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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)	2025-26 ESTIMATE	Comparable		
		2024-25 FORECAST	2024-25 ESTIMATE	2023-24 ACTUAL
Amounts to be Appropriated				
Operation and Maintenance (Vote 52-1)	55,088	60,278	55,615	59,287
Capital (Vote 52-2)	3,835	6,013	6,613	3,506
Total Appropriations	58,923	66,291	62,228	62,793

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$000s)	2025-26 ESTIMATE	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2024-25 FORECAST	2024-25 ESTIMATE	2023-24 ACTUAL
Amounts to be Appropriated				
Operation and Maintenance (Vote 52-1)				
Corporate Services	20,464	22,244	21,667	21,436
Environmental Sustainability	31,010	34,248	30,312	33,756
Environmental Liabilities and Remediation	3,614	3,786	3,636	4,095
Total Operation and Maintenance (Vote 52-1)	55,088	60,278	55,615	59,287
Capital (Vote 52-2)				
Corporate Services	742	742	742	1,498
Environmental Sustainability	3,093	5,271	5,871	2,008
Total Capital (Vote 52-2)	3,835	6,013	6,613	3,506
Total Appropriations	58,923	66,291	62,228	62,793
Adjustments for Reconciliation of Expenses				
Amortization Expense	1,000	785	787	882
Accretion Expense	17	16	15	14
Tangible Capital Assets	(2,696)	(4,338)	(4,938)	(2,427)
Environmental Liabilities (net)	(928)	1,130	(615)	18,899
Total Expenses	56,316	63,884	57,477	80,161
Summary of Expenses by Category				
Personnel	32,121	32,994	32,121	32,017
Other	18,912	26,886	21,371	42,019
Government Transfers	4,266	3,203	3,183	5,229
Amortization Expense	1,000	785	787	882
Accretion Expense	17	16	15	14
Total Expenses	56,316	63,884	57,477	80,161

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$000s)	2025-26 ESTIMATE	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2024-25 FORECAST	2024-25 ESTIMATE	2023-24 ACTUAL
Revenues				
Taxes and General Revenues	2,670	2,670	2,670	1,912
Third-Party Recoveries				
Operation and Maintenance	205	663	181	205
Subtotal Third-Party	205	663	181	205
Recoveries from Canada				
Operation and Maintenance	10,960	14,144	11,648	11,207
Capital	450	975	975	361
Subtotal from Canada	11,410	15,119	12,623	11,568
Total Revenues	14,285	18,452	15,474	13,685

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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)	2025-26 ESTIMATE	Comparable		
		2024-25 FORECAST	2024-25 ESTIMATE	2023-24 ACTUAL
Amounts included in the Appropriation				
Operation and Maintenance (Vote 52-1)				
Deputy Minister's Office	604	608	608	564
Assistant Deputy Minister's Office	7,558	8,584	8,399	6,992
Communications	722	843	750	818
Finance	815	748	748	670
Client, Business and Technology Solutions	4,174	4,252	4,181	5,983
Policy and Planning	3,659	3,875	3,647	3,639
Human Resources	1,017	1,024	1,024	744
Climate Change Secretariat	1,715	2,310	2,310	2,026
McIntyre Creek Park	200	0	0	0
	20,464	22,244	21,667	21,436
Capital (Vote 52-2)				
Operational Equipment	742	742	742	739
Prior Years' Projects	0	0	0	759
	742	742	742	1,498
Total included in the Appropriation	21,206	22,986	22,409	22,934
Summary of Appropriation by Allotment				
Personnel	11,837	11,984	11,845	11,518
Other	6,103	8,948	8,510	7,418
Government Transfers	2,566	1,376	1,376	2,563
Tangible Capital Assets	700	678	678	1,435
Total included in the Appropriation	21,206	22,986	22,409	22,934

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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, protection and control programs.

PROGRAM SUMMARY (\$000s)	2025-26 ESTIMATE	Comparable		
		2024-25 FORECAST	2024-25 ESTIMATE	2023-24 ACTUAL

Amounts included in the Appropriation

Operation and Maintenance (Vote 52-1)

Assistant Deputy Minister's Office	274	266	266	252
Animal Health	1,436	1,367	1,321	1,489
Fish and Wildlife	9,874	11,880	10,308	10,588
Parks	6,659	6,697	6,697	7,979
Conservation Officer Services	4,295	4,308	4,301	4,479
Water Resources	5,309	6,392	4,254	5,648
Environmental Protection and Assessment	3,163	3,338	3,165	3,321
	31,010	34,248	30,312	33,756

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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (Cont'd)

PROGRAM SUMMARY (\$000s)	2025-26 ESTIMATE	Comparable		
		2024-25 FORECAST	2024-25 ESTIMATE	2023-24 ACTUAL
Capital (Vote 52-2)				
Parks				
Campground and Parks Infrastructure	1,700	3,489	4,089	998
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Programs				
Boat Launch and Dock Replacements	600	1,300	1,300	482
Water Resources				
Cableway Reconstruction and Decommissioning	156	156	156	156
Groundwater Monitoring Network Expansion	200	200	200	192
Hydrometric and Meteorological Stations	66	85	85	34
Evaluation of Water Monitoring Networks	28	33	33	66
Flood Hazard Risk Assessment	343	0	0	0
Prior Years' Projects	0	8	8	80
	3,093	5,271	5,871	2,008
Total included in the Appropriation	34,103	39,519	36,183	35,764
Summary of Appropriation by Allotment				
Personnel	19,611	20,331	19,597	19,757
Other	10,796	13,701	10,519	12,349
Government Transfers	1,700	1,827	1,807	2,666
Tangible Capital Assets	1,996	3,660	4,260	992
Total included in the Appropriation	34,103	39,519	36,183	35,764

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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)	2025-26 ESTIMATE	Comparable		
		2024-25 FORECAST	2024-25 ESTIMATE	2023-24 ACTUAL
Amounts included in the Appropriation				
Operation and Maintenance (Vote 52-1)				
Remediation Expenditures	928	1,165	615	1,642
Site Assessment and Administration	2,686	2,621	3,021	2,453
Total included in the Appropriation	3,614	3,786	3,636	4,095
Summary of Appropriation by Allotment				
Personnel	673	679	679	742
Other	2,941	3,107	2,957	3,353
Government Transfers	0	0	0	0
Total included in the Appropriation	3,614	3,786	3,636	4,095

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ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITIES AND REMEDIATION

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITIES (\$000s)	2025-26 ESTIMATE	Comparable		
		2024-25 FORECAST	2024-25 ESTIMATE	2023-24 ACTUAL
Accrued liabilities for Yukon government's contaminated sites, beginning of the year	166,320	189,190	85,269	91,875
Increase in Liabilities				
Environment	one dollar	2,295	one dollar	22,720
Energy, Mines and Resources	0	0	0	102,415
Less:				
Remediation Expenditures				
Environment	928	1,165	615	3,821
Energy, Mines and Resources	21,500	24,000	2,425	23,999
Accrued liabilities for Yukon government's contaminated sites, end of the year	143,892	166,320	82,229	189,190

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REVENUES (\$000s)	2025-26 ESTIMATE	Comparable		
		2024-25 FORECAST	2024-25 ESTIMATE	2023-24 ACTUAL
TAXES AND GENERAL REVENUES				
Environmental Sustainability				
Campground Permits	1,821	1,821	1,821	1,135
Wilderness Tourism Licensing	8	8	8	8
Hunting Licences and Seals	465	465	465	479
Trapping and Fur Licences	6	6	6	6
Fishing Licences	360	360	360	277
Outfitting Fees	10	10	10	7
Total Taxes and General Revenues	2,670	2,670	2,670	1,912

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REVENUES (\$000s)	2025-26 ESTIMATE	Comparable		
		2024-25 FORECAST	2024-25 ESTIMATE	2023-24 ACTUAL
THIRD-PARTY RECOVERIES				
Operation and Maintenance				
Corporate Services				
Mapping	3	3	3	1
Environmental Sustainability				
Miscellaneous Partnerships	48	48	48	44
Compulsory Inspections				
- Province of British Columbia	2	2	2	2
Conservation Action Team	2	2	2	4
Standards and Approvals				
- Technical Review	25	115	25	39
NatureServe Canada				
- Yukon Conservation Data	34	34	34	24
Trapper Education Workshop	26	26	26	32
Klondike Plateau Bear Project	65	70	0	18
Prior Years' Recoveries	0	213	41	41
Environmental Liabilities and Remediation				
Prior Years' Recoveries	0	150	0	0
	205	663	181	205
Total Third-Party Recoveries	205	663	181	205

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REVENUES (\$000s)	2025-26 ESTIMATE	Comparable		
		2024-25 FORECAST	2024-25 ESTIMATE	2023-24 ACTUAL
RECOVERIES FROM CANADA				
Operation and Maintenance				
Corporate Services				
Inuvialuit Final Agreement	1,717	1,934	1,706	1,739
Climate Change Preparedness in the North Environment and Climate Change Canada	500	938	938	663
- Canada-Yukon Nature Agreement	6,457	7,484	7,484	4,170
- Climate Change Scientist	141	141	141	125
Parks Canada	185	185	0	0
Environmental Sustainability				
Miscellaneous Partnerships	48	48	48	36
Environmental Occurrences Notification Agreement	6	6	6	7
Environment and Climate Change Canada	641	1,541	900	1,837
Polar Knowledge Canada	109	109	109	89
Climate Change Preparedness in the North	350	1,078	316	210
Natural Resources Canada	806	650	0	981
Prior Years' Recoveries	0	30	0	0
Environmental Liabilities and Remediation				
Prior Years' Recoveries	0	0	0	1,350
	10,960	14,144	11,648	11,207
Capital				
Environmental Sustainability				
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	450	975	975	361
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Total Recoveries from Canada	11,410	15,119	12,623	11,568
TOTAL REVENUES	14,285	18,452	15,474	13,685

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GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS (\$000s)	2025-26 ESTIMATE	Comparable		
		2024-25 FORECAST	2024-25 ESTIMATE	2023-24 ACTUAL
OTHER TRANSFER PAYMENTS				
Operation and Maintenance				
Corporate Services				
Yukon Wildlife Preserve Operating Society	747	747	747	858
Various First Nations	1,220	0	0	0
Wildlife Management Advisory Council	499	499	499	535
Yukon University				
- Climate Change Research	100	100	100	94
Prior Years' Other Transfer Payments	0	30	30	1,076
Environmental Sustainability				
Centre for Human-Wildlife Conflict				
Solutions (Wildwise)	40	40	40	0
Yukon Fish and Game Association	60	60	60	54
Yukon Trappers Association	35	35	35	50
Wildlife Habitat Canada	4	4	4	0
Yukon Energy Corporation				
- Whitehorse Fish Hatchery	168	168	168	170
Fish and Wildlife Cooperative Research				
Projects - Various Recipients	18	18	18	0
Porcupine Caribou Management Board	75	75	75	75
Yukon Conservation Society	50	50	50	50
Livestock Veterinary Services				
- Various Recipients	6	6	6	12
Humane Society Dawson	25	25	25	68
Humane Society Yukon - Mae Bachur				
Animal Shelter	118	118	118	202
Animal Protection Program				
- Various Recipients	35	35	35	57

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GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS (\$000s)	2025-26 ESTIMATE	Comparable		
		2024-25 FORECAST	2024-25 ESTIMATE	2023-24 ACTUAL
OTHER TRANSFER PAYMENTS (cont'd)				
Operation and Maintenance (cont'd)				
Environmental Sustainability (cont'd)				
Environment and Climate Change Canada	825	825	825	1,327
Community Water Monitoring Project				
- Various Recipients	44	44	44	21
Prior Years' Other Transfer Payments	0	126	106	424
	4,069	3,005	2,985	5,073
Capital				
Environmental Sustainability				
Environment and Climate Change Canada	197	198	198	156
	197	198	198	156
TOTAL GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	4,266	3,203	3,183	5,229

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CHANGES IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS AND AMORTIZATION (\$000s)	2025-26 ESTIMATE	Comparable		
		2024-25 FORECAST	2024-25 ESTIMATE	2023-24 ACTUAL
Beginning of the Year				
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets in Service	22,709	21,192	20,858	19,997
Accumulated Amortization	(9,575)	(8,627)	(8,430)	(7,745)
Work-in-Progress	6,172	2,522	4,039	1,322
Net Book Value	19,306	15,087	16,467	13,574
Changes during the Year				
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets				
Capital Acquisitions	1,096	988	988	1,227
ARO ⁽¹⁾ Asset change in Estimate	0	0	0	(32)
Transfers between Departments	0	529	0	0
Accumulated Amortization				
Amortization Expense	(1,000)	(785)	(787)	(882)
Transfers between Departments	0	(163)	0	0
Work-in-Progress				
Capital Acquisitions	1,600	3,350	3,950	1,200
Transfers between Departments	0	300	1,309	0
End of the Year				
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets in Service	23,805	22,709	21,846	21,192
Accumulated Amortization	(10,575)	(9,575)	(9,217)	(8,627)
Net Book Value	13,230	13,134	12,629	12,565
Work-in-Progress	7,772	6,172	9,298	2,522
Total Net Book Value and Work-in-Progress	21,002	19,306	21,927	15,087

⁽¹⁾ Asset Retirement Obligation

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ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATION LIABILITY AND EXPENSES

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATION LIABILITY AND EXPENSES (\$000s)	2025-26 ESTIMATE	Comparable		2023-24 ACTUAL
		2024-25 FORECAST	2024-25 ESTIMATE	
Asset Retirement Obligation Liability, beginning of the year	378	362	493	479
Increase in Liabilities				
Accretion	17	16	15	14
Less:				
Asset Retirement Activities Performed	0	0	0	0
Change in Estimate	0	0	0	131
Asset Retirement Obligation Liability, end of the year	395	378	508	362

Restricted Funds

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RESTRICTED FUND
CONSERVATION

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$000s)	2025-26 ESTIMATE	Comparable		
		2024-25 FORECAST	2024-25 ESTIMATE	2023-24 ACTUAL
Revenues	2	2	2	0
Expenses	0	0	0	0
Net Profit/(Loss) for the Year	2	2	2	0
Balance at Beginning of Year	187	185	187	185
Balance at End of Year	189	187	189	185
Increase/(Decrease) in Restricted Fund	2	2	2	0