



Office of the Commissioner of Lobbying of Canada

The Commissioner of Lobbying has a mandate under the Lobbying Act to ensure transparency and accountability in the lobbying of public office holders. The Commissioner is supported by the Office of the Commissioner of Lobbying (OCL), which was established in 2008.

The Commissioner reports annually to Parliament on the administration of the Lobbying Act and the Lobbyists' Code of Conduct.

[ETHI Committee appearance 2023-05-12](#)

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Our Program

Regulation of lobbying

The purpose of the Lobbying Act and the Lobbyists' Code of Conduct is to provide a regime for the transparent and ethical lobbying of public office holders. This regime contributes to public confidence in the integrity of decision making by public office holders. The mandate of the Commissioner of Lobbying is to establish and maintain the Registry of Lobbyists, ensure compliance with the Act and the Code, and develop and implement educational programs to foster awareness about the Act and the Code.

We maintain the Registry of Lobbyists and provide support to lobbyists. Through monitoring and verification, we provide information to lobbyists that encourages appropriate use of the Registry. Where necessary to ensure compliance with lobbying requirements, suspected offences of the Act are investigated and referred to appropriate authorities. Findings of Code contraventions at the conclusion of an investigation are reported to Parliament.

We develop and disseminate information about legal requirements under the Lobbying Act and adherence with the Lobbyists' Code of Conduct. This includes sharing information with key stakeholders (lobbyists, their clients, and public office holders) and the public through media, academia, and civil society groups.

Finance

In 2023-24 we received as part of Budget 2021 permanent funding of \$590k of which \$432k is for personnel and \$158k for O&M which is included into the 2023-24 Main Estimates. OCL's total budget is now \$5,519,889 including EBP (\$511,532). In Budget 2023 the OCL was allocated additional funding which is not reflected in these Main Estimates.

Financial tables based on Main Estimates 2023-24

Program	O&M	Salary Costs	EBP	Budget
Regulation of lobbying	\$1,029,460	\$2,729,631	\$383,649	\$4,142,740



O&M Regulation of lobbying		
Telecommunications		\$ 78 k
Information		\$ 49 k
Professional Services		
MOU	\$ 276 k	
IM/IT Professional Services	\$ 362 k	
Translation	\$ 50 k	
Other	\$ 80 k	
Total estimated cost of professional services		\$ 768 k
IM/IT software and hardware		\$ 121 k
Other expenditures		\$ 13 k
Total O&M - Regulation of Lobbying		\$ 1,029 k

Internal Services

The OCL provides a full range of administrative services to support the regulation of lobbying activities, as well as other corporate obligations of the organization. Corporate services include:

- financial management services, human resources services and information technology management; and
- facilities and security management.

Program	O&M	Salary Costs	EBP	Budget
Internal Services	\$448,667	\$800,599	\$127,883	\$1,377,149



O&M Internal Services	# MOU	\$ MOU
HR	11	\$ 105 k
Finance - Reporting - Contracting	3	\$ 241 k
Miscellaneous	1	\$ 1 k
Total MOU for professional services	15	\$ 347 k
Other services & goods		\$ 102 k
Total O&M Internal Services		\$ 449 k