



## 2014-2015 MAIN ESTIMATES

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2014-2015 Expenditure Plan totaling \$91,485,177 is presented for consideration by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration.

*Table 1.1: Senate budget for 2014-2015 (presentation as requested by TBS)*

*Note: there will also be a section called « highlights » which will contain explanation of trends, anomalies or variances; and use of funds to achieve organizational plans and priorities, among other things.*

<b>Vote (thousands of dollars)</b>	<b>2012-2013 Actual expenditures</b>	<b>2013-2014 Main Estimates</b>	<b>2013-2014 Estimates to date (Main and Supplementary Estimates tabled to date)</b>	<b>2014-2015 Main Estimates</b>
1 Program expenditures	55,650,087	58,169,816	58,169,816	57,532,359
(S) Officers and Members of the Senate - Salaries, allowances and other payments to the Speaker of the Senate, Members and other officers of the Senate under the <i>Parliament of Canada Act</i> ; contributions to the Members of Parliament Retiring Allowances Account, and Members of Parliament Retirement Compensation Arrangements Account.	26,322,815	26,690,200	26,690,200	26,690,200
(S) Contributions to employee benefit plan	6,908,886	7,657,013	7,657,013	7,262,618
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,881,788</b>	<b>92,517,029</b>	<b>92,517,029</b>	<b>91,485,177</b>

## PRESENTATION BY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

The following table displays the financial information for the Senate by Program Activities. This format is used to present to Parliament and the Canadian public the government's estimates and Public accounts information.

Activities	2014-2015 Main Estimates \$	2013-2014 Main Estimates \$	Increase (Decrease) \$	Increase (Decrease) of total budget %
Senators and their Offices	45,477,706	43,589,940	1,887,766	2.04%
Chamber, Committees and Associations	16,586,685	17,040,787	(454,102)	(0.49%)
Administrative Support	29,420,786	31,886,303	(2,465,517)	(2.66%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>91,485,177</b>	<b>92,517,029</b>	<b>(1,031,852)</b>	<b>(1.12%)</b>

### A. BUDGETARY SPENDING AUTHORITIES

The Senate's Main Estimates include two separate budgetary programs: the Statutory budget and the Non-Statutory (voted) budget. Included in the Statutory budget are amounts which are authorized by the *Parliament of Canada Act* (sections 55(1), 60 to 62, 63(1)) such as Senators' indemnities, allowances, and certain other expenses. These expenditures have been given continuing authority by Parliament in previous years and no further approval is required.

Also included in the Statutory budget is the Employee Benefit Plan. This component of the budget represents the costs for the employer's matching contributions to the Public Service Superannuation Plan, Canada or Quebec Pension Plan, Supplementary Death Benefits, and the Employment Insurance Account.

The Program Expenditures budget represents the amounts that are voted on an annual basis by Parliament. Included are all salary, operating, and capital requirements for committees, Senators' office expenses and Senate Administration.

In the context of cost containment measures announced in the Federal Budget 2010 and 2011, a freeze on funding for salary increments was imposed from 2010-2011 to 2012-2013. Since 2013-2014, organizations and departments no longer required to absorb the economic increases. For departments, sums required will be provided through a central vote (pay list expenditures shortfall) automatically. Parliamentary institutions do not have access to this central vote as TBS is not the employer; consequently the required funding must be included in their respective main estimates presentation. Even though this represents an increase, it does not have an impact on the Senate's reduction plan approved by the Committee last year. As all other organizations, including the House of Commons and the Library of Parliament, it is considered as a separate item and funds approved for 2014-2015 economic increases are not counted against their proposed reduction plan.

## **B. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS**

The 2014-2015 Expenditure Plan, by program, is attached for information as appendix B. This report presentation model reflects how the Senate manages its sectors. It is a high level management report meant to show the voted portion of the budget.

## **C. SUMMARY OF CHANGES FOR 2014-2015**

- Employee benefits plan was adjusted to 16.5% of voted salary envelope (was at 17.4% in 2013-2014)
- Provide for Step and approved Economic increases for Senate Administration staff
- Provide for Step increases for Senators' staff
- Provide for approved economic increases for Senators (April 2013)
- Reduction of Committees budgets
- Reduction of the Senate Administration budget
- Reduction in Senators' travel budget
- Increase in the Leader of the Government and Leader of the Opposition budgets
- Reduction in the overall Senators' Research and Office budget