



2017-2018 MAIN ESTIMATES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This executive summary is presented to you in the context of the 2017-2018 main estimates process.

This document contains the proposed Main Estimates as well as supporting documents to assist Senators in making a decision on an appropriate level of funding for 2017-2018.

ORGANIZATIONAL ESTIMATES

The 2017-2018 Main Estimates totaling \$103,152,365 is presented for consideration by the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration.

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

	2015-16 Expenditures	2016-17 Main Estimates	2016-17 Estimates To Date	2017-18 Main Estimates
Budgetary				
Voted				
1 Program expenditures	49,140,138	58,276,163	58,276,163	68,862,548
Total voted				
Total Statutory	25,431,956	31,839,145	31,839,145	34,289,817
Total budgetary	74,572,094	90,115,308	90,115,308	103,152,365

PRESENTATION BY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

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

	2015-16 Expenditures	2016-17 Main Estimates	2017-18 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	33,364,160	44,209,495	57,168,830
Chamber, committees and associations	16,923,212	17,257,215	17,982,965
Administrative Support	24,284,722	28,648,598	28,000,570
Total	74,572,094	90,115,308	103,152,365

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 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.

B. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

The 2017-2018 Main Estimates, which reflects the Senate's budget distribution by major sector, is attached as Appendix B.

C. SUMMARY OF CHANGES FOR 2017-2018

- Senators' Basic and Additional Allowance and Pensions (increase of \$941K)
- Senators' Travel (increase of \$1.03 million)
- Employee Benefit Plan (increase of \$479K)
- Senator's Research and Office Expenses', House Officers', Caucuses' and Speaker of the Senate Budgets (increase of \$10.14 million)
- International Interparliamentary Association (increase of \$364K)
- Senate Administration salaries and operating budgets (increase of \$80K)

BUDGET PRINCIPAL 2017-2018 MAIN ESTIMATES

	Budget principal 2016-2017 Main Estimates \$	Variation nette / Net Variation \$	Budget principal 2017-2018 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	18,716,418	940,590	19,657,008	5.03%	1.04%
Senators' travel /Déplacements des sénateurs	5,150,616	1,031,341	6,181,957	20.02%	1.14%
Senators' telecommunications / Télécommunications des sénateurs	763,000	-	763,000	0.00%	0.00%
Employee Benefit Plans/ Régime d'avantages sociaux des employés	7,209,111	478,741	7,687,852	6.64%	0.53%
Total Statutory/ Total Législatif	31,839,145	2,450,672	34,289,817	7.70%	2.72%
Non-Statutory (Voted)/ Non-législatif (Crédits votés)					
Senators / Sénateurs	17,327,010	10,141,552	27,468,562	58.53%	11.25%
Senate Committees / Comités du Sénat	2,382,100	-	2,382,100	0.00%	0.00%
International and Interparliamentary Affairs / Affaires internationales et interparlementaires	2,650,872	364,376	3,015,248	13.75%	0.40%
Administration and Corporate/ Administration et comptes généraux	35,916,181	80,457	35,996,638	0.22%	0.09%
Total Non-Statutory/ Total non-législatif	58,276,163	10,586,385	68,862,548	18.17%	11.75%
Total	90,115,308	13,037,057	103,152,365	14.47%	14.47%