

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 2012-13	Estimates 2011-12	Difference Between 2012-13 and 2011-12	Actual 2010-11
OPERATING EXPENSE				
501 Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Program	17,492,600	11,220,900	6,271,700	9,610,792
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED	17,492,600	11,220,900	6,271,700	9,610,792
Statutory Appropriations	-	-	-	18,642,613
Total Operating Expense	17,492,600	11,220,900	6,271,700	28,253,405
Total Operating and Capital Including Consolidation and Other Adjustments (not including Assets)	17,492,600	11,220,900	6,271,700	28,253,405

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 2012-13	Estimates 2011-12	Difference Between 2012-13 and 2011-12	Actual 2010-11
OPERATING EXPENSE					
1	Election Administration	7,595,400	7,797,800	(202,400)	7,113,753
2	Election Finances Administration	9,897,200	3,423,100	6,474,100	2,497,039
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED		17,492,600	11,220,900	6,271,700	9,610,792
S	The <i>Election Act</i>	-	-	-	18,642,613
Total Statutory Appropriations		-	-	-	18,642,613
Total Operating Expense		17,492,600	11,220,900	6,271,700	28,253,405

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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	6,175,100
	Employee benefits	1,420,300
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	7,595,400
501-2	Election Finances Administration	
	Salaries and wages	880,500
	Employee benefits	202,500
	Transportation and communication	31,300
	Services	1,389,400
	Supplies and equipment	9,000
	Other transactions	
	Election Expense Subsidies under the <i>Election Finances Act</i>	7,385,500
	Subtotal	9,898,200
	Less: Recoveries	1,000
	Total Operating Expense to be Voted	9,897,200
	Total Operating Expense for Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Program	17,492,600