



## MINISTRY OF ABORIGINAL RELATIONS AND RECONCILIATION

The Ministry provides leadership to work collaboratively with other provincial ministries, Aboriginal organizations, the federal government and other partners in support of relationship building and for the elimination of the socio-economic disparity between Aboriginal people and other British Columbians. The ministry also negotiates and implements treaties and other workable arrangements with First Nations to provide sustainable economic opportunities and to increase certainty over Crown land and resources in British Columbia.

### MINISTRY SUMMARY

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	Estimates 2004/05 <sup>1</sup>	Estimates 2005/06
<b>VOTED APPROPRIATION</b>		
Vote 9 — Ministry Operations.....	34,787	30,268
<b>STATUTORY APPROPRIATION</b>		
First Citizens Fund Special Account.....	4,200	4,200
<b>OPERATING EXPENSE</b>	<u>38,987</u>	<u>34,468</u>
<b>PREPAID CAPITAL ADVANCES <sup>2</sup></b>	—	—
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES <sup>3</sup></b>	353	54
<b>LOANS, INVESTMENTS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS <sup>4</sup></b>	16,967	3,589
<b>REVENUE COLLECTED FOR, AND TRANSFERRED TO, OTHER ENTITIES <sup>5</sup></b>	—	—
<b>FULLTIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) EMPLOYMENT <sup>6</sup></b>	106	107

#### NOTES

<sup>1</sup> For comparative purposes only, figures shown for 2004/05 expense, FTEs and capital expenditures have been restated to be consistent with the presentation of the September Update 2005/06 Estimates. Schedule A presents a detailed reconciliation.

<sup>2</sup> Details of prepaid capital advances are presented in Schedule C.

<sup>3</sup> Details of capital expenditures are presented in Schedule D.

<sup>4</sup> Details of loans, investments and other requirements are presented in Schedule E.

<sup>5</sup> Details of revenue collected for, and transferred to, other entities are presented in Schedule F.

<sup>6</sup> Details of FTEs are presented in Schedule G.

## CORE BUSINESS SUMMARY

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OPERATING EXPENSE	2004/05	2005/06 ESTIMATES		
	Net	Gross	External Recoveries	Net
<b>Core Business</b>				
Negotiations.....	20,425	23,804	(3,323)	20,481
Aboriginal Relations.....	3,496	5,609	(64)	5,545
Economic Development.....	7,042	—	—	—
Executive and Support Services.....	3,824	4,443	(201)	4,242
First Citizens Fund Special Account.....	4,200	4,500	(300)	4,200
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>38,987</b>	<b>38,356</b>	<b>(3,888)</b>	<b>34,468</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Net</b>
<b>Core Business</b>				
Negotiations.....	336	31	—	31
Executive and Support Services.....	17	23	—	23
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES .....</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>LOANS, INVESTMENTS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Net</b>
<b>Core Business</b>				
Negotiations.....	16,967	3,589	—	3,589
<b>TOTAL LOANS, INVESTMENTS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS.....</b>	<b>16,967</b>	<b>3,589</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3,589</b>

OPERATING EXPENSE BY CORE BUSINESS

\$000

Estimates  
2004/05

Estimates  
2005/06

VOTE 9 — MINISTRY OPERATIONS

This vote provides for ministry programs and operations described in the voted appropriations under the following four core businesses: Negotiations, Aboriginal Relations, Economic Development and Executive and Support Services.

NEGOTIATIONS

**Voted Appropriation**

Negotiations.....	<u>20,425</u>	<u>20,481</u>
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**Voted Appropriation Description:** This sub-vote provides for the province's participation in the negotiation of treaties, interim agreements, and other arrangements with First Nations and the federal government, including consultation with First Nations and others; treaty mandate and policy development; cross-government coordination of consultation, accommodation, reconciliation and treaty implementation initiatives; assistance to First Nations and others in respect of their participation in consultations and in the treaty process; treaty related measures; the resolution of land and resource issues and the enhancement of First Nation involvement in economic development; with First Nations, develop and implement a new consultation and accommodation framework for respecting Aboriginal rights and title in the absence of treaties; and service planning, performance measurement, and support services for the above. This sub-vote also provides for the settlement and implementation costs of treaty agreements that have been ratified by British Columbia, Canada and First Nations; payments to the McLeod Lake Indian Band under the McLeod Lake Indian Band Treaty Number 8 Adhesion and Settlement Agreement and for third party costs; and for initiatives to enable the acquisition of lands for treaty settlement purposes. Recoveries are received from the federal government, and provincial crown agencies and commissions for costs incurred pursuant to agreements and from other parties both internal and external to government for ministry services provided for in this sub-vote.

ABORIGINAL RELATIONS

**Voted Appropriation**

Aboriginal Relations.....	<u>3,496</u>	<u>5,545</u>
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**Voted Appropriation Description:** This sub-vote provides for support for the development of effective working relationships with First Nations and Aboriginal communities, the provision of integrated advice, identification of opportunities, removal of barriers and coordination of resources and services provided to Aboriginal people, provides leadership around policy development and provides support to Aboriginal advisory bodies, including the First Citizens' Forum and First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council; and provides administration of the First Citizens Fund Special Account and related transfers, support of inner-city partnerships, including the Vancouver Agreement, in collaboration with other ministries support for the development of an integrated First Nations Tourism and Cultural strategy, a national blueprint to raise Aboriginal Health outcomes, the development of a comprehensive strategy to better coordinate funding and support for Aboriginal children's services, participation in Aboriginal child care and literacy programs and for development of new job opportunities for Aboriginal people. Government transfers are provided to support Aboriginal initiatives through partnerships, and Aboriginal socio-economic development projects and cultural initiatives. Recoveries are received from parties external to government and from internal sources for ministry services provided for in this sub-vote.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Voted Appropriation**

Economic Development.....	<u>7,042</u>	<u>—</u>
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**Voted Appropriation Description:** This sub-vote provides for support of economic development opportunities for First Nations. Funding is provided to improve access to training, expand business skills and knowledge and to stimulate economic development by encouraging First Nation entrepreneurship, enterprise and participation in the BC economy.

## MINISTRY OF ABORIGINAL RELATIONS AND RECONCILIATION

## OPERATING EXPENSE BY CORE BUSINESS (Continued)

\$000

	Estimates 2004/05	Estimates 2005/06
<b>EXECUTIVE AND SUPPORT SERVICES</b>		
<b>Voted Appropriations</b>		
Minister's Office.....	431	431
Corporate Services.....	3,393	3,811
	<u>3,824</u>	<u>4,242</u>
<b>Voted Appropriations Description:</b> This sub-vote provides for the office of the Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, including salaries, benefits, allowances and operating expenses of the Minister and the Minister's staff; executive direction and administrative services for the operating programs of the ministry, including financial administration and budget coordination, strategic and business planning and reporting, information and privacy, records management, human resources, office management and accommodation and information systems. Recoveries are received from parties external to government and from internal sources for ministry services provided for in this sub-vote.		
<b>VOTE 9 — MINISTRY OPERATIONS</b>	34,787	30,268

OPERATING EXPENSE BY CORE BUSINESS

\$000

Estimates  
2004/05

Estimates  
2005/06

STATUTORY — SPECIAL ACCOUNT

This statutory appropriation provides for the programs and operations under the Statutory Services core business First Citizens Fund Special Account.

FIRST CITIZENS FUND

Statutory Appropriation

First Citizens Fund Special Account.....	4,200	<u>4,200</u>
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Statutory Appropriation Description: This statutory appropriation provides for the First Citizens Fund Special Account.

<b>STATUTORY - SPECIAL ACCOUNT</b>	4,200	<u>4,200</u>
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MINISTRY GROUP ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION SUMMARY

GROUP ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION

Salaries and Benefits .....	9,435	11,543
Operating Costs .....	5,357	6,172
Government Transfers .....	24,143	18,440
Other Expenses .....	2,474	2,201
External Recoveries .....	(2,422)	(3,888)
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE.....</b>	<u>38,987</u>	<u>34,468</u>

SPECIAL ACCOUNT<sup>1</sup>

\$000

**FIRST CITIZENS FUND**

This account was originally created as a fund under the *Revenue Surplus Appropriation Act, 1969*, was continued under the *Funds Control Act, 1979*, and was changed to a Special Account under the *Special Accounts Appropriation and Control Act, 1988*. The account promotes the economic, social and cultural well being of members of First Nations who are residents of British Columbia, by providing financial assistance through loan guarantees and government transfers. Interest attributable to the account balance is credited to the account as revenue. Expenses consist of government transfers in support of cultural, educational and economic opportunities including student bursaries, heritage, language and culture programs, native friendship centre operations, and economic development programs. The account also provides funds for the administration costs of certain social and economic development programs. The account balance was increased by \$9 million effective before April 1, 2002 and by \$9 million on April 1, 2002 and each subsequent April 1, up to and including April 1, 2004, under the authority of the *Special Account Appropriation and Control Act 2001*. No financing transactions are provided for under this account. Spending authority committed represents the endowment of the account, which cannot be spent.

	Estimates 2004/05	Estimates 2005/06
<b>SPENDING AUTHORITY AVAILABLE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR<sup>2</sup>.....</b>	<b>6,069</b>	<b>5,869</b>
OPERATING TRANSACTIONS		
Revenue.....	4,200	3,850
Revenue from Appropriation.....	9,000	—
Expense.....	(4,200)	(4,500)
Internal and External Recoveries.....	—	300
Net Revenue (Expense).....	<u>9,000</u>	<u>(350)</u>
Difference Between 2004/05 Estimates and Actual Net Revenue (Expense).....	(200)	
FINANCING TRANSACTIONS		
Loans, Investments and Other Requirements		
Receipts.....	—	—
Disbursements - Capital.....	—	—
Disbursements - Other.....	—	—
Net Cash Source (Requirement).....	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Working Capital Adjustments and Other Spending Authority Committed <sup>3</sup> .....	(9,000)	—
<b>PROJECTED SPENDING AUTHORITY AVAILABLE AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR<sup>2</sup>.....</b>	<b><u>5,869</u></b>	<b><u>5,519</u></b>

**NOTES**

<sup>1</sup> A Special Account is an account in the General Fund where the authorization to spend money from the account is located in an Act other than the *Supply Act*.

<sup>2</sup> The Projected Spending Authority Available represents the cash and temporary investments projected to be available at the end of the fiscal year. The Spending Authority Available at the beginning of the fiscal years 2004/05 and 2005/06 are based on the 2003/04 and 2004/05 Public Accounts, respectively.

<sup>3</sup> The Working Capital Adjustment and Other Spending Authority Committed includes those adjustments that would change the cash balance of the Special Account. This may include amortization expense, changes in accounts receivable and payable, the recognition of deferred revenues and the endowment of the account, which can not be spent.

LOANS, INVESTMENTS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS BY CORE BUSINESS

\$000

Estimates 2004/05	Estimates 2005/06
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**NEGOTIATIONS**

TREATY SETTLEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION COSTS — Disbursements are made to First Nations in accordance with treaty agreements and for the implementation costs of the agreements. These disbursements are amortized over the period of the capital transfer identified in legislated treaty agreements. Land is also purchased and held for treaty settlement purposes.

Receipts.....	—	—
Disbursements.....	16,967	<b>3,589</b>
Net Cash Source (Requirement).....	(16,967)	<b>(3,589)</b>