

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER

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.

MINISTRY PROGRAM SUMMARY

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VOTE PROGRAM	Estimates 2006-07	Estimates 2005-06	Difference Between 2006-07 and 2005-06	Actual 2004-05
OPERATING EXPENSE				
501 Office of the Chief Election Officer Program	7,516,900	6,112,200	1,404,700	8,766,314
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED	7,516,900	6,112,200	1,404,700	8,766,314
Statutory Appropriations	-	-	-	7,566,641
Ministry Total Operating Expense	7,516,900	6,112,200	1,404,700	16,332,955
Ministry Total Operating and Capital Including Consolidation and Other Adjustments (not including Assets)	7,516,900	6,112,200	1,404,700	16,332,955

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER PROGRAM - VOTE 501

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 Chief Election Officer also administers the *Election Finances Act*. Over 500 Constituency Associations and 9 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 SUMMARY

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ITEM #	ITEM	Estimates 2006-07	Estimates 2005-06	Difference Between 2006-07 and 2005-06	Actual 2004-05
OPERATING EXPENSE					
1	Election Administration	4,380,800	4,219,100	161,700	3,831,399
2	Election Finances Administration	3,136,100	1,893,100	1,243,000	4,934,915
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED		7,516,900	6,112,200	1,404,700	8,766,314
S	The <i>Election Act</i>	-	-	-	7,566,641
Total Statutory Appropriations		-	-	-	7,566,641
Total Operating Expense		7,516,900	6,112,200	1,404,700	16,332,955

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STANDARD ACCOUNTS CLASSIFICATION

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VOTE - ITEM #	STANDARD ACCOUNT BY ITEM AND SUB-ITEMS	
	OPERATING EXPENSE	
501-1	Election Administration	
	Salaries and wages	3,605,500
	Employee benefits	775,300
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	4,380,800
501-2	Election Finances Administration	
	Salaries and wages	712,400
	Employee benefits	153,400
	Transportation and communication	40,800
	Services	930,300
	Supplies and equipment	228,600
	Other transactions	
	Election Expense Subsidies under the <i>Election Finances Act</i>	1,071,600
	Subtotal	3,137,100
	Less: Recoveries	1,000
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	3,136,100
	Total Operating Expense for Office of the Chief Election Officer Program	7,516,900