



**FIRST REPORT
OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
ESTIMATES AND FISCAL POLICY**

Third Session
Sixtieth Legislative Assembly
of the
Province of New Brunswick

May 7, 2024

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May 7, 2024

To The Honourable
The Legislative Assembly of
The Province of New Brunswick

Mr. Speaker:

Your Standing Committee on Estimates and Fiscal Policy begs leave to submit this, their First Report.

Your Committee met in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on April 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24 and 25, 2024, to consider the estimates referred to your Committee by resolution of the House adopted April 2, 2024.

Your Committee wishes to report that they have passed all estimates referred to them and outlined in this report. Your Committee recommends that these estimates be concurred in by the House.

Mr. Ryan Cullins, MLA
Chair

The following are the items that were passed by the Committee:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2024-2025

RESOLVED, that there be granted to His Majesty sums not exceeding the following to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2025:

Voted (\$)

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries	48,470,000
Less amounts authorized by law	54,000
Voted.....	48,416,000

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Corporate and Other Education Services	105,087,000
School Districts	1,517,414,000
Early Childhood Development	288,257,000
Less amounts authorized by law	54,000
Voted.....	1,910,704,000

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Corporate Services and Community Funding.....	3,126,000
Policy, Public Education and Engagement	1,319,000
Local Government and Local Governance Reform	104,958,000
Local Governance Commission.....	1,032,000
Authorizations and Compliance.....	9,189,000
Environmental Science and Protection	5,093,000
Climate Change.....	48,657,000
Less amounts authorized by law	108,000
Voted.....	173,266,000

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE

Office of the Clerk, Chief Operating Officer and Head of the Public Service and Executive Council Secretariat	3,690,000
Corporate Communications	7,457,000
Office of the Lieutenant-Governor	567,000
Voted.....	11,714,000

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND TREASURY BOARD

Budget and Financial Management	911,000
Corporate Services	6,260,000
Treasury Management and Fiscal Policy	2,925,000

Office of the Chief Human Resources Officer	5,262,000
Office of the Chief Information Officer.....	8,243,000
Office of the Comptroller.....	3,249,000
Revenue Administration	22,231,000
Less amounts authorized by law	54,000
Voted.....	49,027,000
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Indigenous Affairs	6,935,000
Commissions Paid to Collectors of Pari-Mutuel Taxes.....	455,000
Enterprise Resource Planning	54,159,000
Equal Employment Opportunity Program	688,000
Intergovernmental Affairs.....	9,060,000
Legislated Pension Plans, Benefit Accruals, Subsidies, and Supplementary Allowances	100,438,000
Less amounts authorized by law	188,000
Voted.....	100,250,000
New Brunswick Advantage Savings Fund	13,400,000
Pension and Employee Benefits Plans.....	370,494,000
Less amounts authorized by law	2,000
Voted.....	370,492,000
Provision for Losses.....	14,200,000
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations.....	14,850,000
Service New Brunswick.....	242,277,000
Less amounts authorized by law	54,000
Voted.....	242,223,000
Supplementary Funding Provision.....	372,808,000
Women's Equality	10,367,000
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
Corporate and Other Health Services	306,214,000
Medicare	850,172,000
Pharmaceutical Programs.....	262,659,000
Part III Health Services	2,379,122,000
Less amounts authorized by law	95,000
Voted.....	3,798,072,000
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY	
Technical Safety and Corporate Services Division	25,834,000
Community Safety Division	249,941,000

Security and Emergencies Division	24,946,000
Office of the Attorney General	28,825,000
Justice Services Division	31,452,000
Legal Aid	13,844,000
Less amounts authorized by law	108,000
Voted.....	374,734,000
 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	
Members' Allowances, Committees and Operations.....	11,067,000
Less amounts authorized by law	4,393,000
Voted.....	6,674,000
 Office of the Legislative Assembly	 4,713,000
Office of the Auditor General	3,930,000
 Offices of Leaders and Members of Registered Political Parties	 2,054,000
Less amounts authorized by law	77,000
Voted.....	1,977,000
 Elections New Brunswick.....	 18,725,000
Office of the Ombud	2,848,000
Office of the Child, Youth and Senior Advocate.....	2,127,000
Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages.....	840,000
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance	680,000
Office of the Integrity Commissioner	352,000
 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT	
Administration	9,022,000
Natural Resources	107,020,000
Energy and Mines	91,007,000
Land Management	3,166,000
Less amounts authorized by law	54,000
Voted.....	210,161,000
 NEW BRUNSWICK HOUSING CORPORATION	
Corporate and Other Services	3,765,000
Housing Program Delivery	130,461,000
Housing Facilities	59,356,000
Tenant and Landlord Relations Office.....	2,759,000
Voted.....	196,341,000
 OFFICE OF THE PREMIER	
Administration	1,734,000
Less amounts authorized by law	81,000
Voted.....	1,653,000

OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK

Administration and Business Development Services	16,549,000
Financial Assistance.....	25,000,000
Strategic Investments – Productivity / Global Competitiveness.....	5,000,000
Voted.....	46,549,000

OTHER AGENCIES

Consolidated Entities	449,404,000
Less amounts authorized by law	449,404,000
Voted.....	0

Council of Atlantic Premiers	642,000
Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation	2,856,000
Labour and Employment Board.....	749,000
New Brunswick Police Commission	688,000
New Brunswick Women’s Council	485,000
Premier’s Council on Disabilities	336,000

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR

Labour and Strategic Services	14,888,000
Post-Secondary Education	534,202,000
WorkingNB.....	150,835,000
New Brunswick Public Library Service	18,956,000
Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification.....	17,373,000
Immigration.....	14,005,000
Less amounts authorized by law	54,000
Voted.....	750,205,000

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Development Projects and Operations.....	80,873,000
Less amounts authorized by law	41,000
Voted.....	80,832,000

SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

Service of the Public Debt	608,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law	603,500,000
Voted.....	4,500,000

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Corporate and Other Services	11,885,000
Seniors and Long Term Care	1,075,062,000
Child Welfare and Youth Services	181,877,000
Income Security	347,006,000
Other Benefits	47,200,000
Less amounts authorized by law	95,000
Voted.....	1,662,935,000

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE	
Administration	3,827,000
Provincial Parks	18,290,000
Sport and Recreation.....	7,001,000
Culture, Archaeology and Heritage	31,426,000
Tourism.....	20,136,000
Less amounts authorized by law	54,000
Voted.....	80,626,000

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Administration	22,454,000
Policy and Legislative Affairs, Strategic Partnerships and Trade Corridors.....	1,605,000
Maintenance	109,739,000
Winter Maintenance.....	77,840,000
Bridge and Highway Construction.....	3,425,000
Buildings Group.....	153,255,000
New Brunswick Highway Corporation.....	28,148,000
Less amounts authorized by law	27,409,000
Voted.....	369,057,000

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES	
Capital Equipment	65,000
Strategic Infrastructure.....	400,000
Voted.....	465,000

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT	
Public Schools – Capital Equipment.....	2,654,000

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	
Rural Districts	1,000,000

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	
Public Hospitals – Capital Equipment	44,392,000

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT	
Capital Improvements	12,950,000
Mine Infrastructure	5,830,000
Musquash Watershed Infrastructure – Capital Improvements.....	10,013,000
Sentier NB Trail Infrastructure	3,600,000
Voted.....	32,393,000

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Deferred Maintenance Program	2,200,000

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Canada-New Brunswick Integrated Bilateral Agreement.....	58,900,000
Strategic Infrastructure Initiative	4,800,000
Voted.....	63,700,000

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Nursing Home Services – Capital Improvements.....	14,000,000
Nursing Home Services – Capital Maintenance	3,000,000
New Brunswick Housing Corporation – Capital Construction.....	33,000,000
New Brunswick Housing Corporation – Capital Maintenance.....	5,000,000
Voted.....	55,000,000

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE	
Capital Improvements.....	14,163,000
Strategic Infrastructure.....	5,876,000
Voted.....	20,039,000

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
Bridges	92,920,000
Federal-Provincial Cost-Shared Program	59,288,000
Highways	327,775,000
Provincial-Municipal Highway Partnership	25,000,000
Public Works and Infrastructure	441,696,000
Vehicle Management Agency.....	30,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law	48,270,000
Voted.....	928,409,000

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES	
New Brunswick Agricultural Insurance Commission	1,600,000
Loan Programs	7,000,000
Voted.....	8,600,000

NEW BRUNSWICK HOUSING CORPORATION	
Housing.....	3,224,000

OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK	
Financial Assistance to Industry	50,000,000

DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR	
Student Loan Advances	90,500,000

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	
Financial assistance under the Development Loans Program.....	0

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 2022-2023, Volume 2

RESOLVED, that there be granted to His Majesty sums not exceeding the following to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2023:

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Provision for Losses.....	14,686,010.05
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations.....	12,355,112.53

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Corporate and Other Health Services	36,477,134.96
Drug Programs	14,220,131.34
Medicare	5,521,431.60
Part III Health Services.....	98,792,640.86
Voted.....	155,011,338.76

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Office of the Child, Youth and Senior Advocate	137,378.71
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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

Energy and Mines	5,439,266.13
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DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR

WorkingNB.....	10,450,179.85
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SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

Service of the Public Debt	331,600.00
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CAPITAL ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Public Schools – Capital Equipment.....	487,645.34
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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Strategic Infrastructure Initiative	2,482,879.00
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