

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

**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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| <b>ITEM #</b>                              | <b>ITEM</b>                      | <b>Estimates 2008-09</b> | <b>Estimates 2007-08</b> | <b>Difference Between 2008-09 and 2007-08</b> | <b>Actual 2006-07</b> |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| <b>OPERATING EXPENSE</b>                   |                                  |                          |                          |   |                       |
| 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             |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED</b> |                                  | <b>15,447,500</b>        | <b>7,914,900</b>         | <b>7,532,600</b>                              | <b>6,261,840</b>      |
| S  | The <i>Election Act</i>          | -                        | -                        | -   | 16,113,030            |
| Total Statutory Appropriations             |                                  | -                        | -                        | -   | 16,113,030            |
| <b>Total Operating Expense</b>             |                                  | <b>15,447,500</b>        | <b>7,914,900</b>         | <b>7,532,600</b>                              | <b>22,374,870</b>     |

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER PROGRAM - VOTE 501, cont'd

## STANDARD ACCOUNTS CLASSIFICATION

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| VOTE -<br>ITEM # | STANDARD ACCOUNT BY ITEM AND SUB-ITEMS   |                   |
|------------------|--|-------------------|
|                  | <b>OPERATING EXPENSE</b>   |                   |
| 501-1            | Election Administration  |                   |
|                  | Salaries and wages   | 5,949,800         |
|                  | Employee benefits  | 1,338,700         |
|                  | <b>Total Operating Expense to be Voted</b>                                       | <b>7,288,500</b>  |
| 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             |
|                  | <b>Total Operating Expense to be Voted</b>                                       | <b>8,159,000</b>  |
|                  | <b>Total Operating Expense for Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Program</b> | <b>15,447,500</b> |