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**VOTE 52
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT**

MINISTER

Hon. N. Clarke

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- To contribute to a healthy, sustainable and prosperous future through environmental stewardship and the effective management of natural resources in the Yukon.

SUMMARY (\$000s)	2024-25 ESTIMATE	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2023-24 FORECAST	2023-24 ESTIMATE	2022-23 ACTUAL
Amounts to be Appropriated				
Operation and Maintenance (Vote 52-1)	55,615	61,046	57,427	49,966
Capital (Vote 52-2)	6,613	3,854	4,031	3,690
Total Appropriations	62,228	64,900	61,458	53,656

Note: Restated 2022-23 Actual to be consistent with the 2024-25 Estimate presentation.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$000s)	2024-25 ESTIMATE	<i>Comparable</i>		2022-23 ACTUAL
		2023-24 FORECAST	2023-24 ESTIMATE	
Amounts to be Appropriated				
Operation and Maintenance (Vote 52-1)				
Corporate Services	21,667	20,777	19,632	14,861
Environmental Sustainability	30,312	33,011	30,591	31,528
Environmental Liabilities and Remediation	3,636	7,258	7,204	3,577
Total Operation and Maintenance (Vote 52-1)	55,615	61,046	57,427	49,966
Capital (Vote 52-2)				
Corporate Services	742	964	1,141	1,270
Environmental Sustainability	5,871	2,890	2,890	2,420
Total Capital (Vote 52-2)	6,613	3,854	4,031	3,690
Total Appropriations	62,228	64,900	61,458	53,656
Adjustments for Reconciliation of Expenses				
Amortization Expense	787	685	685	753
Accretion Expense	15	14	13	14
Tangible Capital Assets	(4,938)	(2,213)	(2,390)	(1,754)
Environmental Liabilities (net)	(615)	(4,181)	(4,181)	3,509
Total Expenses	57,477	59,205	55,585	56,178
Summary of Expenses by Category				
Personnel	32,121	32,004	29,903	28,527
Other	21,371	22,548	21,030	23,044
Government Transfers	3,183	3,954	3,954	3,840
Amortization Expense	787	685	685	753
Accretion Expense	15	14	13	14
Total Expenses	57,477	59,205	55,585	56,178

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$000s)	2024-25 ESTIMATE	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2023-24 FORECAST	2023-24 ESTIMATE	2022-23 ACTUAL
Revenues				
Taxes and General Revenues	2,670	1,948	1,948	1,708
Third-Party Recoveries				
Operation and Maintenance	181	393	393	339
Subtotal Third-Party	181	393	393	339
Recoveries from Canada				
Operation and Maintenance	11,648	13,026	11,508	5,258
Capital	975	638	638	433
Subtotal from Canada	12,623	13,664	12,146	5,691
Total Revenues	15,474	16,005	14,487	7,738

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CORPORATE SERVICES

- To provide overall direction that supports managing and conserving the Yukon's natural environment in a sustainable and balanced manner for the benefit of all Yukoners.
- To assist the department in managing its financial, human, information and technology resources in a transparent and fiscally responsible manner by providing strategic, operational and administrative support services.
- To develop or amend environmental legislation or policy to ensure sustainable natural resource conservation and management.
- To inspire appreciation and stewardship of the environment and promote awareness and participation in departmental priorities, programs and services through effective and accessible communications, including outreach, education and public engagement.
- To work collaboratively with First Nations governments, Inuvialuit and transboundary indigenous groups to support reconciliation, develop partnerships in areas of mutual interest, and fulfil commitments outlined in Final Agreements.
- To provide government-wide leadership and coordination on the Yukon's response to climate change.

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**CORPORATE SERVICES
(Cont'd)**

PROGRAM SUMMARY (\$000s)	2024-25 ESTIMATE	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2023-24 FORECAST	2023-24 ESTIMATE	2022-23 ACTUAL
Amounts included in the Appropriation				
Operation and Maintenance (Vote 52-1)				
Deputy Minister's Office	608	530	501	458
Assistant Deputy Minister's Office	8,399	7,726	7,733	2,569
Communications	750	736	695	720
Finance	748	730	680	679
Client, Business and Technology Solutions	4,181	4,225	4,000	4,537
Policy and Planning	3,647	3,704	3,399	3,530
Human Resources	1,024	1,028	982	805
Climate Change Secretariat	2,310	2,098	1,642	1,563
	21,667	20,777	19,632	14,861
Capital (Vote 52-2)				
Operational Equipment	742	567	567	1,138
Prior Years' Projects	0	397	574	132
	742	964	1,141	1,270
Total included in the Appropriation	22,409	21,741	20,773	16,131
Summary of Appropriation by Allotment				
Personnel	11,845	11,530	10,930	8,784
Other	8,510	8,002	7,457	5,071
Government Transfers	1,376	1,371	1,371	1,471
Tangible Capital Assets	678	838	1,015	805
Total included in the Appropriation	22,409	21,741	20,773	16,131

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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

- To maintain biological diversity and lead the conservation and sustainable use of fish, wildlife, habitat and water resources in the Yukon.
- To provide sustainable fish and wildlife harvesting and viewing opportunities for cultural and recreational purposes, while respecting Aboriginal Rights and title, and the provisions of the Yukon's modern treaties.
- To support healthy land, healthy people, and a healthy economy by managing a growing territorial parks system built on protection, reconciliation, public service, and public benefits.
- To deliver services in the areas of licensing, human-wildlife conflict awareness and intervention, education and enforcement.
- To regulate and protect the Yukon's air, land, water, fish and wildlife resources through the assessment, education, monitoring, inspections and permitting of development projects and commercial or individual activities.
- To protect public health and safety and environmental integrity by issuing flood forecasts, enforcing laws and regulations and responding to spills, poaching and wildlife conflict.
- To develop and provide information that is accessible to the public and enhances awareness, understanding and compliance with the laws pertaining to natural resources and the environment.
- To protect human, wildlife and domestic animal health by delivering the Yukon's animal health program and animal protection programs.

PROGRAM SUMMARY (\$000s)	2024-25 ESTIMATE	Comparable		
		2023-24 FORECAST	2023-24 ESTIMATE	2022-23 ACTUAL

Amounts included in the Appropriation

Operation and Maintenance (Vote 52-1)

Assistant Deputy Minister's Office	266	326	316	247
Animal Health	1,321	1,313	1,260	932
Fish and Wildlife	10,308	10,986	10,430	11,251
Parks	6,697	7,660	7,298	7,260
Conservation Officer Services	4,301	4,261	4,046	4,186
Water Resources	4,254	5,320	4,275	4,525
Environmental Protection and Assessment	3,165	3,145	2,966	3,127
	30,312	33,011	30,591	31,528

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**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
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PROGRAM SUMMARY (\$000s)	2024-25 ESTIMATE	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2023-24 FORECAST	2023-24 ESTIMATE	2022-23 ACTUAL
Capital (Vote 52-2)				
Parks				
Campground and Parks Infrastructure	4,089	1,477	1,477	1,258
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Programs				
Boat Launch and Dock Replacements	1,300	850	850	634
Water Resources				
Cableway Reconstruction and Decommissioning	156	156	156	255
Groundwater Monitoring Network Expansion	200	200	200	151
Hydrometric and Meteorological Stations	85	99	99	35
Water Strategy	8	10	10	9
Evaluation of Water Monitoring Networks	33	68	68	78
Prior Years' Projects	0	30	30	0
	5,871	2,890	2,890	2,420
Total included in the Appropriation	36,183	35,901	33,481	33,948
Summary of Appropriation by Allotment				
Personnel	19,597	19,739	18,292	19,035
Other	10,519	12,204	11,231	11,595
Government Transfers	1,807	2,583	2,583	2,369
Tangible Capital Assets	4,260	1,375	1,375	949
Total included in the Appropriation	36,183	35,901	33,481	33,948

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ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITIES AND REMEDIATION

- To provide estimates of the Government of Yukon's environmental liabilities.
- To coordinate and provide for the investigation, assessment, remediation and administration of contaminated sites in accordance with the Government of Yukon's environmental liabilities policy.

PROGRAM SUMMARY (\$000s)	2024-25 ESTIMATE	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2023-24 FORECAST	2023-24 ESTIMATE	2022-23 ACTUAL
Amounts included in the Appropriation				
Operation and Maintenance (Vote 52-1)				
Remediation Expenditures	615	4,181	4,181	1,677
Site Assessment and Administration	3,021	3,077	3,023	1,900
Total included in the Appropriation	3,636	7,258	7,204	3,577
Summary of Appropriation by Allotment				
Personnel	679	735	681	708
Other	2,957	6,523	6,523	2,869
Government Transfers	0	0	0	0
Total included in the Appropriation	3,636	7,258	7,204	3,577

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ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITIES AND REMEDIATION

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITIES (\$000s)	2024-25 ESTIMATE	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2023-24 FORECAST	2023-24 ESTIMATE	2022-23 ACTUAL
Accrued liabilities for Yukon government's contaminated sites, beginning of the year	85,269	91,875	89,938	94,369
Increase in Liabilities				
Environment	one dollar	one dollar	one dollar	5,286
Energy, Mines and Resources	0	0	0	4,266
Other Adjustments				
Landfill Asset Retirement Obligation	0	0	0	(10,240)
Less:				
Remediation Expenditures				
Environment	615	4,181	4,181	1,777
Energy, Mines and Resources	2,425	2,425	2,425	29
Accrued liabilities for Yukon government's contaminated sites, end of the year	82,229	85,269	83,332	91,875

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REVENUES (\$000s)	2024-25 ESTIMATE	Comparable		
		2023-24 FORECAST	2023-24 ESTIMATE	2022-23 ACTUAL
TAXES AND GENERAL REVENUES				
Environmental Sustainability				
Campground Permits	1,821	1,104	1,104	942
Wilderness Tourism Licensing	8	8	8	10
Hunting Licences and Seals	465	465	465	489
Trapping and Fur Licences	6	6	6	6
Fishing Licences	360	355	355	244
Outfitting Fees	10	10	10	17
Total Taxes and General Revenues	2,670	1,948	1,948	1,708

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REVENUES (\$000s)	2024-25 ESTIMATE	Comparable		
		2023-24 FORECAST	2023-24 ESTIMATE	2022-23 ACTUAL
THIRD-PARTY RECOVERIES				
Operation and Maintenance				
Corporate Services				
Mapping	3	10	10	1
Prior Years' Recoveries	0	10	10	0
Environmental Sustainability				
Miscellaneous Partnerships	48	48	48	56
Compulsory Inspections				
- Province of British Columbia	2	2	2	3
Conservation Action Team	2	2	2	2
Standards and Approvals				
- Technical Review	25	45	45	11
NatureServe Canada				
- Yukon Conservation Data	34	34	34	28
Trapper Education Workshop	26	26	26	14
United States Geological Survey	41	88	88	92
Prior Years' Recoveries	0	128	128	132
Total Third-Party Recoveries	181	393	393	339

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REVENUES (\$000s)	2024-25 ESTIMATE	Comparable		
		2023-24 FORECAST	2023-24 ESTIMATE	2022-23 ACTUAL
RECOVERIES FROM CANADA				
Operation and Maintenance				
Corporate Services				
Inuvialuit Final Agreement	1,706	1,739	1,576	1,898
Climate Change Preparedness in the North Environment and Climate Change Canada	938	752	370	308
- Bilateral Nature Agreement	7,484	6,682	6,682	0
- Climate Change Scientist	141	127	127	0
Prior Years' Recoveries	0	0	0	1,973
Environmental Sustainability				
Miscellaneous Partnerships	48	48	48	0
Environmental Occurrences Notification Agreement	6	6	6	6
Environment and Climate Change Canada	900	2,399	2,399	772
Polar Knowledge Canada	109	83	0	87
Climate Change Preparedness in the North	316	185	0	0
Prior Years' Recoveries	0	1,005	300	207
Environmental Liabilities and Remediation				
Prior Years' Recoveries	0	0	0	7
	11,648	13,026	11,508	5,258
Capital				
Environmental Sustainability				
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	975	638	638	433
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Total Recoveries from Canada	12,623	13,664	12,146	5,691
TOTAL REVENUES	15,474	16,005	14,487	7,738

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GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS (\$000s)	2024-25 ESTIMATE	Comparable		
		2023-24 FORECAST	2023-24 ESTIMATE	2022-23 ACTUAL
OTHER TRANSFER PAYMENTS				
Operation and Maintenance				
Corporate Services				
Yukon Wildlife Preserve Operating Society	747	747	747	736
Environmental Awareness Fund				
- Various Recipients	30	30	30	7
Wildlife Management Advisory Council	499	494	494	502
Yukon University				
- Climate Change Research	100	100	100	115
Prior Years' Other Transfer Payments	0	0	0	111
Environmental Sustainability				
Centre for Human-Wildlife Conflict				
Solutions (Wildwise)	40	40	40	30
Yukon Fish and Game Association	60	60	60	78
Yukon Trappers Association	35	35	35	30
Wildlife Habitat Canada	4	4	4	4
Yukon Energy Corporation				
- Whitehorse Fish Hatchery	168	168	168	170
Yukon Wildlife Preserve - Swan Haven	17	17	17	17
Porcupine Caribou Management Board	75	75	75	75
Fish and Wildlife Cooperative Research				
Projects - Various Recipients	18	18	18	0
Memorial University				
- Wood Bison	89	73	73	34
Yukon Conservation Society	50	50	50	50
Livestock Veterinary Services				
- Various Recipients	6	6	6	1
Animal Protection Program				
- Various Recipients	35	35	35	26

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GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS (\$000s)	2024-25 ESTIMATE	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2023-24 FORECAST	2023-24 ESTIMATE	2022-23 ACTUAL
OTHER TRANSFER PAYMENTS (cont'd)				
Operation and Maintenance (cont'd)				
Environmental Sustainability (cont'd)				
Humane Society Yukon - Mae Bachur				
Animal Shelter	118	118	118	271
Humane Society Dawson	25	25	25	25
Environment and Climate Change Canada	825	825	825	778
Community Water Monitoring Project				
- Various Recipients	44	44	44	27
Prior Years' Other Transfer Payments	0	770	770	334
	2,985	3,734	3,734	3,421
Capital				
Environmental Sustainability				
Environment and Climate Change Canada	198	220	220	255
Prior Years' Other Transfer Payments	0	0	0	164
	198	220	220	419
TOTAL GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	3,183	3,954	3,954	3,840

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CHANGES IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS AND AMORTIZATION (\$000s)	2024-25 ESTIMATE	Comparable		2022-23 ACTUAL
		2023-24 FORECAST	2023-24 ESTIMATE	
Beginning of the Year				
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets in Service	20,858	19,997	19,814	18,628
Accumulated Amortization	(8,430)	(7,745)	(7,673)	(6,992)
Work-in-Progress	4,039	1,322	2,083	1,009
Net Book Value	16,467	13,574	14,224	12,645
Changes during the Year				
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets				
Capital Acquisitions	988	861	861	1,307
Work-in-Progress put in Service during Year	0	0	0	134
ARO ⁽¹⁾ Asset change in Estimate	0	0	0	(72)
Accumulated Amortization				
Amortization Expense	(787)	(685)	(685)	(753)
Work-in-Progress				
Capital Acquisitions	3,950	1,352	1,529	447
Work-in-Progress put in Service during Year	0	0	0	(134)
Transfers between Departments	1,309	1,365	1,365	0
End of the Year				
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets in Service	21,846	20,858	20,675	19,997
Accumulated Amortization	(9,217)	(8,430)	(8,358)	(7,745)
Net Book Value	12,629	12,428	12,317	12,252
Work-in-Progress	9,298	4,039	4,977	1,322
Total Net Book Value and Work-in-Progress	21,927	16,467	17,294	13,574

⁽¹⁾ Asset Retirement Obligation

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**ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATION
LIABILITY AND EXPENSES**

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATION LIABILITY AND EXPENSES (\$000s)	2024-25 ESTIMATE	<i>Comparable</i>		2022-23 ACTUAL
		2023-24 FORECAST	2023-24 ESTIMATE	
Asset Retirement Obligation Liability, beginning of the year	493	479	535	551
Increase in Liabilities				
Accretion	15	14	13	14
Less:				
Asset Retirement Activities Performed	0	0	0	0
Change in Estimate	0	0	0	86
Asset Retirement Obligation Liability, end of the year	508	493	548	479

Restricted Funds

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**RESTRICTED FUND
CONSERVATION**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$000s)	2024-25 ESTIMATE	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2023-24 FORECAST	2023-24 ESTIMATE	2022-23 ACTUAL
Revenues	2	2	2	18
Expenses	0	0	0	0
Net Profit/(Loss) for the Year	2	2	2	18
Balance at Beginning of Year	187	185	169	167
Balance at End of Year	189	187	171	185
Increase/(Decrease) in Restricted Fund	2	2	2	18