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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)	2023-24 ESTIMATE	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2022-23 FORECAST	2022-23 ESTIMATE	2021-22 ACTUAL
Amounts to be Appropriated				
Operation and Maintenance (Vote 52-1)	57,427	48,966	47,884	43,507
Capital (Vote 52-2)	4,031	3,849	3,984	1,681
Total Appropriations	61,458	52,815	51,868	45,188

Note: Restated 2022-23 Forecast, 2022-23 Estimate and 2021-22 Actual to be consistent with the 2023-24 Estimate presentation.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$000s)	2023-24 ESTIMATE	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2022-23 FORECAST	2022-23 ESTIMATE	2021-22 ACTUAL
Amounts to be Appropriated				
Operation and Maintenance (Vote 52-1)				
Corporate Services	19,632	13,021	12,521	12,236
Environmental Sustainability	30,591	28,744	28,162	28,798
Environmental Liabilities and Remediation	7,204	7,201	7,201	2,473
Total Operation and Maintenance (Vote 52-1)	57,427	48,966	47,884	43,507
Capital (Vote 52-2)				
Corporate Services	1,141	788	788	370
Environmental Sustainability	2,890	3,061	3,196	1,311
Total Capital (Vote 52-2)	4,031	3,849	3,984	1,681
Total Appropriations	61,458	52,815	51,868	45,188
Adjustments for Reconciliation of Expenses				
Amortization Expense	685	685	680	598
Accretion Expense	13	13	0	0
Tangible Capital Assets	(2,390)	(1,522)	(1,522)	(870)
Environmental Liabilities (net)	(4,181)	(4,181)	(4,181)	51,526
Total Expenses	55,585	47,810	46,845	96,442
Summary of Expenses by Category				
Personnel	29,903	27,421	27,281	26,883
Other	21,030	16,412	15,691	65,939
Government Transfers	3,954	3,279	3,193	3,022
Amortization Expense	685	685	680	598
Accretion Expense	13	13	0	0
Total Expenses	55,585	47,810	46,845	96,442

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$000s)	2023-24 ESTIMATE	<i>Comparable</i>		2021-22 ACTUAL
		2022-23 FORECAST	2022-23 ESTIMATE	
Revenues				
Transfers from Canada	0	0	0	25,000
Taxes and General Revenues	1,948	1,221	1,221	989
Third-Party Recoveries				
Operation and Maintenance	393	177	177	180
Subtotal Third-Party	393	177	177	180
Recoveries from Canada				
Operation and Maintenance	11,508	3,398	2,316	3,144
Capital	638	1,062	1,163	17
Subtotal from Canada	12,146	4,460	3,479	3,161
Total Revenues	14,487	5,858	4,877	29,330

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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)	2023-24 ESTIMATE	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2022-23 FORECAST	2022-23 ESTIMATE	2021-22 ACTUAL
Amounts included in the Appropriation				
Operation and Maintenance (Vote 52-1)				
Deputy Minister's Office	501	481	481	475
Assistant Deputy Minister's Office	7,733	1,047	1,047	1,061
Communications	695	706	706	774
Finance	680	683	683	600
Client, Business and Technology Solutions	4,000	3,939	3,939	4,117
Policy and Planning	3,399	3,837	3,456	3,119
Human Resources	982	750	750	681
Climate Change Secretariat	1,642	1,578	1,459	1,409
	19,632	13,021	12,521	12,236
Capital (Vote 52-2)				
Operational Equipment	567	788	788	342
Carmacks Office Replacement	574	0	0	0
Prior Years' Projects	0	0	0	28
	1,141	788	788	370
Total included in the Appropriation	20,773	13,809	13,309	12,606
Summary of Appropriation by Allotment				
Personnel	10,930	8,390	8,291	8,143
Other	7,457	3,355	2,967	2,817
Government Transfers	1,371	1,379	1,366	1,303
Tangible Capital Assets	1,015	685	685	343
Total included in the Appropriation	20,773	13,809	13,309	12,606

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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)	2023-24 ESTIMATE	Comparable		
		2022-23 FORECAST	2022-23 ESTIMATE	2021-22 ACTUAL

Amounts included in the Appropriation

Operation and Maintenance (Vote 52-1)

Assistant Deputy Minister's Office	316	312	312	234
Animal Health	1,260	1,283	1,283	1,199
Fish and Wildlife	10,430	9,161	8,729	9,992
Parks	7,298	6,471	6,471	6,825
Conservation Officer Services	4,046	4,022	4,022	3,925
Water Resources	4,275	4,489	4,339	3,826
Environmental Protection and Assessment	2,966	3,006	3,006	2,797
	30,591	28,744	28,162	28,798

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**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
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PROGRAM SUMMARY (\$000s)	2023-24 ESTIMATE	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2022-23 FORECAST	2022-23 ESTIMATE	2021-22 ACTUAL
Capital (Vote 52-2)				
Parks				
Campground and Parks Infrastructure	1,477	1,089	1,089	970
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Programs				
Boat Launch and Dock Replacements	850	1,416	1,551	42
Water Resources				
Cableway Reconstruction and Decommissioning	156	156	156	156
Groundwater Monitoring Network Expansion	200	150	150	10
Hydrometric and Meteorological Stations	99	131	131	47
Water Strategy	10	10	10	55
Evaluation of Water Monitoring Networks	68	77	77	31
Environmental Protection and Assessment				
Air Quality Monitoring Program Expansion	30	32	32	0
	2,890	3,061	3,196	1,311
Total included in the Appropriation	33,481	31,805	31,358	30,109
Summary of Appropriation by Allotment				
Personnel	18,292	18,353	18,312	18,013
Other	11,231	10,715	10,382	9,850
Government Transfers	2,583	1,900	1,827	1,719
Tangible Capital Assets	1,375	837	837	527
Total included in the Appropriation	33,481	31,805	31,358	30,109

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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)	2023-24 ESTIMATE	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2022-23 FORECAST	2022-23 ESTIMATE	2021-22 ACTUAL
Amounts included in the Appropriation				
Operation and Maintenance (Vote 52-1)				
Remediation Expenditures	4,181	4,181	4,181	681
Site Assessment and Administration	3,023	3,020	3,020	1,792
Total included in the Appropriation	7,204	7,201	7,201	2,473
Summary of Appropriation by Allotment				
Personnel	681	678	678	727
Other	6,523	6,523	6,523	1,746
Government Transfers	0	0	0	0
Total included in the Appropriation	7,204	7,201	7,201	2,473

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ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITIES AND REMEDIATION

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITIES (\$000s)	2023-24 ESTIMATE	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2022-23 FORECAST	2022-23 ESTIMATE	2021-22 ACTUAL
Accrued liabilities for Yukon government's contaminated sites, beginning of the year	89,938	94,369	51,435	42,888
Increase in Liabilities	one dollar	one dollar	one dollar	52,207
Less:				
Remediation Expenditures				
- Environment	4,181	4,181	4,181	681
- Energy, Mines and Resources	2,425	250	250	45
Accrued liabilities for Yukon government's contaminated sites, end of the year	83,332	89,938	47,004	94,369

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REVENUES (\$000s)	2023-24 ESTIMATE	Comparable		
		2022-23 FORECAST	2022-23 ESTIMATE	2021-22 ACTUAL
TRANSFERS FROM CANADA				
Prior Years' Transfers from Canada	0	0	0	25,000
Total Transfers from Canada	0	0	0	25,000
TAXES AND GENERAL REVENUES				
Environmental Sustainability				
Campground Permits	1,104	532	532	343
Wilderness Tourism Licensing	8	8	8	5
Hunting Licences and Seals	465	465	465	435
Trapping and Fur Licences	6	6	6	5
Fishing Licences	355	200	200	194
Outfitting Fees	10	10	10	7
Total Taxes and General Revenues	1,948	1,221	1,221	989

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REVENUES (\$000s)	2023-24 ESTIMATE	Comparable		
		2022-23 FORECAST	2022-23 ESTIMATE	2021-22 ACTUAL
THIRD-PARTY RECOVERIES				
Operation and Maintenance				
Corporate Services				
Advertising	10	10	10	0
Mapping	10	10	10	2
Environmental Sustainability				
Miscellaneous Partnerships	48	48	48	0
Compulsory Inspections				
- Province of British Columbia	2	2	2	2
Conservation Action Team	2	2	2	0
Standards and Approvals				
- Technical Review	45	45	45	21
NatureServe Canada				
- Yukon Conservation Data	34	34	34	0
Trapper Education Workshop	26	26	26	35
Klondike Plateau Bear Project	128	0	0	0
United States Geological Survey	88	0	0	0
Prior Years' Recoveries	0	0	0	120
Total Third-Party Recoveries	393	177	177	180

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REVENUES (\$000s)	2023-24 ESTIMATE	Comparable		
		2022-23 FORECAST	2022-23 ESTIMATE	2021-22 ACTUAL
RECOVERIES FROM CANADA				
Operation and Maintenance				
Corporate Services				
Inuvialuit Final Agreement	1,576	1,941	1,560	1,550
Climate Change Preparedness in the North Environment and Climate Change Canada	370	316	296	474
- Bilateral Nature Agreement	6,682	0	0	0
- Climate Change Scientist	127	99	0	0
Environmental Sustainability				
Miscellaneous Partnerships	48	48	48	0
Environmental Occurrences Notification Agreement	6	6	6	6
Environment and Climate Change Canada	2,399	658	226	741
Natural Resources Canada	300	150	0	0
Prior Years' Recoveries	0	180	180	342
Environmental Liabilities and Remediation				
Prior Years' Recoveries	0	0	0	31
	11,508	3,398	2,316	3,144
Capital				
Environmental Sustainability				
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	638	1,062	1,163	17
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GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS (\$000s)	2023-24 ESTIMATE	Comparable		
		2022-23 FORECAST	2022-23 ESTIMATE	2021-22 ACTUAL
OTHER TRANSFER PAYMENTS				
Operation and Maintenance				
Corporate Services				
Yukon Wildlife Preserve Operating Society	747	747	747	747
Environmental Awareness Fund				
- Various Recipients	30	30	30	14
Wildlife Management Advisory Council	494	502	489	486
Yukon University				
- Climate Change Research	100	100	100	56
Environmental Sustainability				
Centre for Human-Wildlife Conflict				
Solutions (Wildwise)	40	40	40	40
Yukon Fish and Game Association	60	60	60	52
Yukon Trappers Association	35	35	35	50
Wildlife Habitat Canada				
- Operating Funding	4	4	4	0
Yukon Energy Corporation				
- Whitehorse Fish Hatchery	168	100	100	120
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	73	73	0	0
Yukon Conservation Society	50	50	50	50
Conservation Design and Land Use Planning				
- Various Recipients	595	0	0	0
Yukon Land Use Planning Council	175	0	0	0

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GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS (\$000s)	2023-24 ESTIMATE	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2022-23 FORECAST	2022-23 ESTIMATE	2021-22 ACTUAL
OTHER TRANSFER PAYMENTS (cont'd)				
Operation and Maintenance (cont'd)				
Environmental Sustainability (cont'd)				
Livestock Veterinary Services				
- Various Recipients	6	6	6	4
Animal Protection Program				
- Various Recipients	35	35	35	19
Humane Society Yukon - Mae Bachur				
Animal Shelter	118	110	110	122
Humane Society Dawson	25	25	25	26
Environment and Climate Change Canada	825	825	825	898
Community Water Monitoring Project				
- Various Recipients	44	24	24	30
Prior Years' Other Transfer Payments	0	151	151	60
	3,734	3,027	2,941	2,866
Capital				
Environmental Sustainability				
Environment and Climate Change Canada	220	252	252	156
	220	252	252	156
TOTAL GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS	3,954	3,279	3,193	3,022

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CHANGES IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS AND AMORTIZATION (\$000s)	2023-24 ESTIMATE	Comparable		
		2022-23 FORECAST	2022-23 ESTIMATE	2021-22 ACTUAL
Beginning of the Year				
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets in Service	19,814	18,617	18,411	17,909
Accumulated Amortization	(7,673)	(6,988)	(7,070)	(6,390)
Work-in-Progress	2,083	1,008	1,476	846
Net Book Value	14,224	12,637	12,817	12,365
Changes during the Year				
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets				
Capital Acquisitions	861	1,197	1,197	708
Transfers between Departments	0	0	0	0
Accumulated Amortization				
Amortization Expense	(685)	(685)	(680)	(598)
Work-in-Progress				
Capital Acquisitions	1,529	325	325	162
Transfers between Departments	1,365	750	750	0
End of the Year				
Cost of Tangible Capital Assets in Service	20,675	19,814	19,608	18,617
Accumulated Amortization	(8,358)	(7,673)	(7,750)	(6,988)
Net Book Value	12,317	12,141	11,858	11,629
Work-in-Progress	4,977	2,083	2,551	1,008
Total Net Book Value and Work-in-Progress	17,294	14,224	14,409	12,637

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**ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATION
LIABILITY AND EXPENSES**

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATION LIABILITY AND EXPENSES (\$000s)	2023-24 ESTIMATE	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2022-23 FORECAST	2022-23 ESTIMATE	2021-22 ACTUAL
Asset Retirement Obligation Liability, beginning of the year	535	522	522	522
Increase in Liabilities	13	13	0	0
Less:				
Asset Retirement Activities Performed	0	0	0	0
Change in Estimate	0	0	0	0
Asset Retirement Obligation Liability, end of the year	548	535	522	522

Restricted Funds

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**RESTRICTED FUND
CONSERVATION**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$000s)	2023-24 ESTIMATE	<i>Comparable</i>		
		2022-23 FORECAST	2022-23 ESTIMATE	2021-22 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	169	167	168	167
Balance at End of Year	171	169	170	167
Increase/(Decrease) in Restricted Fund	2	2	2	0