

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER

SUMMARY

The Office of the Chief Election Officer (Elections Ontario) administers the *Election Act* and the *Election Finances Act*. The Office operates under the direction of the Chief Election Officer who reports directly to the Legislative Assembly on the conduct of elections.

2003-04 Estimates	PROGRAMS	Change from 2002-03	2002-03 Estimates	2001-02 Actual
\$		\$	\$	\$
OPERATING				
8,564,000	Office of the Chief Election Officer Program	5,273,700	3,290,300	14,243,822
8,564,000	Total Operating	5,273,700	3,290,300	14,243,822
4,000,000	Less: Special Warrants	2,669,000	1,331,000	-
-	Less: Statutory Appropriations	-	-	12,229,613
4,564,000	< TOTAL OPERATING TO BE VOTED	2,604,700	1,959,300	2,014,209
	ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION			
8,564,000	Expenditure	5,273,700	3,290,300	14,243,822

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER PROGRAM :

The Office conducts general elections and by-elections of Members to the Legislative Assembly and provides research, public information and policy advice relating to the electoral process. The Office also trains, directs and supervises the returning officer in each of the 103 electoral districts.

The *Election Finances Act* Section administers the *Election Finances Act*. Over 500 Constituency Associations and 11 registered political parties must file annual returns and inform Elections Ontario of any changes to registration information. Any form filed with Elections Ontario is reviewed for compliance with the *Election Finances Act*.

The Office has responsibility to administer referenda under the *Taxpayer Protection Act*.

The Office serves Ministries, agencies and the public on a continuing basis by conducting historical and comparative research and providing policy advice and general information regarding the electoral process.

VOTE and item	2003-04 Estimates	PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES	Change from 2002-03	2002-03 Estimates	2001-02 Actual
	\$		\$	\$	\$
501		OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER PROGRAM			
OPERATING					
1	3,909,800	Election Administration	1,927,600	1,982,200	1,003,337
2	4,654,200	Election Finances Administration	3,346,100	1,308,100	1,010,872
S	-	The <i>Election Act</i>	-	-	12,229,613
	<u>8,564,000</u>	Total Operating	<u>5,273,700</u>	<u>3,290,300</u>	<u>14,243,822</u>
	4,000,000	Less: Special Warrants	2,669,000	1,331,000	-
	-	Less: Statutory Appropriations	-	-	12,229,613
	<u>4,564,000</u>	Amount to be Voted	<u>2,604,700</u>	<u>1,959,300</u>	<u>2,014,209</u>

- NOTES -

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STANDARD ACCOUNTS CLASSIFICATION

OPERATING

Election Administration (501-1)	\$
Salaries and wages	3,218,000
Employee benefits	691,800
	<u>3,909,800</u>
 Election Finances Administration (501-2)	
Salaries and wages	456,100
Employee benefits	98,100
Transportation and communication	40,000
Services	120,000
Supplies and equipment	80,000
Other transactions	
Election Expense Subsidies under the	
<i>Election Finances Act</i>	3,860,000
	<u>4,654,200</u>
Total Operating for Office of the Chief Election Officer Program	<u>8,564,000</u>

