Other Programs/Initiatives</p>	
<p>Witness Security Program</p>	<p>Security Concern</p>
<p>Gang Intervention and Exiting Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • >120 clients supported since inception • 51 designated as 'successfully' exited
<p>Guns and Gangs Violence Action Fund The fund is a five-year federal-provincial contribution agreement. Renewed for another 5 years (2023/24- 2027-28)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10,945,434.60 of funding for 2023/24 (\$54 million to BC over five years)

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2. Qs and As

1. Last year the province commissioned a report that resulted in some critical observations about the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of BC's response to the ongoing gang conflict. Why did you commission this report and what steps have you taken to implement recommendations?

- As the Province's anti-gang agency, the RCMP-administered Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit BC (CFSEU-BC) has the responsibility to lead the response to this threat and to take pro-active measures to reduce the violence and protect the public.
- The role of the Director of Police Services is to oversee policing in British Columbia, and as part of that mandate, the Director conducts reviews to ensure adequate and effective policing and that our investments are producing the desired public safety results.
- Reviews including their findings and recommendations provide opportunities for us to examine our collective efforts and consider opportunities that exist to improve our responses or capitalize on successes.
- This review and its recommendations were not about the dedicated service provided every day by the men and women who make up CFSEU-BC. They go above and beyond to suppress, investigate and dismantle the most significant threats in the BC gang landscape.
- The recommendations for this particular review support work already underway to improve strategic oversight at CFSEU-BC including governance reform and the development of a CFSEU-BC strategic plan.
- The recently published 2024-2027 Strategic Plan for CFSEU-BC marks a pivotal moment in our relentless work combatting organized crime in British Columbia. This plan articulates our forward-looking strategy, emphasizing collaborative intelligence, operational agility, and community partnerships.

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2. It seems like every week we hear about another gang related homicide. What is the government doing to address the increase in gun and gang violence?

- The loss of life through homicides is tragic and my thoughts are with those individuals and communities that are impacted by these violent crimes.
- Eliminating gun and gang violence is a shared responsibility between all levels of government. We continue to work with the federal government to ensure federal policing resources to deal with significant threats are sufficiently deployed in BC. We also work with municipalities to ensure their police forces are appropriately supported to confront gang crime in their local communities through integrated provincial teams and provincewide programs.
- The government invested more than \$100 million into specialized enforcement and intelligence initiatives related to guns, gangs, and illicit drug trafficking. This includes provincial and federal funding sources and covers prevention, intervention, intelligence, and enforcement initiatives. This funding ensures a multifaceted approach that leverages proactive enforcement, gang suppression, targeted disruption, and prevention and intervention programming for gang members.
- As part our \$230 investment under the Safer Communities Action Plan, we specifically identify that funding was going to the RCMP and that this funding would be used to address resource gaps in specialized units – this includes Major Crime Units in the province who have jurisdiction for investigating gang homicides in their areas.
- The *Firearm Violence Prevention Act* received Royal Assent in March 2021. Since then, the Ministry has been developing the Firearm Violence Prevention Regulation, which will supplement and bring into force the majority of the *Firearm Violence Prevention Act*. The Firearm Violence Prevention Regulation is currently being finalized

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3. What is the province doing to help communities across the province deal with gun and gang violence?

- Under the BC Organized Crime Strategy, we are employing a comprehensive approach to tackling organized crime. We are working to ensure our laws, polices, funding and other initiatives are prioritized and aligned to our overall goal of eliminating gang violence.
- **Support for law enforcement teams and dedicated prosecutors:**
 - Provincial Tactical Enforcement Priority – (\$5M PSB, \$1.3M the Gun and Gang Violence Action Fund) - identifies and targets priority gang-affiliated individuals in each district of the province.
 - Gang prosecutors – (\$1.4M Gun and Gang Violence Action Fund) - to ensure expertise and reduce delays associated with organized crime/gang-related trials.
- **Youth gang prevention:**
 - True long-term success requires us to look beyond traditional justice system responses. For true lasting change, we need to keep children from being drawn into the gang lifestyle.
 - Expect Respect & A Safe Education (ERASE) – (\$1.13M) - provides dedicated funding through school district grants to build in-house capacity to adopt best practice methods of gang prevention and intervention, reducing the threat of exploitation and organized crime recruitment among youth.
 - Gang Intervention & Exiting Team (GIET) – (\$1.6M) - provides the only gang intervention and exiting program across the country that is embedded within a police agency and managed by police members and civilians. This unique structure allows the team to identify and recruit into the program, the highest-risk targets and support gang-entrenched youth and adults in exiting the gang lifestyle.

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