

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 2007-08	Estimates 2006-07	Difference Between 2007-08 and 2006-07	Actual 2005-06
OPERATING EXPENSE				
501 Office of the Chief Election Officer Program	7,914,900	7,516,900	398,000	4,849,026
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED	7,914,900	7,516,900	398,000	4,849,026
Statutory Appropriations	-	-	-	9,820,788
Ministry Total Operating Expense	7,914,900	7,516,900	398,000	14,669,814
Ministry Total Operating and Capital Including Consolidation and Other Adjustments (not including Assets)	7,914,900	7,516,900	398,000	14,669,814

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 2007-08	Estimates 2006-07	Difference Between 2007-08 and 2006-07	Actual 2005-06
OPERATING EXPENSE					
1	Election Administration	4,722,200	4,380,800	341,400	3,861,088
2	Election Finances Administration	3,192,700	3,136,100	56,600	987,938
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED		7,914,900	7,516,900	398,000	4,849,026
S	The <i>Election Act</i>	-	-	-	9,820,788
Total Statutory Appropriations		-	-	-	9,820,788
Total Operating Expense		7,914,900	7,516,900	398,000	14,669,814

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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	3,867,100
	Employee benefits	855,100
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	4,722,200
501-2	Election Finances Administration	
	Salaries and wages	846,000
	Employee benefits	182,100
	Transportation and communication	59,500
	Services	1,174,000
	Supplies and equipment	94,100
	Other transactions	
	Election Expense Subsidies under the <i>Election Finances Act</i>	838,000
	Subtotal	3,193,700
	Less: Recoveries	1,000
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	3,192,700
	Total Operating Expense for Office of the Chief Election Officer Program	7,914,900