



Province of Alberta

**The Twenty-ninth Annual Report
of the
Chief Electoral Officer**

The Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act
for the Calendar Year 2005



Alberta Legislative Assembly
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

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January 15, 2007

The Honourable Ken Kowalski
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
325 Legislature Building
Edmonton, Alberta
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

It is an honour to submit to the Legislative Assembly through you, Mr. Speaker, the Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer concerning the administration of the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act* for the calendar year 2005.

This Report is submitted pursuant to Section 4(2) of the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter E-2. The Report includes this Office's Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005.

Should you require clarification or additional information, I would be pleased to respond.

Sincerely,

Lorne R. Gibson
Chief Electoral Officer

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Message from the Chief Electoral Officer

Since my June 2006 appointment as Alberta's fifth Chief Electoral Officer, I have had the opportunity – and responsibility – to learn the intricacies of the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*. The legislation regulates the reporting and disclosure of financial information for candidates, political parties and constituency associations.

During my review of our election finance law, I realized that proper application of the legislation is an objective I share with thousands of political participants across the province and a responsibility I have to the general public. Providing effective support to those with obligations under the *Act* is necessary to achieve success.

Proper completion and timely filing of registration and financial information is an important responsibility, and one that is enshrined in the legislation we administer. The stakes are high: failure to comply with the law may result in a Member of the Legislative Assembly being unable to take a seat in the Legislative Assembly. It may result in a candidate being prohibited from participation in future elections; loss of the right to vote; cancellation of the registration of a political party and the imposition of fines.

My objective is to enhance and expand resources available to our stakeholders to fully equip them to meet the requirements of the legislation. Many resources are currently available within this Office: print material, personal expertise and website information. Our resource list is expanding, and will soon include guides to assist in the line-by-line completion of financial statements.

I have no desire to see penalties applied to the many candidates, chief financial officers, or constituency association and party volunteers who work diligently to fulfill their obligations at the campaign, constituency association or political party level. Our commitment to the delivery of reliable and relevant resources is intended to equip them to successfully fulfill their obligations.

Benefits will extend well beyond the group that is directly involved in the administration of election registration and finance. Supporting our stakeholders in their responsibilities under the *Act* will enhance timely reporting and accurate disclosure of financial information to the public; another key objective of this Office.

Lorne R. Gibson
Chief Electoral Officer

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Section One – The Calendar Year 2005

Overview

The following are some of the major activities and events that occurred during the calendar year 2005:

- Annual financial statements for the calendar year 2005 were received and examined from nine registered parties;
- Annual financial statements for the calendar year 2005 were received and examined from 353 constituency associations;
- 360 registered constituency associations were included in the Register of Constituency Associations as of December 31, 2005.

Registration Data

Political Parties

As at December 31, 2005, there were nine political parties included in the Register of Political Parties, pursuant to Section 7(2) of the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*.

Name (Abbreviation)	Date Registered	President	Chief Financial Officer
Alberta Alliance Party (AAP)	October 25, 2002	John Murdoch	Colin Presizniuk
Alberta Greens (AG)	April 6, 1990	Grant Neufeld	David Crowe
Alberta Liberal Party (LIB)	February 3, 1978	Dan Carroll	Karen Sevcik
Alberta New Democratic Party (NDP)	January 3, 1978	Reg C. Basken	Marilyn Assheton-Smith
Alberta Party (AP)	October 30, 1990	Richard Kayler	Fred Schorning
Alberta Social Credit Party (SC)	January 6, 1978	Earl Solberg	Norma Hurst
Communist Party - Alberta (CP-A)	January 31, 1979	Naomi Rankin	Blyth Nuttal
Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta (PC)	January 3, 1978	Doug Graham, Q.C.	Ron Renaud
Separation Party of Alberta (SPA)	November 2, 1999	Mike Bennison	Judy Milne (Acting)

Reserved Political Party Names

This Office maintains a file of three reserved political party names as of December 31, 2005 under the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*. The current status of activity by these groups is unknown; however, they have been advised that one of the primary requirements for registration is the completion of a petition under Section 6(2)(d) of the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*. The petition must contain a minimum of 6,004 signatures of eligible electors, which represents 0.3% of the number of electors eligible to vote at the 2004 General Election.

Constituency Associations – Registration

During the 2005 calendar year, ninety-five applications for registration were received and approved.

Alberta Greens

Edmonton-Strathcona

Alberta Liberal Party

All 83 constituency associations were registered in January 2005.

Alberta Social Credit Party

Calgary-Bow	Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview	Edmonton-Glenora
Edmonton-Meadowlark	Battle River-Wainwright	Leduc-Beaumont-Devon
Lethbridge-East	Medicine Hat	Rocky Mountain House
Strathmore-Brooks		

Separation Party of Alberta

Edmonton-Glenora

Constituency Associations – Deregistration

During the 2005 calendar year, one constituency association was deregistered at their request. The request was supported by the registered political party.

Separation Party of Alberta

Calgary-Fort

Constituency Associations – Reregistration

There were no requests for reregistration from deregistered constituency associations as of December 31, 2005.

Summary of Constituency Association Registrations at December 31, 2005

At December 31, 2005, the number of registered constituency associations of the registered parties was as follows:

	AAP	AG	LIB	NDP	AP	SC	PC	SPA	TOTAL
Total Registered Constituency Associations	83	2	83	83	2	10	83	14	360

The Communist Party - Alberta had no registered constituency associations at December 31, 2005.

A chart showing the status of registered constituency associations of each registered political party, by electoral division as at December 31, 2005, is presented on pages 14 and 15.

Candidates Who Filed Late

Individuals Prohibited From Being Nominated

There are a number of individuals who were candidates at either a general election, by-election or senate nominee election who filed the required Candidate's Campaign Period Financial Statement after the due date and who did not apply for relief to the Court of Queen's Bench. The Chief Electoral Officer presented reports on the matter to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Section 44 of the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*. The individuals named are prohibited from being nominated as candidates in an election for varying specified periods. Details are available in the Public Files at the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer.

Financial Statements

All political parties and constituency associations registered prior to September 1, 2005 were required to file annual financial statements for 2005 with this Office, on or before March 31, 2006, in accordance with Section 42 of the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*.

Political Parties - 2005 Annual Financial Statements

Nine political parties were registered with the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer as of December 31, 2005. All of the nine parties were required to submit an audited 2005 Annual Financial Statement. The 2005 Political Party Annual Financial Statements were received by March 31, 2006, from all nine registered parties required to file, which follow:

- Alberta Alliance Party
- Alberta Greens
- Alberta Liberal Party
- Alberta New Democratic Party
- Alberta Party
- Alberta Social Credit Party
- Communist Party - Alberta
- Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta
- Separation Party of Alberta

Political Party Contributions

The following presents the number, monetary amount, and category of contributions received by registered political parties in the 2005 calendar year. Figures in this report are rounded to the nearest dollar. A summary of the 2005 data appears on page 16.

Alberta Alliance Party

	Total Contributions	Average Contributions
Amounts to \$375.00:		
182 contributions from individuals	\$ 18,022	\$ 99
3 contributions from corporations	\$ 324	\$ 108
Amounts of \$375.01 and greater:		
19 contributions from individuals	\$ 24,665	\$ 1,298
6 contributions from corporations	\$ 8,024	\$ 1,337
Total	<u>\$ 51,035</u>	

Alberta Greens

	Total Contributions	Average Contributions
Amounts to \$375.00:		
16 contributions from individuals	\$ 2,344	\$ 147
2 contributions from corporations	\$ 430	\$ 215
Amounts of \$375.01 and greater:		
2 contributions from individuals	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,000
1 contribution from a corporation	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,400
Total	<u>\$ 10,174</u>	

Alberta Liberal Party

	Total Contributions	Average Contributions
Amounts to \$375.00:		
1755 contributions from individuals	\$ 161,321	\$ 92
190 contributions from corporations	\$ 27,856	\$ 147
5 contributions from trade unions	\$ 325	\$ 65
Amounts of \$375.01 and greater:		
603 contributions from individuals	\$ 268,155	\$ 445
309 contributions from corporations	\$ 210,068	\$ 680
4 contributions from trade unions	\$ 3,200	\$ 800
Total	<u>\$ 670,925</u>	

Alberta New Democratic Party

	Total Contributions	Average Contributions
Amounts to \$375.00:		
2046 contributions from individuals	\$ 277,880	\$ 136
17 contributions from corporations	\$ 2,041	\$ 120
13 contributions from trade unions	\$ 2,280	\$ 175
Amounts of \$375.01 and greater:		
258 contributions from individuals	\$ 200,358	\$ 777
2 contributions from corporations	\$ 2,200	\$ 1,100
Total	<u>\$ 484,759</u>	

Alberta Party

	Total Contributions	Average Contributions
Amounts to \$375.00:		
11 contributions from individuals	\$ 730	\$ 66
Amounts of \$375.01 and greater:		
11 contributions from individuals	\$ 16,995	\$ 1,545
Total	<u>\$ 17,725</u>	

Alberta Social Credit Party

	Total Contributions	Average Contributions
Amounts to \$375.00:		
28 contributions from individuals	\$ 1,735	\$ 62
1 contribution from a corporation	\$ 100	\$ 100
Amounts of \$375.01 and greater:		
26 contributions from individuals	\$ 36,900	\$ 1,419
1 contribution from a corporation	\$ 900	\$ 900
Total	<u>\$ 39,635</u>	

Communist Party – Alberta

	Total Contributions	Average Contributions
Amounts to \$375.00:		
1 contribution from an individual	\$ 100	\$ 100
Total	<u>\$ 100</u>	

Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta

	Total Contributions	Average Contributions
Amounts to \$375.00:		
2277 contributions from individuals	\$ 273,607	\$ 120
344 contributions from corporations	\$ 71,953	\$ 209
Amounts of \$375.01 and greater:		
607 contributions from individuals	\$ 529,982	\$ 873
743 contributions from corporations	\$ 1,362,965	\$ 1,834
Total	\$ 2,238,507	

Separation Party of Alberta

	Total Contributions	Average Contributions
Amounts to \$375.00:		
113 contributions from individuals	\$ 8,713	\$ 77
3 contributions from corporations	\$ 280	\$ 93
Amounts of \$375.01 and greater:		
22 contributions from individuals	\$ 17,149	\$ 780
2 contributions from corporations	\$ 16,500	\$ 8,250
Total	\$ 42,642	

Average Contributions to Parties

	Total Contributions	Average Contributions
Amounts to \$375.00:		
6429 contributions from individuals	\$ 744,452	\$ 116
560 contributions from corporations	\$ 102,984	\$ 184
18 contributions from trade unions	\$ 2,605	\$ 145
Amounts of \$375.01 and greater:		
1548 contributions from individuals	\$ 1,098,204	\$ 709
1064 contributions from corporations	\$ 1,604,057	\$ 1,508
4 contributions from trade unions	\$ 3,200	\$ 800

Constituency Associations – 2005 Annual Financial Statements

All three hundred and sixty constituency associations registered on December 31, 2005 were required to file annual financial statements on or prior to March 31, 2006, for the period January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005.

Financial statements were received from three hundred and fifty-two constituency associations by the due date. One constituency association of the Alberta Alliance Party, two constituency associations of the Alberta Social Credit Party, and five constituency associations of the Separation Party of Alberta failed to file the required financial statements by the due date.

One of the five deregistered Separation Party of Alberta constituency associations, Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, filed their annual financial statement for the year 2005 after the March 31, 2006 deadline. Along with the financial statement, Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills requested to be reregistered and subsequently was.

Constituency Association Contributions

Administrative and financial procedures differ significantly between parties, and each party is required to advise this Office of its routine relating to certain procedures. The following information reflects these procedures as it affects the constituency associations' authority to accept contributions and to issue official receipts for the period January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005.

Alberta Alliance Party

All of the eighty-three registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions; nine reported the receipt of contributions:

	Total Contributions	Average Contributions
Amounts to \$375.00:		
54 contributions from individuals	\$ 3,817	\$ 71
1 contribution from a corporation	\$ 100	\$ 100
Amounts of \$375.01 and greater:		
4 contributions from individuals	\$ 2,289	\$ 572
4 contributions from corporations	\$ 3,500	\$ 875
Total	\$ 9,706	

Alberta Greens

Both registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions; one reported the receipt of contributions:

	Total Contributions	Average Contributions
Amounts to \$375.00:		
2 contributions from individuals	\$ 250	\$ 125
Total	<u>\$ 250</u>	

Alberta Liberal Party

None of the eighty-three registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions.

Alberta New Democratic Party

None of the eighty-three registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions.

Alberta Party

Both registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions but no contributions were reported.

Alberta Social Credit Party

All of the ten registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions; two reported the receipt of contributions:

	Total Contributions	Average Contributions
Amounts to \$375.00:		
29 contributions from individuals	\$ 980	\$ 34
1 contribution from a corporation	\$ 120	\$ 120
Total	<u>\$ 1,100</u>	

Communist Party - Alberta

The Communist Party had no constituency associations registered in the 2005 calendar year.

Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta

All of the eighty-three registered constituency associations were authorized to accept contributions; sixty-six reported the receipt of contributions:

	Total Contributions	Average Contributions
Amounts to \$375.00:		
2675 contributions from individuals	\$ 280,745	\$ 105
879 contribution from a corporation	\$ 123,119	\$ 140
Amounts of \$375.01 and greater:		
346 contributions from individuals	\$ 207,438	\$ 600
306 contributions from corporations	\$ 176,482	\$ 577
Total	<u>\$ 787,784</u>	

Separation Party of Alberta

None of the fourteen registered constituency associations received contributions in the 2005 calendar year.

Average Contributions to Constituency Associations

	Total Contributions	Average Contributions
Amounts to \$375.00:		
2760 contributions from individuals	\$ 285,792	\$ 104
881 contribution from a corporation	\$ 123,339	\$ 140
Amounts of \$375.01 and greater:		
350 contributions from individuals	\$ 209,727	\$ 599
310 contributions from corporations	\$ 179,982	\$ 581

Political Parties, Constituency Associations – 2005 Contribution Totals

Total contributions received by registered parties and constituency associations during 2005 were:

	Party	Constituency Associations	Total
Alberta Alliance Party	\$ 51,035	\$ 9,706	\$ 60,741
Alberta Greens	\$ 10,174	\$ 250	\$ 10,424
Alberta Liberal Party	\$ 670,925	\$ Nil	\$ 670,925
Alberta New Democratic Party	\$ 484,759	\$ Nil	\$ 484,759
Alberta Party	\$ 17,725	\$ Nil	\$ 17,725
Alberta Social Credit Party	\$ 39,635	\$ 1,100	\$ 40,735
Communist Party - Alberta	\$ 100	\$ Nil	\$ 100
Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta	\$ 2,238,507	\$ 787,784	\$ 3,026,291
Separation Party of Alberta	\$ 42,642	\$ Nil	\$ 42,642
Total	<u>\$ 3,555,502</u>	<u>\$ 798,840</u>	<u>\$ 4,354,342</u>

Senatorial Selection Act

Financial Statements

The *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act* permits registered political parties to maintain continuous annual financial activities between Senatorial Selection Campaigns. Registered parties may accept annual contributions, within prescribed limits, and expend funds for Senatorial Selection purposes. Annual financial statements are required to ensure complete public disclosure of all such transactions.

The two registered parties that nominated candidates for the 2004 Senate Nominee Election are required to file an Audited Senatorial Selection Annual Financial Statement. A financial statement was received by March 31, 2006 from the Alberta Alliance Party and a Letter of Representation was received by March 31, 2006 from the Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta.

Political Parties – 2005 Senatorial Selection Annual Financial Statements

There were no contributions made to either of the registered parties that nominated a candidate for the 2004 Senate Nominee Election.

Please see page 17 for the details on the remainder of the statement.

**Status of Constituency Associations
of Registered Political Parties
at December 31, 2005**

("R" = registered, "-" = not registered, "X" = deregistered)

Constituency Association		AAP	AG	LIB	NDP	AP	SC	PC	SPA
01	Dunvegan-Central Peace	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
02	Calgary-Bow	R	-	R	R	-	R	R	-
03	Calgary-Buffalo	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
04	Calgary-Cross	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
05	Calgary-Currie	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
06	Calgary-East	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
07	Calgary-Egmont	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
08	Calgary-Elbow	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
09	Calgary-Fish Creek	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
10	Calgary-Foothills	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
11	Calgary-Fort	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	X
12	Calgary-Glenmore	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
13	Calgary-Hays	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
14	Calgary-Lougheed	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
15	Calgary-Mackay	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
16	Calgary-McCall	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
17	Calgary-Montrose	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
18	Calgary-Mountain View	R	R	R	R	-	-	R	-
19	Calgary-North Hill	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
20	Calgary-North West	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
21	Calgary-Nose Hill	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
22	Calgary-Shaw	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
23	Calgary-Varsity	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
24	Calgary-West	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
25	Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview	R	-	R	R	-	R	R	-
26	Edmonton-Calder	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
27	Edmonton-Castle Downs	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
28	Edmonton-Centre	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
29	Edmonton-Decore	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	R
30	Edmonton-Ellerslie	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
31	Edmonton-Glenora	R	-	R	R	-	R	R	R
32	Edmonton-Gold Bar	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	R
33	Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
34	Edmonton-Manning	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
35	Edmonton-McClung	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
36	Edmonton-Meadowlark	R	-	R	R	-	R	R	-
37	Edmonton-Mill Creek	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
38	Edmonton-Mill Woods	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
39	Edmonton-Riverview	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
40	Edmonton-Rutherford	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
41	Edmonton-Strathcona	R	R	R	R	-	-	R	-
42	Edmonton-Whitemud	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
43	Airdrie-Chestermere	R	-	R	R	R	-	R	R
44	Athabasca-Redwater	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-

**Status of Constituency Associations
of Registered Political Parties
at December 31, 2005**

("R" = registered, "-" = not registered, "X" = deregistered)

Constituency Association		AAP	AG	LIB	NDP	AP	SC	PC	SPA
45	Banff-Cochrane	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
46	Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
47	Battle River-Wainwright	R	-	R	R		R	R	-
48	Bonnyville-Cold Lake	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
49	Cardston-Taber-Warner	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
50	Cypress-Medicine Hat	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
51	Drayton Valley-Calmar	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
52	Drumheller-Stettler	R	-	R	R	R	-	R	-
53	Foothills-Rocky View	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
54	Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
55	Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
56	Grande Prairie-Smoky	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
57	Grande Prairie-Wapiti	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
58	Highwood	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	R
59	Innisfail-Sylvan Lake	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	R
60	Lac La Biche-St. Paul	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
61	Lacombe-Ponoka	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	R
62	Leduc-Beaumont-Devon	R	-	R	R	-	R	R	-
63	Lesser Slave Lake	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
64	Lethbridge-East	R	-	R	R	-	R	R	R
65	Lethbridge-West	R		R	R	-	-	R	-
66	Little Bow	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	R
67	Livingstone-Macleod	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	R
68	Medicine Hat	R	-	R	R	-	R	R	-
69	Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills	R	-	R	R	-		R	R
70	Peace River	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
71	Red Deer-North	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
72	Red Deer-South	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	R
73	Rocky Mountain House	R	-	R	R	-	R	R	R
74	Sherwood Park	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
75	Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
76	St. Albert	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
77	Stony Plain	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
78	Strathcona	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
79	Strathmore-Brooks	R	-	R	R	-	R	R	R
80	Vermilion-Lloydminster	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
81	West Yellowhead	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
82	Wetaskiwin-Camrose	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-
83	Whitcourt-Ste. Anne	R	-	R	R	-	-	R	-

**Summary of 2005 Annual Financial Statements
Registered Political Parties**

Registered Political Parties	Amounts to \$375.00	Amounts of \$375.01 and greater	Other Revenue	Total Annual Revenue	Funds Transferred	Annual Expenses	Total Annual Expenses	Surplus (Deficit)
AAP	18,346.00	32,689.00	57,543.00	108,578.00	1,500.00	111,310.00	112,810.00	(4,232.00)
AG	2,774.42	7,400.00	3,532.00	13,706.42	324.00	11,903.42	12,227.42	1,479.00
AP	730.00	16,995.00	896.00	18,621.00	Nil	13,566.00	13,566.00	5,065.00
CP-A	100.00	Nil	0.38	100.38	Nil	32.94	32.94	67.44
LIB	189,502.00	481,423.00	116,990.00	787,915.00	120,396.00	545,769.00	665,165.00	121,750.00
NDP	282,201.00	202,558.00	115,345.00	600,104.00	102,628.00	367,046.00	469,674.00	130,430.00
PC	345,560.00	1,892,947.00	58,784.00	2,297,291	Nil	2,148,523.00	2,148,523.00	148,768.00
SC	1,835.00	37,800.00	11,793.00	51,428.00	Nil	51,827.00	51,827.00	(399.00)
SPA	8,993.00	33,649.00	4,227.80	46,869.80	Nil	38,205.93	38,205.93	8,663.87

Note: The information presented above represents financial data at December 31, 2005 in capsule form. For information on prior years, reference should be made to the Public Files maintained in this Office. (See page 19)

**Summary of 2005 Senatorial Selection Annual Financial Statements
Registered Political Parties**

Registered Political Parties	Amounts to \$375.00	Amounts of \$375.01 and Greater	Other Revenue	Total Annual Revenue	Funds Transferred	Annual Expenses	Total Annual Expenses	Surplus (Deficit)
AAP	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
PC	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Note: The information presented above represents financial data at December 31, 2005 in capsule form. For information on prior years, reference should be made to the Public Files maintained in this Office. (see page 19)

Section Two - General Information

Income Tax Credit Allowance – 2004

The Office of Budget and Management, Tax Policy of Alberta Finance provided information obtained from Canada Customs and Revenue Agency concerning the 2004 income tax credits for political contributions allowed to individual and corporate taxpayers who paid Alberta income tax.

Although the following information is one year after the fact, it may be of general interest:

2004 contributions, by individuals, to parties	\$	2,580,749
2004 contributions, by corporations, to parties	\$	2,129,926
2004 contributions, by trade unions, to parties	\$	142,935
2004 contributions, by individuals, to constituency associations	\$	545,823
2004 contributions, by corporations, to constituency associations	\$	428,882
2004 contributions, by trade unions, to constituency associations	\$	NIL
2004 contributions, by individuals, to candidates	\$	2,037,302
2004 contributions, by corporations, to candidates	\$	1,440,168
2004 contributions, by trade unions, to candidates	\$	33,023
2004 income tax credit allowed to individuals	\$	2,721,000
2004 income tax credit allowed to corporations	\$	236,024

These factors should be considered when reviewing this information:

- a. taxpayers do not receive income tax credits unless they submit an Official Receipt for the contribution;
- b. if there is no Alberta income tax payable, no income tax credit is allowed; and
- c. the amount of income tax credit allowed is based on a declining percentage calculation of the total contribution; the maximum tax credit of \$1,000.00 is reached with a contribution of \$2,300.00.

Note: In consideration of the foregoing factors, a direct percentage comparison of the income tax credit allowed to the total amount contributed may not necessarily be valid.

Funds Held in Trust by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

At the date of this Report, the Chief Electoral Officer is not holding any funds in trust for any party, constituency association, or candidate whose registration has been cancelled or for any other reason.

Public Files

The Public Files contain information concerning political financing of registered political organizations in Alberta. The Public Files now contain data for twenty-nine consecutive calendar years including the eight general elections held since February 14, 1979, the sixteen by-elections held since January 1, 1978 and the Senate Nominee elections held in 1989 and 1998 and 2004. Interest in examining these records usually peaks when the candidates, constituency associations and parties file the required financial statements.

All financial statements are contained in the Public Files maintained by this Office and are available for examination from 8:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Photocopies of data maintained in the Public Files are available at a rate prescribed under authority of Section 11 of the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*. Copies of all reports published by the Chief Electoral Officer are available to the public at no cost and are also available on the Elections Alberta website: www.electionsalberta.ab.ca.

Events of Interest Since March 31, 2006

The following events have taken place between the end of the filing year, March 31, 2006 and the date this report was published.

- The Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices appointed Mr. Lorne R. Gibson as Alberta's fifth Chief Electoral Officer effective June 12, 2006.
- A new addition to the Elections Alberta website was activated in November 2006 allowing access to public records identified within the *Election Finances and Contribution Disclosure Act*. The online Contributor Search will enable users to easily research contributions made by individuals, corporations or trade unions. This search capacity will modernize the existing manual process of researching information through the Public Files located in our office.

Section Three – Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Financial Statements – as at March 31, 2005

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Financial Statements

As at March 31, 2005

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly

I have audited the statement of financial position of the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer as at March 31, 2005 and the statements of operations and cash flow for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Office's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Office as at March 31, 2005 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Original signed by
Fred J. Dunn, FCA
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
June 30, 2005

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT MARCH 31, 2005

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash	\$ 650	\$ 150
Inventory	265,789	128,808
Accounts receivable and advances	<u>2,673</u>	<u>3,677</u>
	269,112	132,635
Capital assets (Note 4)	<u>293,993</u>	<u>202,166</u>
	<u>\$ 563,105</u>	<u>\$ 334,801</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 121,929	\$ 125,771
Accrued vacation pay	<u>158,368</u>	<u>97,382</u>
	280,297	223,153
Net assets		
Net assets at beginning of year	111,648	119,628
Net operating results	(13,605,299)	(1,450,344)
Net transfer from general revenues	<u>13,776,459</u>	<u>1,442,364</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>282,808</u>	<u>111,648</u>
	<u>\$ 563,105</u>	<u>\$ 334,801</u>

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2005

	<u>2005</u>		<u>2004</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Restated</u>
Revenues:			
Other revenue		\$ 86,388	\$ 1,320
Expenses (Schedules 1 & 3):			
Voted:			
Election office	\$ 932,529	926,829	722,404
Elections	7,491,002	8,270,357	48,497
Register of electors	5,311,369	4,662,323	721,536
	<u>\$ 13,734,900</u>	<u>13,859,509</u>	<u>1,492,437</u>
Non-budgetary Expenses			
Capitalization of assets expensed as supplies		(200,919)	(109,408)
Amortization of capital assets		109,092	61,253
Net purchase of inventory		(193,745)	(7,026)
Write down of inventory		56,764	7,655
Valuation adjustment			
Increase in provision for vacation pay		60,986	6,753
		<u>(167,822)</u>	<u>(40,773)</u>
		<u>13,691,687</u>	<u>1,451,664</u>
Net operating results		<u>\$ (13,605,299)</u>	<u>\$ (1,450,344)</u>

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2005

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Operating transactions:		
Net operating results	\$ (13,605,299)	\$ (1,450,344)
Add non-cash charges		
Amortization of capital assets	<u>109,092</u>	<u>61,253</u>
	(13,496,207)	(1,389,091)
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	1,004	(607)
(Increase) decrease in inventory	(136,981)	629
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(3,842)	49,359
Increase in accrued vacation pay	<u>60,986</u>	<u>6,754</u>
Cash used by operating transactions	<u>(13,575,040)</u>	<u>(1,332,956)</u>
Capital transactions:		
Purchase of capital assets	(200,919)	(109,408)
Financing transactions:		
Net transfer from general revenues	<u>13,776,459</u>	<u>1,442,364</u>
Net cash used	<u>500</u>	<u>(0)</u>
Cash, beginning of year	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>
Cash, end of year	<u><u>\$ 650</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 150</u></u>

The accompanying notes and schedules are part of these financial statements

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2005

Note 1 Authority

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (the “Office”) is operated under the authority of the *Election Act*, the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act* and the *Senatorial Selection Act*. The net cost of the operations of the Office is borne by the General Revenue Fund of the Province of Alberta. Annual operating budgets are reviewed by the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices.

Note 2 Purpose

The Chief Electoral Officer provides administrative, logistic and financial support for general and special enumerations, general elections and by-elections, and plebiscites in support of the *Election Act* and elections in support of the *Senatorial Selection Act*. The Chief Electoral Officer monitors and records the financial activities of registered parties, constituency associations and candidates to ensure compliance with the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*.

Note 3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the following accounting policies:

a) Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, for which the Chief Electoral Officer is responsible.

The Office operates within the General Revenue Fund (the “Fund”). The Fund is administered by the Minister of Finance. All receipts of the Office are deposited into the Fund and all disbursements made by the Office are paid from the Fund.

Note 6 Budget

Expenses:

2004-05 authorized budget ^(a)	\$ 14,752,900
2004-05 actual expenses (excluding non budgetary expenses and valuation adjustment)	<u>(13,859,509)</u>
2004-05 unexpended (excluding non budgetary expenses and valuation adjustment)	<u>\$ 893,391</u>

(a) Legislative Assembly Estimates were approved on May 19, 2004 in the amount of \$13,734,900. Supplementary estimates of \$1,018,000 were approved on March 24, 2005.

Note 7 Approval of Financial Statements

These financial statements were approved by the Chief Electoral Officer.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICERSCHEDULE OF EXPENSE DETAILED BY OBJECTFOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2005

	<u>2005</u>		<u>2004</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Voted:			
Salaries, wages and employee benefits		\$ 1,076,933	\$ 706,212
Supplies and services		<u>12,782,576</u>	<u>786,225</u>
Total voted expenses	<u>\$ 13,734,900</u>	<u>13,859,509</u>	<u>1,492,437</u>
Non-budgetary expenses:			
Accommodation costs		160,203	109,098
Capitalization of assets expensed as supplies		(200,919)	(109,408)
Amortization of capital assets		109,092	61,253
Net purchase of inventory		(193,745)	(7,026)
Write down of inventory		56,764	7,655
Valuation adjustment (Note 3):			
Increase in vacation pay		<u>60,986</u>	<u>6,753</u>
		<u>(7,619)</u>	<u>68,325</u>
Total expenses		<u>\$ 13,851,890</u>	<u>\$ 1,560,762</u>

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICERSALARY AND BENEFITS DISCLOSUREFOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2005

	2005			2004	
	Base Salary (1)	Other Cash Benefits (2)	Other Non-cash Benefits (3)	Total	Total
CURRENT EXECUTIVES					
Senior official					
Chief Electoral Officer ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 121,524	13,968	\$ 22,493	\$ 157,985	\$ 148,193
Executive					
Deputy Chief Electoral Officer	\$ 90,682	\$ 17,138	\$ 5,235	\$ 113,055	\$ 114,044

- (1) Base salary includes pensionable base pay.
- (2) Other cash benefits include bonuses, vacation payments and lump sum payments.
- (3) Other non-cash benefits include government's share of all employee benefits and contributions or payments made on behalf of employees including pension, health care, dental coverage, group life insurance, short and long-term disability plans, professional memberships and tuition fees.
- (4) Automobile provided, no dollar amount included in other non-cash benefits figures.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICERSCHEDULE OF ALLOCATED COSTSFOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2005

Program	2005					2004
	Expenses ⁽¹⁾	Expenses - Incurred by Others		Valuation Adjustments ⁽³⁾		Total Expenses
		Accommodation	Legal	Vacation	Total	
		Costs ⁽²⁾	Costs	Pay	Expenses	
Operations	\$ 13,630,701	\$ 160,203	\$ -	\$ 60,986	\$ 13,851,890	\$ 1,560,762

(1) Expenses - Directly Incurred as per Statement of Operations, excluding valuation adjustments.

(2) Costs shown for Accommodation (includes grants in lieu of taxes) is allocated by square footage.

(3) Valuation Adjustments as per Statement of Operations. Employee benefits provision were allocated by employee.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICERSUMMARY OF GENERAL ELECTION COSTS

	2004 General Election	2001 General Election
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Election official fees and associated costs	\$ 5,969,844	\$ 4,897,305
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:		
Materials and supplies	53,874	180,122
Contract services	563,171	136,991
Temporary staff - wages and benefits	103,037	115,171
Freight and postage	60,621	57,581
Travel	36,165	16,907
Rentals	24,349	17,307
Telephones and communications	33,625	2,866
Total Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	<hr/> <hr/> 874,842	<hr/> <hr/> 526,945
Total election expenses	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> \$ 6,844,686	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> \$ 5,424,250

The direct costs for the 2004 General Election were incurred over two fiscal periods – 2003/04 and 2004/05. Therefore, the total election costs reported in this Schedule will not reconcile with the election expenses reported on the Statement of Operations for the year ended March 31, 2005.

This Schedule also shows the direct costs associated with the 2001 General Election, which were incurred over two fiscal periods – 2000/01 and 2001/02.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICERSUMMARY OF GENERAL ENUMERATION COSTS

	<u>2004 General Enumeration</u>	<u>2000 General Confirmation</u>
Election official fees and associated costs	\$ 3,915,652	\$ 3,029,951
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:		
Materials and supplies	141,683	151,200
Contract services	517,030	151,032
Advertising	96,004	105,263
Temporary staff - wages and benefits	45,067	67,323
Freight and postage	50,920	19,810
Travel	46,128	7,816
Rentals, repairs and maintenance	8,448	6,249
Total Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	<u>905,280</u>	<u>508,693</u>
Total enumeration expenses	<u>\$ 4,820,932</u>	<u>\$3,538,644</u>

This Schedule includes the direct costs associated with the 2004 General Enumeration; these costs were incurred over the 2003/04 and 2004/05 fiscal periods. The costs include the review and revision of the maps and Register of Electors for the 83 electoral divisions and 5,357 polling subdivisions. Changes to the maps and Register of Electors were necessitated by the implementation of the Electoral Divisions Act in May of 2003. General enumeration costs reported in this Schedule will not reconcile with the Register of Electors expenses reported on the Statement of Operations for the year ended March 31, 2005.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICERSUMMARY OF SENATE NOMINEE ELECTION COSTS

	<u>2004 Senate Nominee Election</u>
Election official fees and associated costs	\$1,235,076
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:	
Advertising	282,832
Printing services	104,542
Systems development	6,440
Office supplies	2,079
Courier and postage	1,599
Legal fees	1,344
Hosting	332
Total Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	<u>\$399,168</u>
Total senate nominee election expenses	<u><u>\$1,634,244</u></u>

This Schedule includes all direct costs associated with the 2004 Senate Nominee Election. Cost efficiencies were achieved by holding the 2004 Senate Nominee Election in conjunction with the 2004 Provincial General Election. These direct costs form part of the election expenses reported on the Statement of Operations for the year ended March 31, 2005.

The 1998 Senate Nominee Election was conducted in conjunction with municipal elections and its total direct costs were \$3,541,582.