

Transitional Assistance Allowance for Members (unaudited)

Paid in the period April 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 [Note 1]

Transitional Assistance

Transitional assistance paid in aggregate during the period totalled \$468,126.54.

Transitional assistance is available to former Members who meet certain conditions following their term in office to enable them to have some income for a period of time until they find other employment. The work of a Member of the Legislative Assembly is not considered insurable employment by the Canada Revenue Agency, and therefore Members are not eligible to contribute to the federal Employment Insurance plan. The administration of the program, and the specific policies and procedures thereof, remain at the discretion of the Legislative Assembly Management Committee.

Eligibility and Enrollment

To be eligible for transitional assistance, Members must complete their term of office in a Parliament. Members who resign or forfeit their seat in the Legislative Assembly are not eligible for this assistance. Members who qualify at the time of a provincial general election will be enrolled automatically into the program. A Member can decline to participate in the program at any time.

Note 1 Basis of Accounting

This report has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting whereby expenses are recorded when cash is actually received or paid out.

Note 2 The 41st Parliament was dissolved on September 21, 2020 for the October 24 provincial general election. The 42nd Parliament opened on December 7. As a result of this election, twenty-seven Members qualified for the transitional assistance program.

Note 3 As approved by the Legislative Management Committee on November 25, 2019, payments made under the Transitional Assistance Allowance for Members be disclosed on the Legislative Assembly's website on an aggregate basis quarterly, following the next provincial general election.