

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

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

MINISTRY PROGRAM SUMMARY

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VOTE PROGRAM	Estimates 2008-09	Estimates 2007-08	Difference Between 2008-09 and 2007-08	Actual 2006-07
OPERATING EXPENSE				
501 Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Program	15,447,500	7,914,900	7,532,600	6,261,840
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED	15,447,500	7,914,900	7,532,600	6,261,840
Statutory Appropriations	-	-	-	16,113,030
Ministry Total Operating Expense	15,447,500	7,914,900	7,532,600	22,374,870
Ministry Total Operating and Capital Including Consolidation and Other Adjustments (not including Assets)	15,447,500	7,914,900	7,532,600	22,374,870

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL 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 107 electoral districts.

The Chief Electoral Officer also administers the *Election Finances Act*. Over 500 Constituency Associations and 12 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, 1999*.

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 2008-09	Estimates 2007-08	Difference Between 2008-09 and 2007-08	Actual 2006-07
OPERATING EXPENSE					
1	Election Administration	7,288,500	4,722,200	2,566,300	4,110,860
2	Election Finances Administration	8,159,000	3,192,700	4,966,300	2,150,980
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED		15,447,500	7,914,900	7,532,600	6,261,840
S	The <i>Election Act</i>	-	-	-	16,113,030
Total Statutory Appropriations		-	-	-	16,113,030
Total Operating Expense		15,447,500	7,914,900	7,532,600	22,374,870

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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	5,949,800
	Employee benefits	1,338,700
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	7,288,500
501-2	Election Finances Administration	
	Salaries and wages	848,900
	Employee benefits	191,000
	Transportation and communication	45,800
	Services	1,220,700
	Supplies and equipment	44,500
	Other transactions	
	Election Expense Subsidies under the <i>Election Finances Act</i>	5,809,100
	Subtotal	8,160,000
	Less: Recoveries	1,000
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	8,159,000
	Total Operating Expense for Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Program	15,447,500