



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

First Session  
Sixty-first Legislative Assembly  
of the  
Province of New Brunswick

May 6, 2025

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE	
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May 6, 2025

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

Madam 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 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 22 and 23, 2025, to consider the estimates referred to your Committee by resolution of the House adopted March 28, 2025.

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.

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Mr. Luc Robichaud, MLA  
Chair

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

### MAIN ESTIMATES, 2025-2026

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 31<sup>st</sup> of March, 2026:

Voted (\$)

#### ORDINARY ACCOUNT

##### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES

Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries .....	50,485,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	62,000
Voted.....	50,423,000

##### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Corporate and Other Education Services .....	133,805,000
School Districts .....	1,601,992,000
Early Childhood Development .....	375,503,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	62,000
Voted.....	2,111,238,000

##### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy .....	78,444,000
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##### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Corporate Services and Community Funding.....	3,879,000
Policy, Public Education and Engagement .....	1,746,000
Local Government .....	120,489,000
Local Governance Commission .....	1,138,000
Authorizations and Compliance.....	11,449,000
Environmental Science and Protection .....	6,759,000
Climate Change.....	41,742,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	124,000
Voted.....	187,078,000

##### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE

Office of the Clerk and Head of the Public Service and Executive Council Secretariat .....	3,998,000
Communications and Marketing.....	7,999,000
Office of the Lieutenant-Governor .....	594,000
Voted.....	12,591,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND TREASURY BOARD</b>	
Budget and Financial Management .....	909,000
Corporate Services .....	6,148,000
Treasury Management and Fiscal Policy .....	2,920,000
Office of the Chief Human Resources Officer .....	5,004,000
Office of the Chief Information Officer.....	8,219,000
Office of the Comptroller.....	3,244,000
Revenue Administration .....	5,691,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	62,000
Voted.....	32,073,000
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	
Indigenous Affairs .....	7,620,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	62,000
Voted.....	7,558,000
Commissions Paid to Collectors of Pari-Mutuel Taxes.....	455,000
Electricity Rebate.....	92,600,000
Enterprise Resource Planning.....	56,645,000
Equal Employment Opportunity Program .....	688,000
Intergovernmental Affairs.....	11,520,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	62,000
Voted.....	11,458,000
Legislated Pension Plans, Benefit Accruals, Subsidies, and Supplementary Allowances .....	87,903,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	153,000
Voted.....	87,750,000
Pension and Employee Benefits Plans.....	391,357,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	2,000
Voted.....	391,355,000
Provision for Losses.....	14,200,000
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations .....	14,950,000
Service New Brunswick.....	253,666,000
Supplementary Funding Provision.....	501,630,000
Women's Equality .....	23,630,000
<b>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</b>	
Corporate and Other Health Services .....	345,378,000
Medicare .....	899,887,000
Pharmaceutical Programs.....	263,207,000
Part III Health Services .....	2,582,616,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	62,000
Voted.....	4,091,026,000

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

Technical Safety and Corporate Services Division .....	28,718,000
Community Safety Division .....	259,882,000
Security and Emergencies Division .....	27,408,000
Office of the Attorney General .....	35,370,000
Justice Services Division .....	34,400,000
Legal Aid .....	17,435,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	124,000
Voted.....	403,089,000

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

Members' Allowances, Committees and Operations.....	11,569,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	4,800,000
Voted.....	6,769,000

Office of the Legislative Assembly .....	4,896,000
Office of the Auditor General .....	4,152,000
Offices of Leaders and Members of Registered Political Parties .....	2,067,000
Elections New Brunswick.....	7,991,000
Office of the Ombud .....	3,042,000
Office of the Child, Youth and Senior Advocate.....	2,620,000
Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages.....	876,000
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance .....	710,000
Office of the Integrity Commissioner .....	441,000

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

Administration .....	9,383,000
Natural Resources .....	116,898,000
Mines.....	11,185,000
Land Management .....	4,002,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	62,000
Voted.....	141,406,000

**NEW BRUNSWICK HOUSING CORPORATION**

Corporate and Other Services .....	4,900,000
Housing Program Delivery .....	163,630,000
Housing Infrastructure .....	59,401,000
Tenant and Landlord Relations Office.....	5,027,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted.....	232,911,000

**OFFICE OF THE PREMIER**

Administration .....	1,734,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	93,000
Voted.....	1,641,000

## OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK

Administration and Business Development Services .....	17,200,000
Financial Assistance.....	29,000,000
Competitiveness and Growth Program .....	25,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	47,000
Voted.....	71,153,000

## OTHER AGENCIES

Consolidated Entities .....	417,605,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	417,605,000
Voted.....	0

Council of Atlantic Premiers .....	642,000
Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation .....	2,884,000
Labour and Employment Board.....	908,000
New Brunswick Police Commission .....	705,000
New Brunswick Women's Council .....	602,000
Premier's Council on Disabilities .....	353,000

## DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR

Labour and Strategic Services .....	16,848,000
Post-Secondary Education .....	543,114,000
WorkingNB.....	147,272,000
New Brunswick Public Library Service .....	19,678,000
Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification.....	16,463,000
Immigration.....	14,357,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	62,000
Voted.....	757,670,000

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Development Projects and Operations.....	79,571,000
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## SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

Service of the Public Debt .....	673,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	668,700,000
Voted.....	4,300,000

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Corporate and Other Services .....	12,949,000
Seniors and Long Term Care .....	1,121,586,000
Child Welfare and Youth Services .....	208,277,000
Income Security .....	363,592,000
Other Benefits .....	36,100,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	109,000
Voted.....	1,742,395,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE</b>	
Administration .....	3,959,000
Provincial Parks .....	17,981,000
Sport and Recreation .....	9,375,000
Culture, Archaeology and Heritage .....	33,821,000
Tourism .....	19,704,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	62,000
Voted .....	84,778,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	
Administration .....	25,683,000
Policy and Legislative Affairs, Strategic Partnerships and Trade Corridors .....	1,929,000
Maintenance .....	105,586,000
Winter Maintenance .....	75,565,000
Bridge and Highway Construction .....	4,020,000
Buildings Group .....	157,140,000
New Brunswick Highway Corporation .....	29,011,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	28,094,000
Voted .....	370,840,000

### **CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

<b>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES</b>	
Capital Equipment .....	315,000
Strategic Infrastructure .....	400,000
Voted .....	715,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT</b>	
Public Schools – Capital Equipment .....	1,605,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>	
Rural Districts .....	1,000,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</b>	
Public Hospitals – Capital Equipment .....	40,280,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT</b>	
Capital Improvements .....	7,400,000
Mine Infrastructure .....	6,050,000
Musquash Watershed Infrastructure – Capital Improvements .....	900,000
Sentier NB Trail Infrastructure .....	3,000,000
Voted .....	17,350,000

<b>NEW BRUNSWICK HOUSING CORPORATION</b>	
Public Housing – Capital Construction.....	34,731,000
Public Housing – Capital Improvements .....	9,354,000
Voted.....	44,085,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR</b>	
Deferred Maintenance Program.....	2,200,000

<b>REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION</b>	
Canada - New Brunswick Integrated Bilateral Agreement.....	30,500,000
Strategic Infrastructure Initiative .....	2,575,000
Voted.....	33,075,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	
Nursing Home Services – Capital Improvements.....	20,354,000
Nursing Home Services – Capital Maintenance .....	3,000,000
Voted.....	23,354,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, HERITAGE AND CULTURE</b>	
Capital Improvements.....	11,589,000
Strategic Infrastructure.....	7,428,000
Voted.....	19,017,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	
Bridges .....	92,550,000
Federal-Provincial Cost-Shared Program .....	76,028,000
Highways .....	313,036,000
Provincial-Municipal Highway Partnership .....	25,000,000
Public Works and Infrastructure .....	529,651,000
Vehicle Management Agency .....	39,000,000
Less amounts authorized by law .....	50,518,000
Voted.....	1,024,747,000

## **LOANS AND ADVANCES**

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

<b>NEW BRUNSWICK HOUSING CORPORATION</b>	
Housing.....	3,224,000

<b>OPPORTUNITIES NEW BRUNSWICK</b>	
Financial Assistance to Industry .....	50,000,000

<b>DEPARTMENT OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND LABOUR</b>	
Student Loan Advances .....	90,500,000



## **SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 2023-2024, Volume 1**

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 31<sup>st</sup> of March, 2024:

### **ORDINARY ACCOUNT**

#### **ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Local Government and Local Governance Reform .....	1,712,512.48
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#### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Legislated Pension Plan, Benefit Accruals, Subsidies, and Supplementary Allowances .....	40,113,456.60
Natural Gas Distribution Program .....	1,386,123.24
New Brunswick Advantage Savings Fund .....	1,600,000.00
Revenue Sharing Agreements with First Nations .....	2,278,707.34
Women's Equality .....	2,606,682.47

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

Corporate and Other Health Services .....	37,613,000.00
Part III Health Services .....	52,211,094.17
Voted .....	89,824,094.17

#### **OTHER AGENCIES**

Electoral Boundaries and Representation Commission .....	1,071.20
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#### **SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT**

Service of the Public Debt .....	277,532.43
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#### **SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

Income Security .....	789,888.93
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### **CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

Public Hospitals – Capital Equipment .....	24,093.29
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