The ministry plays a lead role in strengthening business development, consumer protection and public safety. The ministry works with its network of Small Business Enterprise Centres and other key stakeholders across the province to provide programs and services to support business start-up and early stage growth, and to promote entrepreneurship as a viable career option among Ontario's youth. In addition, the ministry works with high performance firms across southern Ontario to provide advice and consultation services that assist in business expansion, both domestically and abroad. The ministry is also responsible for many of the Province's consumer protection programs, either directly or through oversight of delegated administrative authorities. In the area of public safety, the ministry oversees the Technical Standards and Safety Authority and the Electrical Safety Authority. Ministry staff continually review the regulatory environment businesses face in order to streamline the system and remove unnecessary barriers.

The ministry devotes resources to ensuring consumers are well protected and informed about their rights. Staff work in partnership with industry and key stakeholders on government policies and information campaigns to strengthen public safety.

MINISTRY PROGRAM SUMMARY

VOTE	PROGRAM	Estimates 2009-10	Estimates 2008-09	Difference Between 2009-10 and 2008-09	Actual 2007-08
	OPERATING EXPENSE				
3101	Small Business and Consumer Services Program	48,716,200	41,775,800	6,940,400	45,332,751
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED	48,716,200	41,775,800	6,940,400	45,332,751
	Statutory Appropriations	66,014	66,014	-	55,267
	Ministry Total Operating Expense	48,782,214	41,841,814	6,940,400	45,388,018
	OPERATING ASSETS				
3101	Small Business and Consumer Services Program	1,000	1,000	-	-
	TOTAL OPERATING ASSETS TO BE VOTED	1,000	1,000		-
	Ministry Total Operating Assets	1,000	1,000	-	-

MINISTRY PROGRAM SUMMARY

VOTE	PROGRAM	Estimates 2009-10	Estimates 2008-09	Difference Between 2009-10 and 2008-09	Actual 2007-08
	CAPITAL EXPENSE				
3101	Small Business and Consumer Services Program	1,000	-	1,000	-
	TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSE TO BE VOTED	1,000	-	1,000	-
	Statutory Appropriations	1,000	-	1,000	-
	Ministry Total Capital Expense	2,000	-	2,000	-
	CAPITAL ASSETS				
3101	Small Business and Consumer Services Program	1,000	-	1,000	-
	TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS TO BE VOTED	1,000	-	1,000	-
	Ministry Total Capital Assets	1,000	-	1,000	-
	Ministry Total Operating and Capital Including Consolidation and Other Adjustments (not including Assets)	48,784,214	41,841,814	6,942,400	45,388,018

SMALL BUSINESS AND CONSUMER SERVICES PROGRAM - VOTE 3101

This program supports economic growth, job creation, public safety and consumer protection in Ontario by: supporting entrepreneurship and business start-ups; helping small and medium enterprises grow in domestic and international markets; providing a one-window access for small businesses into the government to reduce barriers to growth and expand opportunities; promoting consumer protection and public safety by ensuring effective compliance strategies; and modernizing the business and consumer protection regulatory environment.

VOTE SUMMARY

ITEM #	ITEM	Estimates 2009-10	Estimates 2008-09	Difference Between 2009-10 and 2008-09	Actual 2007-08
	OPERATING EXPENSE				
5	Small Business and Consumer Services	48,716,200	41,775,800	6,940,400	45,332,751
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED	48,716,200	41,775,800	6,940,400	45,332,751
S	Minister's Salary, the Executive Council Act	47,841	47,841	-	47,841
S	Parliamentary Assistant's Salary, the Executive Council Act	16,173	16,173	-	6,826
S	Bad Debt Expense, the Financial Administration Act	2,000	2,000	-	600
	Total Statutory Appropriations	66,014	66,014	-	55,267
	Total Operating Expense	48,782,214	41,841,814	6,940,400	45,388,018
	OPERATING ASSETS				
2	Small Business and Consumer Services	1,000	1,000	-	-
	TOTAL OPERATING ASSETS TO BE VOTED	1,000	1,000	-	-
	Total Operating Assets	1,000	1,000	-	-

VOTE SUMMARY

ITEM #	ITEM	Estimates 2009-10	Estimates 2008-09	Difference Between 2009-10 and 2008-09	Actual 2007-08
	CAPITAL EXPENSE				
3	Small Business and Consumer Services	1,000	-	1,000	-
	TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSE TO BE VOTED	1,000	-	1,000	-
S	Amortization, the Financial Administration				
	Act	1,000	-	1,000	-
	Total Statutory Appropriations	1,000	-	1,000	-
	Total Capital Expense	2,000	-	2,000	-
	CAPITAL ASSETS				
4	Small Business and Consumer Services	1,000	-	1,000	-
	TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS TO BE VOTED	1,000	-	1,000	-
	Total Capital Assets	1,000	-	1,000	-

SMALL BUSINESS AND CONSUMER SERVICES PROGRAM - VOTE 3101, cont'd

STANDARD ACCOUNTS CLASSIFICATION

VOTE - ITEM #	STANDARD ACCOUNT BY ITEM AND SUB-ITEMS		
	OPERATING EXPENSE		
3101-5	Small Business and Consumer Services		
	Salaries and wages		19,171,000
	Employee benefits		2,352,90
	Transportation and communication		1,348,40
	Services		13,366,50
	Supplies and equipment		607,40
	Transfer payments		
	Grants in Support of Business Development	100,000	
	Ontario Craft Brewers Opportunity Fund	2,000,000	
	Ontario Small Brewers Strategy Fund	1,000,000	
	Ontario Wine Strategy Fund	2,000,000	
	Student Entrepreneurship Experience - Summer Company	750,000	
	Vintners' Quality Alliance Wine Support Program	5,500,000	
	Youth Partnerships	1,530,000	12,880,00
	Other transactions		
	Guarantees Honoured - Youth Entrepreneurship Program - My		
	Company		5,00
•	Subtotal		49,731,20
	Less: Recoveries		1,015,00
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted		48,716,20
	Sub-Items:		
	Ministry Administration		
	Salaries and wages	2,817,900	
	Employee benefits	329,000	
	Transportation and communication	265,000	
	Services	2,881,900	
	Supplies and equipment	113,600	6,407,40

750,000

30,416,900

48,716,200

SMALL BUSINESS AND CONSUMER SERVICES PROGRAM - VOTE 3101, cont'd

Less: Recoveries from other ministries and activities

Total Operating Expense to be Voted

STANDARD ACCOUNTS CLASSIFICATION, cont'd

VOTE - ITEM STANDARD ACCOUNT BY ITEM AND SUB-ITEMS #			
OPERATING EXPENSE			
Consumer Services			
Salaries and wages		8,355,300	
Employee benefits		1,001,100	
Transportation and communication		248,600	
Services		2,340,900	
Supplies and equipment		211,000	
Subtotal	_	12,156,900	
Less: Recoveries	_	265,000	11,891,900
Small Business and Entrepreneurship			
Salaries and wages		7,997,800	
Employee benefits		1,022,800	
Transportation and communication		834,800	
Services		8,143,700	
Supplies and equipment		282,800	
Transfer payments			
Grants in Support of Business Development	100,000		
Ontario Craft Brewers Opportunity Fund	2,000,000		
Ontario Small Brewers Strategy Fund	1,000,000		
Ontario Wine Strategy Fund	2,000,000		
Student Entrepreneurship Experience -			
Summer Company	750,000		
Vintners' Quality Alliance Wine Support			
Program	5,500,000		
Youth Partnerships	1,530,000	12,880,000	
Other transactions			
Guarantees Honoured - Youth Entrepreneurship	Program - My		
Company		5,000	
Subtotal	_	31,166,900	

SMALL BUSINESS AND CONSUMER SERVICES PROGRAM - VOTE 3101, cont'd

STANDARD ACCOUNTS CLASSIFICATION, cont'd

VOTE - ITEM #	STANDARD ACCOUNT BY ITEM AND SUB-ITEMS	
	OPERATING EXPENSE	
	Statutory Appropriations	
S	Minister's Salary, the Executive Council Act	47,841
S	Parliamentary Assistant's Salary, the Executive Council Act Other transactions	16,173
S	Bad Debt Expense, the Financial Administration Act	2,000
	Total Operating Expense for Small Business and Consumer Services Program	48,782,214
	OPERATING ASSETS	
3101-2	Small Business and Consumer Services	
	Deposits and prepaid expenses	1,000
	Total Operating Assets to be Voted	1,000
	Total Operating Assets for Small Business and Consumer Services Program	1,000
	CAPITAL EXPENSE	
3101-3	Small Business and Consumer Services	
	Other transactions	1,000
	Total Capital Expense to be Voted	1,000
	Statutory Appropriations	
	Other transactions	
S	Amortization, the Financial Administration Act	1,000
	Total Capital Expense for Small Business and Consumer Services Program	2,000

SMALL BUSINESS AND CONSUMER SERVICES PROGRAM - VOTE 3101, cont'd

STANDARD ACCOUNTS CLASSIFICATION, cont'd

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VOTE - ITEM #	STANDARD ACCOUNT BY ITEM AND SUB-ITEMS	
	CAPITAL ASSETS	
3101-4	Small Business and Consumer Services	
	Land and marine fleet	1,000
	Total Capital Assets to be Voted	1,000
	Total Capital Assets for Small Business and Consumer Services Program	1 000

RECONCILIATION TO PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED DATA

OPERATING EXPENSE	Estimates 2008-09 \$	Actual 2007-08 \$
Total Operating Expense previously published*	27,783,414	31,455,522
Government Reorganization Transfer of functions from other Ministries	14,058,400	13,932,496
Restated Total Operating Expense	41,841,814	45,388,018

^{*}Total Operating Expense includes Statutory Appropriations, Special Warrants and total operating expense to be voted. The 2007-08 Actuals are adjusted to reflect new Ministry structure(s) in 2008-09.