

Future-Oriented Statement of Operations (Unaudited) for the year ending March 31, 2024

Law Commission of Canada

Future-Oriented Statement of Operations (unaudited)

For the year ended March 31 (in dollars)

Expenses	Forecast Results 2023-24	Planned Results 2024-25
Law Review	1,353,289	2,823,404
Internal Services	895,668	1,298,938
Total expenses	2,248,957	4,122,342
Net cost of operations before government funding and transfers	2,248,957	4,122,342

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the Future-Oriented Statement of Operations.

Notes to the Future-Oriented Statement of Operations (unaudited)

1. Methodology and significant assumptions

The Future-Oriented Statement of Operations has been prepared on the basis of government priorities and departmental plans as described in the Departmental Plan.

The information in the forecast results for fiscal year 2023-24 is based on actual results as at December 31, 2023 and on forecasts for the remainder of the fiscal year. Forecasts have been made for the planned results for fiscal year 2024-25.

The main assumptions underlying the forecasts are as follows:

- The 2023-24 fiscal year functions as the inaugural year for the Commission. As a result, historical patterns are not available. Forecasts and planned results were made with best information available. As the Commission continues its operations, a historical pattern can be used for future reports.

These assumptions are made as at December 31, 2023.

2. Variations and changes to the forecast financial information

Although every attempt has been made to forecast final results for the remainder of 2023-24 and for 2024-25, actual results achieved for both years are likely to differ from the forecast information presented, and this variation could be material.

In preparing this Future-Oriented Statement of Operations, the Law Commission of Canada (the Commission) has made estimates and assumptions concerning the future. These estimates and assumptions may differ from the subsequent actual results. Estimates and assumptions are based on expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, and are continually evaluated.

Factors that could lead to material differences between the Future-Oriented Statement of Operations and the historical statement of operations include:

- the timing and the amount of acquisitions and disposals of property, plant and equipment, which may affect gains, losses and amortization expense;
- the implementation of new collective agreements;
- other changes to the operating budget, such as new initiatives or technical adjustments later in the fiscal year.

After the Departmental Plan is tabled in Parliament, the Commission will not be updating the forecasts for any changes in financial resources made in ensuing supplementary estimates. Variances will be explained in the Departmental Results Report.

3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Future-Oriented Statement of Operations has been prepared using the Government of Canada's accounting policies in effect for the fiscal year 2023-24, and is based on Canadian public sector accounting standards. The presentation and results using the stated accounting policies do not result in any significant differences from Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Significant accounting policies are as follows:

a) Expenses

Expenses are generally recorded when goods are received or services are rendered and include expenses related to personnel, professional and special services, repair and maintenance, utilities, materials and supplies, as well as amortization of tangible capital assets. Provisions to reflect changes in the value of assets or liabilities, such as provisions for bad debts, loans, investments and advances and inventory obsolescence, as well as utilization of inventories and prepaid expenses, and other are also included in other expenses.

4. Parliamentary Authorities

The department is financed by the Government of Canada through parliamentary authorities. Financial reporting of authorities provided to the department differs from financial reporting according to generally accepted accounting principles because authorities are based mainly on cash flow requirements. Items recognized in the Future-Oriented Statement of Operations in one year may be funded through parliamentary authorities in prior, current or future years. Accordingly, the department has different net cost of operations for the year on a government funding basis than on an accrual accounting basis. The differences are reconciled in the following tables:

a) Reconciliation of net cost of operations to requested authorities (in dollars)

	Forecast Results 2023-24	Planned Results 2024-25
Net cost of operations before government funding transfers	2,248,957	4,122,342
Adjustments for items affecting net cost of operations but not affecting authorities:		
Services provided without charge by other government departments	(218,319)	(246,747)
Requested authorities forecasted to be used	2,030,638	3,875,595

(b) Authorities provided/requested (in dollars)

	Forecast Results 2023-24	Planned Results 2024-25
Authorities provided/requested		
Vote 1 – Operating expenditures	4,325,486	3,705,780
Statutory amounts	187,042	169,815
Total authorities provided/requested	4,512,528	3,875,595
Less: Estimated unused authorities and other adjustments	2,481,890	0
Requested authorities forecasted to be used	2,030,638	3,875,595