



OFFICERS OF THE LEGISLATURE

SUMMARY

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	Estimates 2004/05 ¹	Estimates 2005/06
VOTED APPROPRIATIONS		
Vote 2 — Auditor General.....	7,069	7,670
Vote 3 — Conflict of Interest Commissioner.....	292	292
Vote 4 — Elections BC.....	13,508	31,506
Vote 5 — Information and Privacy Commissioner.....	2,133	2,211
Vote 6 — Ombudsman.....	3,097	3,388
Vote 7 — Police Complaint Commissioner.....	985	1,290
OPERATING EXPENSE	<u>27,084</u>	<u>46,357</u>
PREPAID CAPITAL ADVANCES ²	—	—
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES ³	508	3,920
LOANS, INVESTMENTS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS ⁴	—	—
REVENUE COLLECTED FOR, AND TRANSFERRED TO, OTHER ENTITIES ⁵	—	—
FULLTIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) EMPLOYMENT ⁶	190	187

NOTES

¹ For comparative purposes only, figures shown for 2004/05 expense, FTEs and capital expenditures have been restated to be consistent with the presentation of the September Update 2005/06 Estimates. Schedule A presents a detailed reconciliation.

² Details of prepaid capital advances are presented in Schedule C.

³ Details of capital expenditures are presented in Schedule D.

⁴ Details of loans, investments and other requirements are presented in Schedule E.

⁵ Details of revenue collected for, and transferred to, other entities are presented in Schedule F.

⁶ Details of FTEs are presented in Schedule G.

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OPERATING EXPENSE	2004/05	2005/06 ESTIMATES		
	Net	Gross	External Recoveries	Net
Auditor General.....	7,069	9,970	(2,300)	7,670
Conflict of Interest Commissioner.....	292	292	—	292
Elections BC.....	13,508	31,506	—	31,506
Information and Privacy Commissioner.....	2,133	2,213	(2)	2,211
Ombudsman.....	3,097	3,389	(1)	3,388
Police Complaint Commissioner.....	985	1,290	—	1,290
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	27,084	48,660	(2,303)	46,357

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	Net	Disbursements	Receipts	Net
Auditor General.....	200	200	—	200
Conflict of Interest Commissioner.....	3	—	—	—
Elections BC.....	195	3,600	—	3,600
Information and Privacy Commissioner.....	20	30	—	30
Ombudsman.....	65	65	—	65
Police Complaint Commissioner.....	25	25	—	25
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	508	3,920	—	3,920

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VOTE 2 — AUDITOR GENERAL

This vote provides for the operations of the Office of the Auditor General. The Auditor General, an officer of the Legislature under the authority of the *Auditor General Act*, exists to help members of the legislative assembly hold the government accountable. Through its audit opinions, the Auditor General gives legislators audit assessments about the fairness and reliability of the financial statements and public accounts of the government. The Auditor General also assesses the operations and performance of the government's programs and services. The reports of the Auditor General are tabled with the Legislative Assembly and discussed, in a public forum, with the Public Accounts Committee of the legislature. The Auditor General recovers the costs incurred to provide audit services to parties external to government, such as the Workers' Compensation Board and the British Columbia Investment Management Corporation.

OPERATING EXPENSE

Auditor General.....	7,069	<u>7,670</u>
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CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Auditor General.....	200	<u>200</u>
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FULLTIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) EMPLOYMENT

Auditor General.....	95	<u>88</u>
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VOTE 3 — CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMISSIONER

This vote provides for the operation of the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner. The Commissioner is an officer of the Legislature with a mandate under the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* to meet the requirements under the Act.

OPERATING EXPENSE

Conflict of Interest Commissioner.....	292	<u>292</u>
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CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Conflict of Interest Commissioner.....	3	<u>—</u>
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FULLTIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) EMPLOYMENT

Conflict of Interest Commissioner.....	2	<u>2</u>
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VOTE 4 — ELECTIONS BC

This vote provides for the ongoing operating costs of the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer and provides for the administration of provincial elections, plebiscites, voter registration and list maintenance, enumerations, referenda, electoral boundaries, election financing, registration of political parties and constituency associations, recall petitions, initiative petitions and initiative votes, and other aspects of the provincial electoral process. The Chief Electoral Officer is an officer of the Legislature and is responsible for the administration of the *Election Act* and the *Recall and Initiative Act*.

OPERATING EXPENSE

Elections BC.....	13,508	<u>31,506</u>
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CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Elections BC.....	195	<u>3,600</u>
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FULLTIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) EMPLOYMENT

Elections BC.....	39	<u>39</u>
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VOTE 5 — INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER

This vote provides for the salaries, benefits, and expenses of the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC) and provides for other duties and functions given to the Commissioner by statute. The Commissioner is an officer of the Legislature under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA) and (effective January 1, 2004) under the *Personal Information Protection Act* (PIPA), with a broad mandate to protect the rights given to the public under FOIPPA and PIPA. This includes conducting reviews of access to information requests, investigating complaints, monitoring general compliance with the Acts, promoting freedom of information and protection of privacy principles, and overseeing and enforcing the lobbyist's registry program pursuant to the *Lobbyists Registration Act*. Costs related to any conferences held by the OIPC are fully recovered from participants and sponsoring agencies.

OPERATING EXPENSE

Information and Privacy Commissioner.....	2,133	2,211
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CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Information and Privacy Commissioner.....	20	30
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FULLTIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) EMPLOYMENT

Information and Privacy Commissioner.....	17	17
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VOTE 6 — OMBUDSMAN

This vote provides for the salaries, benefits, and expenses for the operation of the Office of the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman is an officer of the Legislature, under the authority of the *Ombudsman Act*. The Ombudsman may investigate, either in response to a specific complaint or on the Ombudsman's own initiative, the actions and decisions of government bodies. The jurisdiction of the Ombudsman extends to ministries of the province, Crown corporations, provincially appointed agencies, boards and commissions, school districts, colleges, universities, hospitals, governing bodies of professional and occupational associations, local governments, regional districts and any other authorities listed in the schedule of the *Ombudsman Act*. The Ombudsman may undertake initiatives to increase public understanding of the role of the Ombudsman, and to improve government's and other public bodies' commitment to respect the principles of administrative fairness and natural justice. Internal recoveries are for costs incurred in the provision of services to other officers of the Legislature and for the distribution of materials, developed by the office, to ministries or agencies of government. External recoveries are for the cost of services provided for in the vote and for distribution of materials. This vote also provides for Case Tracker database services to other officers of the Legislature or similar agencies inside/outside British Columbia on a fee-for-service basis.

OPERATING EXPENSE

Ombudsman.....	3,097	3,388
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CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Ombudsman.....	65	65
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FULLTIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) EMPLOYMENT

Ombudsman.....	31	34
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VOTE 7 — POLICE COMPLAINT COMMISSIONER

This vote provides for the salaries and benefits and expenses of the Police Complaint Commissioner and staff and the costs incurred by the Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner in dealing with complaints against municipal police and members of policing units designated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. The Police Complaint Commissioner is an officer of the Legislature, under the authority of the *Police Act*.

OPERATING EXPENSE

Police Complaint Commissioner.....	985	<u>1,290</u>
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CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Police Complaint Commissioner.....	25	<u>25</u>
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FULLTIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) EMPLOYMENT

Police Complaint Commissioner.....	6	<u>7</u>
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GROUP ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION SUMMARY

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Salaries and Benefits	14,100	15,157
Operating Costs	8,296	8,566
Government Transfers	61	63
Other Expenses	7,012	25,016
Internal Recoveries	—	(142)
External Recoveries	(2,385)	(2,303)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE.....	<u>27,084</u>	<u>46,357</u>