

**SENATE OF CANADA**

**2026–27 MAIN ESTIMATES**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This executive summary is presented to the Senate in the context of the 2026–27 Main Estimates.

**ORGANIZATIONAL ESTIMATES**

The 2026–27 Main Estimates totaling \$141,4 million is presented by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration (CIBA) for consideration.

The following table presents the organizational Estimates:

	<b>2025–26</b>	<b>2026–27</b>
	<b>Main Estimates</b>	<b>Main Estimates</b>
<b>Budgetary</b>	(dollars)	(dollars)
<b>Voted</b>	97,624,640	96,777,563
<b>Statutory</b>	41,633,796	44,632,243
<b>Total Budgetary</b>	<b>139,258,436</b>	<b>141,409,806</b>

**2026–27 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.

	<b>2025–26</b>	<b>2026–27</b>
	<b>Main Estimates</b>	<b>Main Estimates</b>
	(dollars)	(dollars)
<b>Budgetary</b>		
<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>		
<b>Senators, House Officers, and their Offices</b>	67,917,457	67,938,829
<b>Administrative Support</b>	45,016,285	46,546,290
<b>Chamber, Committees and Associations</b>	26,324,694	26,924,687
<b>Total</b>	<b>139,258,436</b>	<b>141,409,806</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, 62.1, 62.3, 62.4 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 Senate Committees, International and Interparliamentary Affairs, Senators, House Officers, caucuses and recognized parliamentary groups, and the Senate Administration.

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

The 2026–27 Main Estimates, which reflect the Senate's budget distribution by major sector, are found in the Appendix.

## **C. SUMMARY OF KEY CHANGES FOR 2026–27**

### **Statutory**

- Employer Costs for Superannuation, the Canada Pension Plan and Employment Insurance (increase of \$1,273,120)
- Senators' Travel Expenses Budget (increase of \$1,100,000)
- Senators' Basic and Additional Allowances and Pensions (increase of \$867,947)
- Senators' Living Expenses Budget in the Parliamentary District (decrease of \$242,620)

### **Voted**

- Senate Administration Salaries and Operating Budgets and Corporate Accounts (increase of \$2,089,192)
- House Officers, Caucuses and Recognized Parliamentary Groups Budgets (increase of \$305,129)
- International and Interparliamentary Affairs (increase of \$121,173)
- Speaker's Additional Office Allowance (increase of \$25,900)
- Internal Audit (increase of \$3,979)
- Senate Committees (decrease of \$1,000,000)
- Senators' Office Expenses Budget (decrease of \$2,392,450)

**2026–27 SENATE MAIN ESTIMATES/ BUDGET PRINCIPAL DU SÉNAT 2026-2027**

	2025–26 Main Estimates/  Budget principal 2025-2026  \$	Net Variation/  Variation nette  \$	2026–27 Main Estimates/  Budget principal 2026-2027  \$	Variance with Previous Fiscal Year/  Variation à l'égard de l'année financière précédente  %	Increase/ (Decrease) of Total Budget/ Augmentation (diminution) du budget total  %
<b>Statutory/ Législatif</b>					
Senators' indemnities and pensions/ Indemnités et pensions des sénateurs	22,850,776	867,947	23,718,723	3.8%	0.6%
Senators' travel and living expenses in the Parliamentary District/ Frais de déplacement et de subsistance des sénateurs dans la région du Parlement	7,056,697	857,380	7,914,077	12.1%	0.6%
Senators' telecommunications/ Télécommunications des sénateurs	328,000	-	328,000	0.0%	0.0%
Contributions to Employee Benefit Plans/ Cotisations aux régimes d'avantages sociaux des employés	11,398,323	1,273,120	12,671,443	11.2%	0.9%
<b>Total Statutory/ Total Législatif</b>	<b>\$ 41,633,796</b>	<b>\$ 2,998,447</b>	<b>\$ 44,632,243</b>	<b>7.2%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
<b>Voted/ Crédits votés</b>					
Senators and House Officers, caucuses and recognized parliamentary groups/ Sénateurs et agents supérieurs, caucus et groupes parlementaires reconnus	33,416,424	(2,061,421)	31,355,003	(6.2%)	(1.5%)
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	(1,000,000)	1,202,920	(45.4%)	(0.7%)
International and Interparliamentary Affairs/ Affaires internationales et interparlementaires	3,382,837	121,173	3,504,010	3.6%	0.1%
Administration and Corporate Accounts/ Administration et comptes généraux	58,110,396	2,089,192	60,199,588	3.6%	1.5%
Internal Audit/ Audit interne	198,939	3,979	202,918	2.0%	0.0%
<b>Total Voted/ Total crédits votés</b>	<b>\$ 97,624,640</b>	<b>\$ (847,077)</b>	<b>\$ 96,777,563</b>	<b>(0.9%)</b>	<b>(0.6%)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 139,258,436</b>	<b>\$ 2,151,370</b>	<b>\$ 141,409,806</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>