

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.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

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VOTE PROGRAM	Estimates 2011-12	Estimates 2010-11	Difference Between 2011-12 and 2010-11	Actual 2009-10
OPERATING EXPENSE				
501 Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Program	11,220,900	11,195,100	25,800	9,322,792
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED	11,220,900	11,195,100	25,800	9,322,792
Statutory Appropriations	-	-	-	9,743,660
Total Operating Expense	11,220,900	11,195,100	25,800	19,066,452
Total Operating and Capital Including Consolidation and Other Adjustments (not including Assets)	11,220,900	11,195,100	25,800	19,066,452

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 400 Constituency Associations and 13 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.

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ITEM #	ITEM	Estimates 2011-12	Estimates 2010-11	Difference Between 2011-12 and 2010-11	Actual 2009-10
OPERATING EXPENSE					
1	Election Administration	7,797,800	7,592,000	205,800	7,088,263
2	Election Finances Administration	3,423,100	3,603,100	(180,000)	2,234,529
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED		11,220,900	11,195,100	25,800	9,322,792
S	The <i>Election Act</i>	-	-	-	9,743,660
Total Statutory Appropriations		-	-	-	9,743,660
Total Operating Expense		11,220,900	11,195,100	25,800	19,066,452

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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	6,339,600
	Employee benefits	1,458,200
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	7,797,800
501-2	Election Finances Administration	
	Salaries and wages	903,100
	Employee benefits	207,700
	Transportation and communication	84,800
	Services	1,342,800
	Supplies and equipment	34,500
	Other transactions	
	Election Expense Subsidies under the <i>Election Finances Act</i>	851,200
	Subtotal	3,424,100
	Less: Recoveries	1,000
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	3,423,100
	Total Operating Expense for Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Program	11,220,900