

SENATE OF CANADA
2025–26 MAIN ESTIMATES
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This executive summary is presented to the Senate in the context of the 2025–26 Main Estimates.

ORGANIZATIONAL ESTIMATES

The 2025–26 Main Estimates totaling \$139.3 million is presented by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration (CIBA) for consideration.

The following table presents the organizational Estimates:

	2024–25	2025–26
	Main Estimates	Main Estimates
Budgetary	(dollars)	(dollars)
Voted	95,448,409	97,624,640
Statutory	39,420,105	41,633,796
Total Budgetary	134,868,514	139,258,436

2025–26 MAIN ESTIMATES BY PURPOSE

The following table displays the financial information for the Senate by Purpose. This format is used to present government’s Estimates and Public Accounts of Canada information to Parliament and the Canadian public.

	2024–25	2025–26
	Main Estimates	Main Estimates
Budgetary	(dollars)	(dollars)
<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, House Officers, and their Offices	64,941,124	67,917,457
Administrative Support	43,705,174	45,016,285
Chamber, Committees and Associations	26,222,216	26,324,694
Total	134,868,514	139,258,436

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, as well as travel and telecommunication 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 Employer Costs for Superannuation, the Canada Pension Plan and Employment Insurance. This component of the budget represents the costs for the employer's matching contributions to the Public Service Pension Plan, Canada or Quebec Pension Plan, Supplementary Death Benefits, and the Employment Insurance Account.

The non-statutory budget represents the amounts that are voted on an annual basis by Parliament. Included are all salary and operating requirements for the Senate Committees, the International and Interparliamentary Affairs, Senators, House Officers, caucuses and recognized parliamentary groups and the Senate Administration.

B. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

The 2025–26 Main Estimates, which reflect the Senate's budget distribution by major sector, are found in the Appendix.

C. SUMMARY OF KEY CHANGES FOR 2025–26

Statutory

- Employer Costs for Superannuation, the Canada Pension Plan and Employment Insurance (increase of \$1,904,499)
- Senators' Basic and Additional Allowances and Pensions (increase of \$792,527)
- Senators' Travel Expenses Budget (increase of \$111,665)
- Senators' Living Expenses Budget in the Parliamentary District (decrease of \$595,000)

Voted

- Senators' Office Expenses Budget (increase of \$1,501,500)
- Senate Administration Salaries and Operating Budgets and Corporate Accounts (increase of \$1,128,214)
- House Officers, Caucuses and Recognized Parliamentary Groups Budgets (increase of \$250,800)
- Speaker's Additional Office Allowance (increase of \$46,031)
- Internal Audit (increase of \$4,497)
- International and Interparliamentary Affairs (decrease of \$754,811)

2025–26 SENATE MAIN ESTIMATES/ BUDGET PRINCIPAL DU SÉNAT 2025-2026

	2024–25 Main Estimates/ Budget principal 2024-2025	Net Variation/ Variation nette	2025–26 Main Estimates/ Budget principal 2025-2026	Variance with Previous Fiscal Year/ Variation à l'égard de l'année financière précédente	Increase/ (Decrease) of Total Budget/ Augmentation (ou diminution) du budget total
	\$	\$	\$	%	%
Statutory/ Législatif					
Senators' indemnities and pensions/ Indemnités et pensions des sénateurs	22,058,249	792,527	22,850,776	3.6%	0.6%
Senators' travel and living expenses in the Parliamentary District/ Frais de déplacement et de subsistance des sénateurs dans la région du Parlement	7,540,032	(483,335)	7,056,697	(6.4%)	(0.4%)
Senators' telecommunications/ Télécommunications des sénateurs	328,000	-	328,000	0.0%	0.0%
Contributions to Employee Benefit Plans/ Contributions aux régimes d'avantages sociaux des employés	9,493,824	1,904,499	11,398,323	20.1%	1.4%
Total Statutory/ Total Législatif	\$ 39,420,105	\$ 2,213,691	\$ 41,633,796	5.6%	1.6%
Voted/ Crédits votés					
Senators and House Officers, caucuses and recognized parliamentary groups/ Sénateurs et agents supérieurs, caucus et groupes parlementaires reconnus	31,618,093	1,798,331	33,416,424	5.7%	1.3%
Audit and Oversight Committee/ Comité de l'audit et de la surveillance	313,124	-	313,124	0.0%	0.0%
Senate Committees/ Comités du Sénat	2,202,920	-	2,202,920	0.0%	0.0%
International and Interparliamentary Affairs/ Affaires internationales et interparlementaires	4,137,648	(754,811)	3,382,837	(18.2%)	(0.6%)
Administration and Corporate Accounts/ Administration et comptes généraux	56,982,182	1,128,214	58,110,396	2.0%	0.8%
Internal Audit/ Audit interne	194,442	4,497	198,939	2.3%	0.0%
Total Voted/ Total crédits votés	\$ 95,448,409	\$ 2,176,231	\$ 97,624,640	2.3%	1.6%
Total	\$ 134,868,514	\$ 4,389,922	\$ 139,258,436	3.3%	3.3%