



2016-17 MAIN ESTIMATES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This executive summary is presented to you in the context of the 2016-17 Main Estimates process.

ORGANIZATIONAL ESTIMATES

The 2016-17 Main Estimates totaling \$90,115,308 is presented by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration for consideration.

Table 1.1: Organizational Estimates (dollars) - The Senate (presentation as requested by TBS)

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

	2014–15 Expenditures	2015–16 Main Estimates	2015–16 Estimates To Date	2016–17 Main Estimates
Budgetary				
Voted				
1 Program expenditures	56,881,095	57,031,359	57,031,359	58,276,163
Total voted	56,881,095	57,031,359	57,031,359	58,276,163
Total Statutory	28,521,296	31,716,599	31,716,599	31,839,145
Total budgetary	85,402,391	88,747,958	88,747,958	90,115,308

PRESENTATION BY PROGRAM ACTIVITY

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

	2014-15 Expenditures	2015-16 Main Estimates	2016-17 Main Estimates
Budgetary			
<i>To provide the best possible environment for Senators to effectively contribute to federal legislation and public policy issues in the best interest of all Canadians.</i>			
Senators and their Offices	36,505,215	42,275,393	44,209,495
Administrative Support	30,385,112	30,516,196	28,648,598
Chamber, committees and associations	18,512,064	15,956,369	17,257,215
Total	85,402,391	88,747,958	90,115,308

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, 62.1, 62.3 and 63) 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 are the Employee Benefit Plans. 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.

B. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

The 2016-17 Main Estimates, which reflects the Senate's budget distribution by major sector, are attached as Appendix B.

C. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FOR 2016-17

- Senators' Basic and Additional Allowance and Pensions (increase of \$481K)
- Employee Benefit Plan (decrease of \$358K)
- Senator's Research and Office Expenses and Whips budgets (increase of \$1.4M)
- Senate Committees budget (increase of \$1.2M)
- 24th Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum (decrease of \$327K)
- Senate Administration salaries and operating budgets, including transfer of budget to the Parliamentary Protective Service (decrease of \$1.0M)

BUDGET PRINCIPAL 2016-2017 MAIN ESTIMATES

	Budget principal 2015-2016 Main Estimates \$	Variation nette / Net Variation \$	Budget principal 2016-2017 Main Estimates \$	Variation à l'égard de l'année financière précédente / Variance with Previous FY %	Augmentation (Réduction) du budget total / Increase (Decrease) of Total Budget %
Statutory/Législatif					
Senators' indemnities and pensions/ Indemnités et pensions des sénateurs	18,235,602	480,816	18,716,418	2.64%	0.54%
Senators' travel/Déplacements des sénateurs	5,150,616		5,150,616	0.00%	0.00%
Senators' telecommunications/ Télécommunications sénateurs	763,000		763,000	0.00%	0.00%
Employee Benefit Plans/ Régime d'avantages sociaux des employés	7,567,381	(358,270)	7,209,111	-4.73%	-0.40%
Total Statutory/ Total Législatif	31,716,599	122,546	31,839,145	0.39%	0.14%
Non-Statutory (Voted)/ Non-législatif (Crédits votés)					
Senators / Sénateurs	15,935,010	1,392,000	17,327,010	8.74%	1.57%
Senate Committees/ Comités du Sénat	1,191,100	1,191,000	2,382,100	99.99%	1.34%
International and Interparliamentary Affairs / Affaires internationales et interparlementaires	2,968,228	(327,000)	2,641,228	-11.02%	-0.37%
Administration and Corporate/ Administration et comptes généraux	36,937,021	(1,011,196)	35,925,825	-2.74%	-1.14%
Total Non-Statutory/ Total non-législatif	57,031,359	1,244,804	58,276,163	2.18%	1.40%
Total	88,747,958	1,367,350	90,115,308	1.54%	1.54%