



BILL NO. 247

Government Bill

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Nova Scotia
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An Act to Provide for Defraying Certain Charges and Expenses of the Public Service of the Province

CHAPTER 2
ACTS OF 2026

**AS ASSENTED TO BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
APRIL 9, 2026**

The Honourable John Lohr
Minister of Finance and Treasury Board

*Halifax, Nova Scotia
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of the Public Service of the Province**

Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

1 This Act may be cited as the *Appropriations Act, 2026*.

2 The several sums of money hereinafter stated are granted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for the purpose of defraying the undermentioned several charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2027:

Department of Advanced Education	\$ 544,214,000
Department of Agriculture	48,048,000
Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	162,930,000
Department of Cyber Security and Digital Solutions	322,727,000
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development	2,343,767,000
Department of Emergency Management	60,190,000
Department of Energy	45,982,000
Department of Environment and Climate Change	59,877,000
Department of Finance and Treasury Board	48,173,000
Debt Servicing Costs, Department of Finance and Treasury Board	1,030,107,000
Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture	17,933,000
Department of Growth and Development	457,047,000
Department of Health and Wellness	6,714,896,000
Department of Justice	536,519,000
Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration	431,995,000
Department of Municipal Affairs	290,004,000
Department of Natural Resources	131,455,000
Department of Opportunities and Social Development	1,799,576,000
Elections Nova Scotia	4,424,000
Executive Council	17,778,000
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Review Office	1,452,000
Government Contributions to Benefit Plans	8,495,000
Human Rights Commission	3,309,000
Intergovernmental Affairs	5,016,000

Legislative Services	31,426,000
Nova Scotia Energy and Regulatory Boards Tribunal	2,379,000
Nova Scotia Police Complaints Commissioner	632,000
Nova Scotia Securities Commission	3,580,000
Office of Addictions and Mental Health	408,399,000
Office of Equity and Anti-Racism	4,716,000
Office of Healthcare Professionals Recruitment	5,574,000
Office of L'nu Affairs	4,495,000
Office of Service Efficiency	3,338,000
Office of the Auditor General	7,049,000
Office of the Ombudsman	2,577,000
Public Prosecution Service	38,877,000
Public Service Commission	25,920,000
Department of Public Works	922,327,000
Department of Seniors and Long-term Care	1,606,407,000
Department of Service Nova Scotia	172,758,000
Restructuring Costs	527,721,000
Refundable Tax Credits	160,569,000
Pension Valuation Adjustment	(28,914,000)
Capital Purchase Requirements	3,004,992,000
Other Long-term Debt	12,396,000
Contingency	50,000,000

3 The several sums shall be paid by the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board, subject to any applicable statutes, out of the moneys that are applicable to the purposes for which the several sums are granted.

4 In addition to borrowing authorized by other enactments, the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board is authorized to borrow, for the purpose of and in accordance with the *Finance Act*, the sum of \$3,400,000,000 for the public service, by any means and from any source, for a term greater than three hundred sixty-five days, either before or after the expiration of the 2026-27 fiscal year.

5 This Act has effect on and after April 1, 2026.