



December 8, 2014

Honourable Linda Reid
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia
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Dear Madame Speaker:

I am honoured to provide you with the attached budget submission setting out the resources required for the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia for the fiscal year 2015/16, along with the projection for the following three fiscal years. As the Assembly's chief procedural, administrative and financial officer - in effect, its Chief Executive Officer - I have overseen the development of the proposed budget and believe that the 2015/16 budget submission provides the necessary resources to enable the Legislative Assembly to fulfill its legislative, financial and oversight responsibilities for the fiscal years in question.

I am pleased to advise that the 2015/16 Vote 1 operating budget of \$69.565 million remains unchanged from the prior year. In order to maintain a status quo budget submission, Legislative Assembly support program budgets, representing approximately 37.5% of the total Vote 1 appropriation, have been reduced by \$325,000 or 1.2 per cent overall. This reduction, in large part achieved through operational efficiencies, is in addition to the Legislative Assembly support services, including the Offices of the Clerk, the Clerk of Committees, and the Speaker, absorbing all compensation and benefit increases for both Legislative Assembly staff and Members – an impact of approximately \$500,000.

Since being appointed as Clerk of the House, I have initiated a number of fundamental reforms to administrative programs that have resulted in savings and improved service delivery to members. The most recent of these reforms is the Legislative Assembly Support Program Accountability Review (LASPAR), an independent efficiency review launched in the spring of 2014. The objective of the review was to identify program savings and potential enhancements to improve performance and service delivery. Following consultation with Legislative Assembly Executive and staff, over \$1 million in savings have been identified. These savings will be implemented over a three year period, beginning in the 2015/16 fiscal year.

Other reforms underway include a long term accessibility plan for the Parliament Buildings, for the five years following the 2015/16 fiscal year. This plan will be prepared in concert with the Speaker and the Space Planning Committee, the latter being a laudable initiative on the part of the Speaker. In fact, the

Deputy Speaker who serves as Chair of the Space Planning Committee has successfully obtained a federal grant to rehabilitate the Cenotaph and, along with the Sergeant-at-Arms, is pursuing other federal grants to offset the costs of other projects contemplated for the parliamentary precinct. Other key initiatives that have taken place during the past year include a protocol agreement with various policing agencies including the RCMP – the first of its kind in Canada, strengthening of our business continuity planning and emergency preparedness plans, including hands-on table-top exercises using the knowledge gained from our work in this area, initiation of a thorough review of all existing Human Resource and Administrative Policies, and the publication of the Legislative Assembly's first Accountability Report, which includes the Legislature's first set of independent financial statements, for the 2013/14 fiscal year.

As you know, the 2013/14 financial statements were recently audited by the Office of the Auditor General and the result was an unqualified opinion. This is a significant achievement for the Legislative Assembly and reflects the extensive amount of work that has been undertaken to address financial deficiencies identified by the Auditor General, just over two years ago. Enhancing accountability through the strengthening of financial management and administration has enabled the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia to become one of the most transparent, accountable, effective, efficient and economical parliaments in the Commonwealth.

Yet challenges remain. Retrofitting and upgrading existing facilities at the Legislature is a very expensive undertaking, which is why I have been proposing a methodical approach to be implemented over a number of years. Such a plan will address not only our infrastructure challenges, but also enhance the accessibility, security and safety of the Assembly's inhabitants and the public who enjoy visiting here.

In recognition of our commitment to continued financial prudence, the 2015/16 Vote 1 capital budget has decreased from \$3.392 million to \$2.83 million, a reduction of \$562,000 or 16.6 per cent. This budget reflects the anticipated capital requirements for the upcoming year, including capital projects and anticipated lifecycle replacements. While the budget allows for maintenance of capital, in particular of the Parliament Buildings, it does not address the need for critical structural renovations or upgrades. These items have not been included this year due to budgetary constraints and our commitment to mirror the direction of government, but they remain significant and time-sensitive; consequently, it is recommended that a long-term capital plan, as noted above, be developed.

I would like to thank the Finance and Audit Committee and the Legislative Assembly Management Committee for their support over the past year, and to express my sincere appreciation to the staff of the Legislative Assembly for their contributions and ongoing commitment to the organization.

I look forward to discussing the proposed budget with you, and the members of the Finance and Audit Sub-Committee of LAMC, at our December 10, 2014 meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Craig James
Clerk of the House

- c. Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees
- Gary Lenz, Sergeant at Arms
- Hilary Woodward, Executive Financial Officer

Legislative Assembly of British Columbia 2015-16 Budget Submission – December 2014

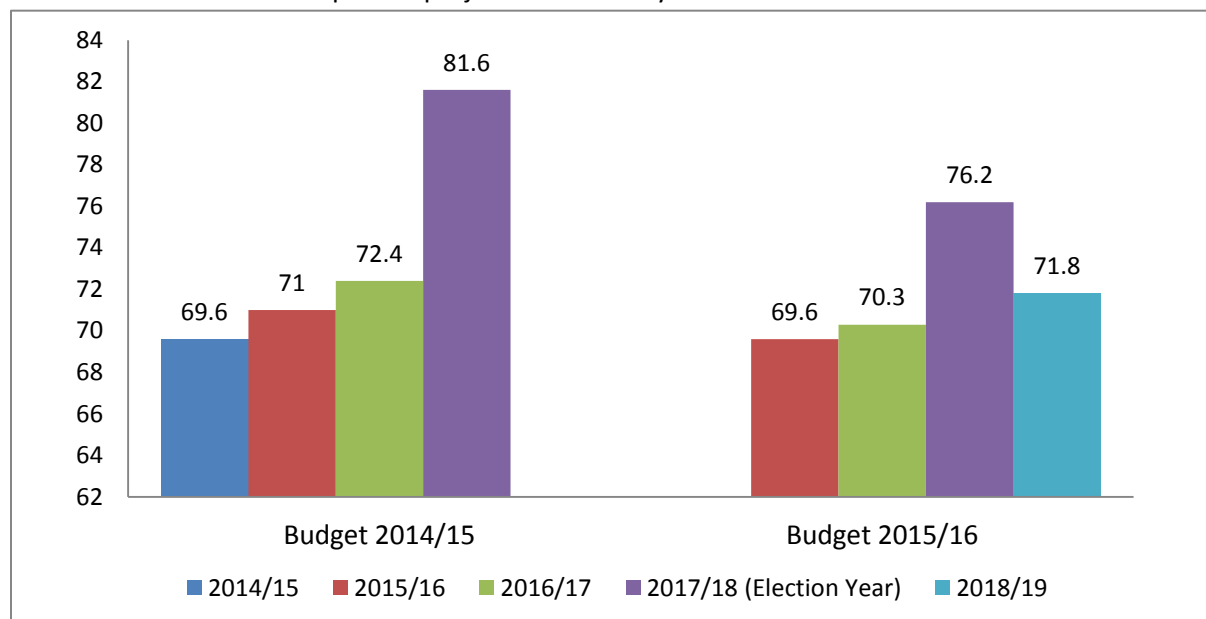
The Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, established under the provincial *Constitution Act*, has four main functions: to legislate; to approve the provincial budget; to scrutinize the executive branch; and to support Members in representing constituents. Members perform these functions individually and collectively through deliberations in the Legislature and in parliamentary committees. Under the leadership of the Clerk, the administrative departments of the Assembly provide the support services required by Members in the performance of their parliamentary duties.

Budget Overview

2014/15 Operating Budget

The proposed 2015/16 Legislative Assembly budget provides for total operating expenses of **\$69,565,000**. This amount is unchanged from the 2014/15 budget. In order to maintain a status quo budget submission, Legislative Assembly support program budgets, which represent approximately 37.5% of the total Vote 1 appropriation, have been reduced by \$325,000 or 1.2 per cent overall. This reduction, in large part achieved through operational efficiencies, is in addition to the Legislative Assembly support services, including the Offices of the Clerk, the Clerk of Committees, and the Speaker, absorbing all anticipated compensation and benefit increases for both Legislative Assembly staff and Members. The compensation increases reflect the increase in general salaries for staff, based on the BCGEU master agreement, and a statutory increase to members' compensation, based on the most recent BC Consumer Price Index projections. The total impact of the compensation and benefit increases is approximately \$500,000.

The table below shows the multi-year projections (in \$ millions) included in last year's budget submission as well as the updated projections for this year.



Annual Member’s indemnities and allowances and caucus funding are based on established funding formulas and continue to represent 62%, of the overall Legislative Assembly budget. The remaining 38% of expenses are required to support the day-to-day operations of the Legislative Assembly. Over the last five years, Legislative Assembly operations expenses have averaged approximately 37% of the total Legislative Assembly budget.

2015/16 Capital Budget

The proposed 2015/16 Legislative Assembly budget provides for total capital expenses of **\$2,830,000**. The capital budget has been reduced by 16.6% or \$562,000 as compared to the prior year.

This reduction reflects the anticipated capital requirements for the upcoming year, including capital projects and anticipated lifecycle replacements. While the capital budget allows for maintenance of capital, in particular in the Parliament Building, it does not allow for any major renovations or upgrades. Ongoing deferral of major renovations and upgrades will continue to affect the efficient and safe operation of the Parliament Buildings and the legislative precinct. Although these issues have not been included this year due to budgetary constraints, they remain significant and time-sensitive.

2015/16 to 2017/18 Projections

For planning purposes, future operating and capital expense budget projections are based on known and anticipated compensation increases, and maintenance only assumptions:

	Operating Expense	Capital Expense
2016/17	\$70,326,000	\$2,789,000
2017/18	\$76,235,000	\$3,296,000
2018/19	\$71,765,000	\$2,803,000

For planning purposes, the 2017/18 budget includes, in addition to an assumed compensation increases, a further \$5.2 million in election related operating expenses and \$500,000 in election related capital costs. These incremental amounts are comparable to actual election related costs incurred in the 2013/14 fiscal year.

The out year projections are high level planning figures, and will be reviewed annually as part of the budget’s preparation and approval process, and refined accordingly.

2015/16 Operating Budget

Summary of Operating Request:

As shown in Tables 1 and 2, the 2015/16 Legislative Assembly budget submission provides for total operating expenses of \$69,565,000, which is unchanged from the prior fiscal year. Recognizing the importance of responding to expenditure restraint by government, the proposed budget reflects our commitment to minimizing our administrative costs, while continuing to maintain services.

Operating Request Overview by Sub-Vote (Table 1)

Members Services:

Budget Summary	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Members' Services	35,993,000	36,392,000	42,208,000	36,068,000	36,279,000

The budget for Members Services has increased by \$211,000 (or 0.6%). This increase is the net result of a number of adjustments made within this category of expense:

- A \$345,000 reduction in members' indemnities and allowances was primarily due to adjustments to member allowances (e.g. changes to capital city living allowance option election) and a reduction in anticipated travel. The statutory increase to members' compensation was fully offset by a reduction in the benefits chargeback amount which was adjusted to match benefits paid.
- A \$509,000 increase in member constituency support, primarily due to higher benefits costs (\$259,000) and increases in the annual constituency office lease costs (\$230,000).
- A \$7,000 increase in the legislative committees budget to address an increase in legislative committee activities.
- A 40,000 increase in the inter-parliamentary relations budget to cover incremental costs related to hosting the CPA Canadian Regional Conference in July 2015. The cost of the conference was partially offset by reductions to MLA travel and inter-parliamentary visits.

Caucus Support Services:

Budget Summary	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Caucus Support Services	6,993,000	7,006,000	7,131,000	7,097,000	7,211,000

The budget for Caucus Support Services has increased by \$114,000 (or 1.6%). The increase is primarily due to an increase in the general salaries, based on the BCGEU master agreement, and benefits. These increases have a direct impact on the coefficients of the caucus funding formula, but the funding formula itself is unchanged.

Office of the Speaker:

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Office of the Speaker	421,000	421,000	380,000	420,000	418,000

The budget for the Office of the Speaker has decreased by \$2,000 (or 0.5%) as a result of operational efficiencies within the department.

Clerk of the House:

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Clerk of the House	1,098,000	1,149,000	1,043,000	1,130,000	1,017,000

The budget for the Clerk of the House has decreased by \$113,000 (or 10.0%) as a result of transitioning from a budgeted full-time Law Clerk position to a sessional position, and other operational efficiencies (such as reduction in conference travel).

Clerk of Committees:

Budget Summary	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Clerk of Committees	625,000	615,000	615,000	628,000	628,000

The budget for the Clerk of Committees remains unchanged as compared to the prior year. The increase in the general salaries, based on the BCGEU master agreement, and benefits has been offset by operational efficiencies in other expense categories.

Legislative Operations:

Budget Summary	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Legislative Operations	12,281,000	12,612,000	13,510,000	13,413,000	13,161,000

The budget for Legislative Operations has decreased by \$252,000 (or 1.9%). The decrease is primarily due to the net impact of the following changes:

- An increase in the general salaries and benefits (+\$547,000), based on the BCGEU master agreement and LAMC approved restructuring in the Financial Services department. This impact has been fully offset by operational efficiencies in other Legislative Operations expense categories.
- An increase in information systems (+\$310,000). This increase is due mainly to information technology business continuity planning development and an accounting treatment adjustment moving tangible capital assets less than \$1,000 from capital to operating budget. The general centralized expenditures information systems budget

was also increased to match expenses paid for telephone services. This impact has been fully offset by operational efficiencies in other Legislative Operations expense categories.

- A reduction in professional services (\$62,000) due to operational efficiencies and a reduced need for services due to filled staffing vacancies.
- A reduction in Legislative Facilities Services major asset maintenance budget due to reduced planned maintenance projects (\$429,000).
- A reduction in overall general expenditures (\$21,000) due to operational efficiencies.
- Reduced costs due to identified operational efficiencies related to producing legislative documents (\$47,000).
- A reduction in amortization expense budget (\$550,000) as a result of a change in accounting policy for the financial statements.

A contingency reserve of \$373,000 to address unforeseen expenses (see *Risks to Operating Budget* on page 8) remains unchanged from the prior year.

Included in the budget is \$533,000 in recoveries from the Legislative dining room, the gift shop and leasing arrangements on the precinct.

Sergeant at Arms:

Budget Summary	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Sergeant-at-Arms	4,716,000	4,695,000	4,533,000	4,623,000	4,862,000

The budget for the Sergeant at Arms has increased by \$239,000 (5.2%). The increase is a due to an increase in the general salaries, based on the BCGEU master agreement, and benefits, including the various security enhancements.

Hansard:

Budget Summary	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Hansard	4,087,000	4,154,000	3,950,000	4,015,000	3,818,000

The budget for Hansard services has decreased by \$197,000 (4.9%). The decrease is primarily due operational efficiencies arising from the merger of broadcasting and audio service business units. These savings were partially offset by the increase in general salaries, based on the BCGEU master agreement, and benefits.

Legislative Library:

Budget Summary	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Legislative Library	2,648,000	2,227,000	2,126,000	2,171,000	2,171,000

The budget for the Legislative Library remains unchanged as compared to the prior year. The impact of the increase in general salaries, based on the BCGEU master agreement, and benefits has been offset by operational efficiencies in other expense categories.

Operating Budget Assumptions:

The 2015/16 operating budget has been built on the following key assumptions:

- Member's salaries and benefits reflect the statutory requirements of the *Members Remuneration and Pension Act*.
- All positions have been fully funded, including current vacancies.
- There is a net increase of 3.6 FTEs year over year.
- Caucus budget numbers for government, opposition, and independent Members are based on their current composition.
- Size of Executive Council is unchanged from its current make-up.
- No change in Members' constituency office funding of \$119,000.
- Full spring and fall sessions, based on parliamentary calendar – for a total of 71 sitting days between April 1, 2015 and March 31, 2016.

Operating Budget Risks:

Key risks that may adversely impact the projected operating budget include:

- Additional sitting days beyond the 71 days provided in parliamentary calendar – or special sessions, emergency, or all night sittings.
- Higher level of parliamentary committee activity than anticipated.
- Unanticipated increases beyond our control, e.g. higher utility costs, printing costs and Members' travel costs.
- Unanticipated major asset maintenance/repairs to the Parliament Buildings or structures within the legislative precinct.

2015/16 Capital Budget

Summary of Capital request:

As shown in Table #3, the total 2015/16 capital budget of \$2,830,000 represents a decrease of \$562,000 or 16.6% from the \$3,392,000 capital budget in the current year. The reduction in the 2015/16 capital budget reflects the decision to focus investments on only those essential maintenance and improvement projects necessary for ensuring the efficient and safe operation of the Parliament Buildings.

Summary of Capital Request by Sub-Vote:

Table #3 provides the proposed capital spending by sub-vote, with comparisons to current and prior fiscal years.

Caucus Support Services

Capital costs for Caucus Support Services have increased from \$0 in 2014/15 to \$54,000 in 2015/16. This amount has been reallocated from existing capital funding held in the capital contingency reserve within Legislative Operations.

Legislative Operations

Capital costs for Legislative Operations have decreased from \$2.9 million in 2014/15 to \$2.4 million in 2015/16. The capital budget includes \$527,000 for operational computer system upgrades, including the development and design of a revised Legislative Assembly website; \$835,000 for operating requirements, specialized equipment and essential improvements to the Parliament Buildings; and, \$1.0 million in capital contingencies.

Hansard Services

Capital costs for Hansard Services have been reduced from \$429,000 in 2014/15 to \$406,000 in 2015/16. The capital budget includes anticipated lifecycle replacements and a number of minor projects including, web-streaming archiving services, and broadcasting infrastructure maintenance and upgrades.

Legislative Library

Capital costs for the Legislative Library have decreased from \$16,000 in 2014/15 to \$8,000 in 2015/16. The 2015/16 capital request will allow for the replacement of office equipment.

Capital Budget Assumptions:

The capital budget is based on the following key assumptions:

- All major capital projects remain subject to Finance and Audit Committee approval and recommendation to the Legislative Assembly Management Committee prior to proceeding.

- Due to the heritage nature of Parliament Buildings, higher renovation costs are expected for many projects. The importance and symbolism of the Parliament Buildings requires that the quality of renovation and maintenance work be at a high standard.
- Essential capital projects are those necessary for the required upkeep to the building consistent with building code, health and safety risks as identified within the Zeidler report.
- As technological advances unfold, the demand for improved hardware, software and technical infrastructure will be required to meet the needs of Members and staff.
- Major renovation work must be scheduled for non-sitting periods.

Summary of Capital Projects:

Key 2015-16 capital projects include:

- Barrier free access project
- HVAC upgrade project
- Generator transfer switch to preserve electrical infrastructure
- Cenotaph renovation project
- Business continuity planning
- Upgrade ceremonial driveway
- Installation of roof anchors
- Computer and technical equipment replacements due to life-cycle requirements and industry standards (applies to both Information Technology and Hansard).

Capital Budget Risks:

Key risks that may adversely impact the projected capital budget include:

- Project cost estimates are inaccurate due to unforeseen costs.
- Timing and length of sittings. Major construction projects may be too disruptive to undertake when the Legislature is sitting and would have to be done in off hours at higher cost.
- Unforeseen or unbudgeted capital maintenance projects.

Attachments

- Table 1:** Summary of 2015/16 proposed operating budget - by sub-vote. In addition to the 2015/16 budget, the table also includes budget to actual comparisons for fiscal years 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14, the budget and forecast expenses for the current fiscal year (2014/15), and three years of planned budgets to fiscal 2018/19.
- Table 2:** Summary of 2015/16 proposed operating budget - by standard object of expenditure. In addition to the 2015/16 budget, the table also includes budget to actual comparisons for fiscal years 2011/12, 2012/13, and 2013/14, the 2014/15 budget, and three years of planned budgets to fiscal 2018/19.
- Table 3:** Summary of 2015/16 proposed capital budget – by sub-vote. In addition to the 2015/16 budget, the table also includes budget to actual comparisons for fiscal years 2011/12 and 2012/13, 2013/14, the 2014/15 budget, and three years of planned budgets to fiscal 2018/19.
- Table 4:** Summary of the proposed Vote 1 – Legislation disclosure for the 2015/16 Estimates documents.

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Legislative Assembly of British Columbia
Proposed Operating Budget - by Sub-Vote
Fiscal Year 2015/2016

Table 1

	2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15			Planned 2015/16 Budget	Change (\$) from 2014/15	Change (%) from 2014/15	Planned 2016/17 Budget	Planned 2017/18 Budget	Planned 2018/19 Budget
	Budget	Actuals	Budget	Actuals	Budget	Actuals	Budget	Forecast	% Variance						
Members' Services															
Members' indemnities and Allowances	18,566,000	18,602,928	18,981,000	16,298,546	23,940,000	18,658,395	18,284,000	18,284,000	100%	17,939,000	(345,000)	-1.9%	18,134,000	22,331,000	18,531,000
Members' Constituency Support	16,376,000	15,107,183	16,285,000	14,774,808	17,335,000	16,829,116	16,680,000	16,680,000	100%	17,189,000	509,000	3.1%	17,447,000	18,109,000	17,975,000
Legislative Committees	904,000	602,774	820,000	1,012,775	779,000	676,386	894,000	894,000	100%	901,000	7,000	0.8%	911,000	921,000	931,000
Interparliamentary Relations	147,000	138,104	306,000	285,363	154,000	115,622	210,000	210,000	100%	250,000	40,000	19.0%	250,000	210,000	210,000
Total - Members' Services	35,993,000	34,450,989	36,392,000	32,371,492	42,208,000	36,279,519	36,068,000	36,068,000	100%	36,279,000	211,000	0.6%	36,742,000	41,571,000	37,647,000
Caucus Support Services															
Government Caucus Global	3,033,000	3,181,000	2,990,000	2,723,687	3,259,000	2,914,853	3,265,000	3,265,000	100%	3,315,000	50,000	1.5%	3,345,000	3,375,000	3,405,000
Official Opposition Caucus Global	2,781,000	2,753,274	2,928,000	2,830,185	3,510,000	3,595,000	2,876,000	2,876,000	100%	2,921,000	45,000	1.6%	2,977,000	3,000,000	3,024,000
Leader of the Official Opposition	523,000	523,000	596,000	526,000			617,000	617,000	100%	631,000	14,000	2.3%	644,000	657,000	670,000
Independent Global	656,000	281,755	492,000	445,611	362,000	335,925	339,000	339,000	100%	344,000	5,000	1.5%	347,000	350,000	354,000
Total - Caucus Support Services	6,993,000	6,739,029	7,006,000	6,525,484	7,131,000	6,845,779	7,097,000	7,097,000	100%	7,211,000	114,000	1.6%	7,313,000	7,382,000	7,453,000
Office of the Speaker	421,000	253,974	421,000	214,663	380,000	297,012	420,000	420,000	100%	418,000	(2,000)	-0.5%	421,000	424,000	427,000
Clerk of the House	1,098,000	1,800,958	1,149,000	1,110,107	1,043,000	983,654	1,130,000	1,055,000	93%	1,017,000	(113,000)	-10.0%	1,024,000	1,031,000	1,038,000
Clerk of Committees	625,000	605,449	615,000	581,378	615,000	580,687	628,000	628,000	100%	628,000	-	0.0%	634,000	640,000	646,000
Legislative Operations															
Legislative Documents	343,000	216,972	263,000	240,506	263,000	195,504	263,000	263,000	100%	216,000	(47,000)	-17.9%	216,000	216,000	216,000
Office of the Executive Financial Officer	-	-	-	207,602	290,000	251,830	299,000	234,560	78%	286,000	(13,000)	-4.3%	288,000	290,000	292,000
Financial Services	721,000	693,868	752,000	708,723	724,000	683,358	931,000	898,370	96%	1,030,000	99,000	10.6%	1,039,000	1,049,000	1,059,000
Legislative Dining Room	384,000	389,628	374,000	367,262	355,000	363,864	389,000	389,000	100%	385,000	(4,000)	-1.0%	389,000	392,000	395,000
Human Resources	444,000	305,192	426,000	306,922	407,000	340,686	474,000	460,900	97%	471,000	(3,000)	-0.6%	476,000	480,000	484,000
Information Technology	1,569,000	1,477,013	1,531,000	1,521,512	2,339,000	2,039,559	1,688,000	1,730,520	103%	1,891,000	203,000	12.0%	1,909,000	2,527,000	1,946,000
Parliamentary Education and Outreach	1,164,000	994,174	1,160,000	761,963	1,084,000	793,536	1,147,000	1,131,220	99%	1,087,000	(60,000)	-5.2%	1,097,000	1,121,000	1,115,000
Legislative Internship Program	355,000	300,286	355,000	317,172	337,000	299,605	351,000	351,000	100%	351,000	-	0.0%	353,000	356,000	359,000
Legislative Facility Services	2,775,000	2,377,271	3,752,000	3,260,610	3,858,000	3,386,835	4,057,000	3,594,010	89%	3,630,000	(427,000)	-10.5%	3,665,000	3,700,000	3,735,000
General Centralized Expenses	4,526,000	4,087,343	3,999,000	3,158,345	3,853,000	4,485,027	3,814,000	3,579,420	94%	3,814,000	-	0.0%	3,818,000	3,922,000	3,826,000
Total - Legislative Operations	12,281,000	10,841,747	12,612,000	10,850,617	13,510,000	12,839,803	13,413,000	12,632,000	94%	13,161,000	(252,000)	-1.9%	13,250,000	14,053,000	13,427,000
Sergeant-at-Arms	4,716,000	4,287,179	4,695,000	4,158,501	4,533,000	4,362,829	4,623,000	4,468,000	97%	4,862,000	239,000	5.2%	4,906,000	5,050,000	4,995,000
Hansard	4,087,000	3,478,755	4,154,000	3,302,200	3,950,000	3,360,360	4,015,000	3,771,000	94%	3,818,000	(197,000)	-4.9%	3,848,000	3,878,000	3,908,000
Legislative Library	2,648,000	1,864,902	2,227,000	1,764,197	2,126,000	1,795,962	2,171,000	1,962,000	90%	2,171,000	-	0.0%	2,188,000	2,206,000	2,224,000
TOTAL - Operating Expenses	68,862,000	64,322,983	69,271,000	60,878,639	75,496,000	67,345,605	69,565,000	68,101,000	98%	69,565,000	-	0.0%	70,326,000	76,235,000	71,765,000

14/15 vs. 15/16 Budget Comparison by Service Roll-up									
	% of Vote 1	14/15 Budget	% of Vote 1	15/16 Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)			
Members' Services	51.8%	36,068,000	52.2%	36,279,000	211,000	0.6%			
Caucus Support Services	10.2%	7,097,000	10.4%	7,211,000	114,000	1.6%			
LA Support Services	38.0%	26,400,000	37.5%	26,075,000	(325,000)	-1.2%			
TOTAL		<u>69,565,000</u>		<u>69,565,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0.0%</u>			

Legislative Assembly of British Columbia
Proposed Operating Budget - by Standard Object of Expenditure
Fiscal Year 2015/2016

Table 2

Summary by STOB (or Activity)		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	Planned 2015/16	Planned 2016/17	Planned 2017/18	Planned 2018/19
		Budget	Actuals	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
50EA	Base Salaries and Overtime	16,737,000	15,287,450	17,037,000	15,531,331	17,650,000	15,879,435	17,968,000	18,694,000	18,883,000	19,075,000	19,270,000
51EA	Supplementary Salary Costs	157,000	210,238	172,000	257,218	567,000	230,266	167,000	306,000	309,000	311,000	313,000
52EA	Employee Benefits	11,830,000	11,468,487	12,021,000	8,163,965	12,061,000	10,408,111	11,357,000	11,532,000	11,654,000	11,779,000	11,906,000
54EA	Legislative Salaries and Indemnities	10,397,000	10,028,634	10,529,000	9,947,490	15,184,000	9,698,660	10,004,000	10,056,000	10,204,000	14,355,000	10,508,000
57EA	Employee Travel	182,000	438,517	195,000	467,200	291,000	560,595	355,000	517,000	517,000	517,000	517,000
60EA	Professional Services - Operational	787,000	719,592	750,000	1,009,127	853,000	817,793	1,125,000	1,295,000	1,295,000	1,295,000	1,295,000
61EA	Professional Services - Advisory	65,000	61,418	120,000	98,611	243,000	164,305	159,000	84,000	84,000	84,000	84,000
63EA	Information Systems - Operating	1,729,000	1,809,124	1,743,000	1,826,027	2,571,000	2,466,374	1,859,000	2,195,000	2,203,000	2,811,000	2,219,000
65EA	Office and Business Expenses	2,934,000	1,990,991	2,986,000	1,671,644	2,563,000	2,011,895	2,716,000	2,212,000	2,213,000	2,339,000	2,124,000
67EA	Informational Advertising and Publications	9,000	45,936	9,000	48,646	7,000	24,727	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
68EA	Statutory Advertising and Publications	460,000	296,247	343,000	318,311	317,000	262,635	353,000	311,000	311,000	311,000	311,000
69EA	Utilities, Materials, and Supplies	2,068,000	1,896,560	2,628,000	2,243,213	2,552,000	2,184,344	2,509,000	2,331,000	2,346,000	2,361,000	2,376,000
70EA	Operating Equipment, Vehicles and Other	51,000	123,076	46,000	12,468	25,000	41,235	27,000	27,000	27,000	27,000	27,000
73EA	Amortization Expense	2,000,000	1,406,715	2,000,000	1,318,390	1,500,000	1,573,062	1,700,000	1,150,000	1,150,000	1,150,000	1,150,000
75EA	Building Occupancy Charges	1,784,000	1,503,234	1,199,000	834,226	891,000	830,763	1,132,000	850,000	856,000	862,000	868,000
77EA	Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
82EA	Legislative Assembly (Members Only)	17,799,000	17,441,611	17,729,000	17,368,767	18,385,000	20,881,851	18,425,000	18,244,000	18,518,000	19,207,000	19,051,000
85EA	Other Expenses	323,000	112,883	298,000	267,685	384,000	214,920	227,000	286,000	286,000	286,000	286,000
88EA	Recoveries Within Government Prior year over accruals	(450,000)	(517,731)	(534,000)	(505,681)	(548,000)	(549,467) (355,898)	(526,000)	(533,000)	(538,000)	(543,000)	(548,000)
	TOTAL - Operating Expenses	68,862,000	64,322,983	69,271,000	60,878,638	75,496,000	67,345,605	69,565,000	69,565,000	70,326,000	76,235,000	71,765,000
BC33	Furniture & Equipment	935,000	895,823	709,000	561,881	741,000	652,787	561,000	210,000	190,000	190,000	190,000
BC44	Information Systems	319,000	282,021	371,000	386,840	971,000	728,999	398,000	552,000	519,000	1,019,000	519,000
BC60	Building Improvements	5,020,000	936,806	3,140,000	1,137,097	1,680,000	526,147	2,433,000	1,693,000	1,690,000	1,690,000	1,690,000
BC37	Vehicles	-	-	-	-	-	34,101	-	-	-	-	-
BC24	Specialized Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	17,420	-	375,000	390,000	397,000	404,000
	TOTAL - Capital Expenditures	6,274,000	2,114,650	4,220,000	2,085,818	3,392,000	1,959,453	3,392,000	2,830,000	2,789,000	3,296,000	2,803,000

Legislative Assembly of British Columbia
Propose Capital Budget - by Sub-Vote
Fiscal Year 2015/2016

Table 3

	2011/12		2012/13		2013/14		2014/15	Planned 2015/16	Planned 2016/17	Planned 2017/18	Planned 2018/19
	Budget	Actuals	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Members' Services											
Members' indemnities and Allowances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Members' Constituency Support	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legislative Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interparliamentary Relations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Members' Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Caucus Support Services											
Government Caucus Global	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Official Opposition Caucus Global	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Leader of the Official Opposition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Independent Global - Huntington	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Independent Global - Weaver	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Independent Global	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total - Caucus Support Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54,000	54,000	54,000	54,000
Office of the Speaker	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clerk of the House	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clerk of Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legislative Operations											
Legislative Documents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office of the Executive Financial Officer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	-	-	-
Financial Services	6,000	6,888	6,000	17,033	3,000	1,914	10,000	29,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Legislative Dining Room	20,000	3,900	20,000	20,000	20,000	8,918	10,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Human Resources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Information Technology	317,000	232,859	369,000	358,578	965,000	712,918	398,000	498,000	498,000	998,000	498,000
Parliamentary Education and Outreach	-	-	4,000	2,454	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legislative Internship Program	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legislative Facility Services	1,215,000	880,774	1,150,000	1,127,722	970,342	647,210	1,439,000	810,000	810,000	810,000	810,000
General Centralized Expenses	3,885,000	29,277	2,100,000	-	780,505	-	1,090,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total - Legislative Operations	5,443,000	1,153,698	3,649,000	1,525,787	2,738,847	1,370,960	2,947,000	2,362,000	2,329,000	2,829,000	2,329,000
Sergeant-at-Arms	140,000	221,434	90,000	142,890	39,153	39,153	-	-	-	-	-
Hansard	671,000	636,069	481,000	417,140	611,000	546,317	429,000	406,000	406,000	413,000	420,000
Legislative Library	-	-	-	-	3,000	3,023	16,000	8,000	-	-	-
TOTAL - Capital Expenses	6,274,000	2,011,201	4,220,000	2,085,817	3,392,000	1,959,453	3,392,000	2,830,000	2,789,000	3,296,000	2,803,000

LEGISLATION

SUMMARY

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	Estimates 2014/15 ¹	Estimates 2015/16
VOTED APPROPRIATION		
Vote 1 - Legislation.....	69,565	69,565
OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>69,565</u>	<u>69,565</u>
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES²	3,392	2,380
LOANS, INVESTMENTS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS³	-	-
REVENUE COLLECTED FOR, AND TRANSFERRED TO, OTHER ENTITIES⁴	-	-

NOTES

¹ For comparative purposes, figures shown for 2014/15 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 *2014/15 Estimates*. Schedule A presents a detailed reconciliation of the restatement of operating expenses and capital expenditures.

² Details of capital expenditures are presented in Schedule C.

³ Details of loans, investments and other requirements are presented in Schedule D.

⁴ Details of revenue collected for, and transferred to, other entities are presented in Schedule E.

These notes are generic for all Estimates documents - generally not applicable for the Legislative Assembly.

LEGISLATION

SUMMARY - OPERATING EXPENSES BY SUB-VOTE

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Estimates
2014/15

Estimates
2015/16

VOTE 1 - LEGISLATION

This vote provides for the operation of the Legislative Assembly and its committees, including basic compensation, special allowances and other allowances for Members of the Legislative Assembly, officials and staff, and for support services and other related costs. Operating costs of the Parliamentary Dining Room and the Parliamentary Gift Shop are partially recovered through sales.

OPERATING EXPENSES

Members' Services	36,068	36,279
Caucus Support Services	7,097	7,211
Office of the Speaker	420	418
Clerk of the House	1,130	1,017
Clerk of the Committees	628	628
Legislative Operations	13,413	13,161
Sergeant-at-Arms	4,623	4,862
Hansard	4,015	3,818
Legislative Library	2,171	2,171
	<u>69,565</u>	<u>69,565</u>

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Caucus Support Services	-	54
Legislative Operations	2,947	2,362
Hansard	429	406
Legislative Library	16	8
	<u>3,392</u>	<u>2,830</u>

GROUP ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION SUMMARY

GROUP ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION

Salaries and Benefits	39,496	40,588
Operating Costs	11,943	10,980
Other Expenses	18,652	18,530
Internal Recoveries	(526)	(533)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>69,565</u>	<u>69,565</u>