Guide to Presentations and Submissions

The Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services invites British Columbians to share their priorities and ideas for the next provincial budget. You can share your input by speaking with the Committee at a public hearing (in-person or via teleconference), making a written, video or audio submission, or completing the online survey.

This document is provided as a guide for individuals and organizations making a presentation or submission for the Budget 2020 Consultation.

PREPARING YOUR PRESENTATION OR SUBMISSION
Your presentation or submission can be made in many forms; there is no one format or structure for providing input (for example, formal presentations or briefs are certainly not necessary).

When making your presentation or preparing your submission, you may wish to include the following information:

- a brief summary or rationale for your suggestions
- your top 3-5 recommendations in order of importance
- the estimated costs or savings, if applicable
- your organization’s background, if applicable

With respect to presentations, please note that the total presentation time is 10 minutes: 5 minutes to share your ideas and 5 minutes for questions. As such, it is helpful to the Committee if you highlight your top recommendation(s) and rationale in your presentation and provide any additional information or recommendations in supporting documents. When possible, supporting documents should be provided in advance of your presentation.

For both presentations and submissions, participants can revise and provide additional comments and documents up until the consultation closing date of Friday, June 28, 2019 at 5:00 pm.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT A PUBLIC HEARING
Please arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled presentation time. When you arrive, please check-in with Parliamentary Committee staff. If you are participating via teleconference, Parliamentary Committee staff will contact you prior to your speaking time and connect you to the Committee.

Public hearings are moderated by the Committee Chair. Committee Members and participants typically sit in a semi-circle or roundtable format (exact set-up may vary from venue to venue).

PRIVACY
Please note that public hearings are public meetings and the proceedings are recorded and transcribed by Hansard Services; transcripts will be posted on the Legislative Assembly website.

Submissions to parliamentary committees are considered public documents and may be published on the Committee’s website or made available to interested parties, usually following the release of a Committee’s report.

Please do not include any confidential information in your presentation and/or submission.

For more information, please see our Privacy Policy.

CONTACT
Should you require further information or assistance with your presentation and/or submission (including interpretive services), please contact the Parliamentary Committees Office at 250-356-2933 (toll-free in BC at 1-877-428-8337) or email FinanceCommittee@leg.bc.ca.