

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 2009-10	Estimates 2008-09	Difference Between 2009-10 and 2008-09	Actual 2007-08
OPERATING EXPENSE				
501 Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Program	11,351,100	15,447,500	(4,096,400)	6,762,333
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED	11,351,100	15,447,500	(4,096,400)	6,762,333
Statutory Appropriations	-	-	-	97,724,517
Ministry Total Operating Expense	11,351,100	15,447,500	(4,096,400)	104,486,850
Ministry Total Operating and Capital Including Consolidation and Other Adjustments (not including Assets)	11,351,100	15,447,500	(4,096,400)	104,486,850

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 2009-10	Estimates 2008-09	Difference Between 2009-10 and 2008-09	Actual 2007-08
OPERATING EXPENSE					
1	Election Administration	7,592,000	7,288,500	303,500	4,313,443
2	Election Finances Administration	3,759,100	8,159,000	(4,399,900)	2,448,890
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED		11,351,100	15,447,500	(4,096,400)	6,762,333
S	The <i>Election Act</i>	-	-	-	97,724,517
Total Statutory Appropriations		-	-	-	97,724,517
Total Operating Expense		11,351,100	15,447,500	(4,096,400)	104,486,850

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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	6,172,300
	Employee benefits	1,419,700
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	7,592,000
501-2	Election Finances Administration	
	Salaries and wages	877,700
	Employee benefits	201,900
	Transportation and communication	32,800
	Services	1,209,200
	Supplies and equipment	56,000
	Other transactions	
	Election Expense Subsidies under the <i>Election Finances Act</i>	1,382,500
	Subtotal	3,760,100
	Less: Recoveries	1,000
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	3,759,100
	Total Operating Expense for Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Program	11,351,100