

SUMMARY OF MINISTERIAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR OPERATING EXPENSES

(for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2008)

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For each minister (other than the Minister of Small Business and Revenue and Minister Responsible for Deregulation) with responsibility for operating expenses accounted for in the Consolidated Revenue Fund, an estimated amount must be made public with the Main Estimates under section 6(1) of the *Balanced Budget and Ministerial Accountability Act* (the Act). The estimated amount is described in section 5(1) of the Act and represents the operating expenses which are the responsibility of the minister as set out in the Main Estimates for the fiscal year. Section 6(2) of the Act requires that the actual amount of those operating expenses be made public for each minister with the Public Accounts for that fiscal year.

Section 5(2) of the Act applies to the Minister of Small Business and Revenue and Minister Responsible for Deregulation and provides for an amount of revenue to be specified by regulation of Treasury Board. Section 5(3) of the Act applies to ministers of state, for whom expected results are specified by Treasury Board regulation.

The table below shows the ministry and other appropriations for which each minister is responsible. The column entitled "Legislated Additions" shows amounts authorized by enactments which are added to the estimated amounts. The final column entitled "Revised 2007/08 Estimated Amount" shows the sum of these operating expenses and adjustments, which is the revised estimated amount each minister is responsible for under section 5(1) of the Act for the 2007/08 fiscal year.

On March 31, 2008 the *Ministerial Accountability Bases Act, 2007-2008* came into force. This Act included additions to the ministerial accountability operating bases for various ministers as follows: the Minister of Advanced Education and Minister Responsible for Research and Technology's accountability for operating expenses was increased by \$72 million based on spending authority provided to that minister by the *Supply Act, 2007-2008 (Supplementary Estimates)*; the Minister of Environment and Minister Responsible for Water Stewardship and Sustainable Communities' accountability for operating expenses was increased by \$252 million based on spending authority provided to that minister by the *Supply Act, 2007-2008 (Supplementary Estimates)*; the Minister of Finance's accountability for operating expenses was increased by \$450 million based on spending authority provided to that minister by the *Supply Act, 2007-2008 (Supplementary Estimates)*; the Minister of Health's accountability for operating expenses was increased by \$43 million based on spending authority provided to that minister by the *Supply Act, 2007-2008 (Supplementary Estimates)*; the Minister of Tourism, Sport and the Arts' accountability for operating expenses was increased by \$78 million based on spending authority provided to that minister by the *Supply Act, 2007-2008 (Supplementary Estimates)*; the Minister of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing's accountability for operating expenses was increased by the amount of spending by that minister in 2007-2008 based on section 65 of the *Wildfire Act*; and the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General's accountability for operating expenses was increased by the amount of spending by that minister in 2007-2008 based on section 16 of the *Emergency Program Act*.

Minister Responsible	Ministry and Other Appropriations	2007/08 Total Operating Expenses (Net)	2007/08 Estimated Amount	Legislated Additions	Revised 2007/08 Estimated Amount
Premier	Office of the Premier	13,771	13,771		13,771
Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation	Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation	55,160	55,160		55,160
Minister of Advanced Education and Minister responsible for Research and Technology	Ministry of Advanced Education	2,151,076	2,151,076	72,000	2,223,076
Minister of Agriculture and Lands	Ministry of Agriculture and Lands	270,295	270,295		270,295
Attorney General and Minister responsible for Multiculturalism	Ministry of Attorney General Electoral Boundaries Commission	519,775 4,268	524,043		524,043

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Minister of Children and Family Development	Ministry of Children and Family Development	1,866,644	1,866,644		1,866,644
Minister of Community Services and Minister responsible for Seniors' and Women's Issues	Ministry of Community Services	273,808	273,808		273,808
Minister of Economic Development and Minister responsible for the Asia-Pacific Initiative and the Olympics	Ministry of Economic Development	266,242	266,242		266,242
Minister of Education and Minister responsible for Early Learning and Literacy	Ministry of Education	5,494,380	5,494,380		5,494,380
Minister of Employment and Income Assistance	Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance	1,479,528	1,479,528		1,479,528
Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources	Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources	77,459	77,459		77,459
Minister of Environment ¹ and Minister responsible for Water Stewardship and Sustainable Communities	Ministry of Environment Environmental Appeal Board and Forest Appeals Board	222,819 1,106	223,925	252,000	475,925
Minister of Finance	Ministry of Finance Management of Public Funds and Debt Contingencies (All Ministries) and New Programs BC Family Bonus Commissions on Collection of Public Funds Allowances for Doubtful Revenue Accounts Children's Education Fund (Special Account) Insurance and Risk Management (Special Account)	91,188 557,800 498,800 17,000 1 1 — —	1,164,790	450,000	1,614,790
Minister of Forests and Range and Minister responsible for Housing ^{1,2}	Ministry of Forests and Range Environmental Appeal Board and Forest Appeals Commission Forest Practices Board	893,725 971 3,761	898,457	43,500 ³	941,957

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Minister of Health	Ministry of Health	12,966,920	12,966,920	43,000 ³	13,009,920
Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services	Ministry of Labour and Citizen's Services	97,507	97,507		97,507
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General	Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General	603,385	603,385	65,500	668,885
Minister of Tourism, Sport and the Arts	Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts	129,548	129,548	78,000 ⁴	207,548
Minister of Transportation	Ministry of Transportation	881,847	881,847		881,847
Total		<u>29,438,785</u>	<u>29,438,785</u>	<u>1,004,000</u>	<u>30,442,785</u>
Not Applicable					
	Legislation	58,072			
	Officers of the Legislature	33,979			
	BC Timber Sales ²	184,200			
	Ministry of Small Business and Revenue ⁵	59,964			
Total Consolidated Revenue Fund		<u><u>29,775,000</u></u>			

¹ The Ministers of Forests and Range and Environment each have operating expense accountability for the administration and support services of the Environmental Appeal Board and Forest Appeals Commission; therefore, those funds have been allocated appropriately.

² Under Section 5(1.1) of the *Balanced Budget and Ministerial Accountability Act*, the estimated amount for the Minister of Forests and Range does not include estimated expenditures related to the BC Timber Sales Special Account.

³ This is a provisional amount based on information available at this time and is subject to audit and final accounting with the public accounts.

⁴ This amount does not include the \$150 million transfer to the BC150 Cultural Fund provided for in the *Supply Act, 2007-2008 (Supplementary Estimates)*, as the transfer will not impact the net operating expense of the ministry.

⁵ Under Section 5(2) of the *Balanced Budget and Ministerial Accountability Act*, the Minister of Small Business and Revenue is accountable for earning actual gross revenue specified by regulation of Treasury Board.